

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

August 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

- Presentation regarding Health District funding proposal
- Hearing to pass Resolution 1348 setting wastewater rates for 2017-2019
- Hearing on Ordinance 2314 regarding Ford Avenue street vacation
- Discussion regarding Averill Youth Complex deed restrictions
- Discussion regarding NPDES phase II permit overview

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:
<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

2016 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission

Tuesday, August 9 - 5:00 p.m.
Fire District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board

Wednesday, August 10 - 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

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- **Senior Center Membership Drive**

Police Services Conversation Café

from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Library

Join the City tonight in a conversation about law enforcement services in our community. Conversation Cafés are informal and unconventional meeting environments to explore topics through meaningful dialogue. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Clarifying Deeds and Park Uses For Averill Youth Complex

Some misinformation has unfortunately circulated in the community regarding the Averill Youth Complex property, its deeds, and the City's plans for the Hal Moe Pool site and related parts of this multi-use park.

The park currently is home to the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club (deeded to the City and managed under a City lease), the Skate Park, the Tillicum Kiwanis Playground, a segment of the Centennial Trail and the Hal Moe Pool building (that is being studied by a citizens committee for some types of yet to be determined new recreational uses).

The City understands the strong attachment and legacy that this park holds for many residents in our community and remains dedicated to working with citizens from a wide range of perspectives to finding the highest and best recommendations for how this park can serve recreational needs.

The purpose of this article is to correct some of this misinformation and provide citizens with facts for a more complete perspective about what has occurred on this park property and what might occur in the future. Please see below for a few current rumors, recent citizen comments and some commonly held misconceptions followed by corresponding facts and some additional information about current planning activities:

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THE HISTORIC DEED RESTRICTION(S) SHOULD BE RESTORED. The park property is a collection of 21 lots acquired by the City over nearly 100 years, and many of these lots have different or conflicting original or modified deed restrictions. The City Council is in the process of discussing the original deed restrictions including those for the Boys and Girls Club, the Hal Moe Pool site and the other parcels that make up this park. The City Council will determine the best approach, given legal precedence, to support current uses such as the Boys & Girls Club, and the future concepts for the Hal Moe building that will provide a place for the community to gather and recreate. Council discussion for the deed issues is tentatively scheduled for its August 16, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

PLANS FOR HAL MOE POOL WILL LEAD TO DEMOLITION OF THE SKATE PARK. This is untrue. No plans or concepts considered by staff, the citizen-based Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee or the City Council would result in demolishing or reducing the size of the Skate Park. In fact, the Committee planning uses of the Hal Moe Pool has also heard proposals to include an interior skate park within the old pool building.

THE CITY WANTS TO BUILD NEW BUILDING/S AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE AND THEN "GIVE" THEM TO A NON-PROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (THIS WAS ATTRIBUTED TO STAFF COMMENTS AT THE JUNE 30 HAL MOE POOL MEETING). This is untrue. There is absolutely no plan or intention to give the property or any future buildings to any for-profit or non-profit group. At this point no specific use plan has been developed for Hal Moe but the general concept is that the property serve some combination of recreational needs for the community. The City Council will discuss and determine the best strategy for the Hal Moe Pool site once the citizens committee has developed recommendations. It is possible the City Council may eventually hire an architect team to draw up conceptual designs of what might be possible for that site. After that, citizens will get a better idea of potential costs for redevelopment ideas and how the City might finance these proposals.

THE CITY FIRST TRIED TO PUT IN A CELL TOWER, THEN THEY SAID SENIOR HOUSING AND MULTI-USE FACILITY. City staff processed an application submitted by Verizon's agent to place a cell tower on the Averill park property. It was this outside agent working for the Verizon corporation that applied, under then allowable land use code, to place a cell tower in a space behind the Boys and Girls Club. That application went through a public hearing examiner process with many citizens speaking against the cell tower. After that, Verizon withdrew their application. Since then, the City Council has rewritten codes to prohibit cell towers in public parks. Senior Housing was a proposal by the Snohomish Affordable Housing Group, but that proposal has not been seriously considered by the citizen's committee that is meeting to propose new uses for Hal Moe or by the City Council. The whole property from Second Street to Third Street is zoned as "Park."

THE CITY WANTS TO "RENAME" AVERILL FIELD, AND THE PUBLIC DOESN'T. This is untrue. The City wants to clarify the naming of Averill Field, as it is technically the historic name of the baseball field previously located at Averill Park and relocated in 2000 to Pilchuck Park. The City Council has given the task of making a recommendation about this to our City Naming Committee. This committee is dedicated to honoring the history of our parks, and will through public process, determine the official name of that block that houses the Tillicum Kiwanis Park, the Boys and Girls Club, the Snohomish Skate Park, and the former Hal Moe Pool.

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The City's efforts have been focused on providing citizens with opportunities to help the City Council sort through all proposed Hal Moe re-use concepts to make the best possible future decisions for the future recreational uses of the Averill park property. This process is far from complete, and we look forward to more citizen input as we continue to plan our highest and best potential public uses for this park property. We are dedicated to serving our community through this and all parks within the City of Snohomish.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Snohomish Senior Center, 500 Fourth Street.

Snohomish Library Closure Reminder



The carpeting at Snohomish Library is showing signs of wear after 13 years [photo gallery](#)

The main area of the Snohomish Library building will be closed August 7 to September 5 for a carpeting and flooring project. Also, general public use of the meeting room, lobby, and restrooms will not be available from August 7 to September 5. From August 7 to 31, limited library services will be available in the building's meeting room from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. There will be no library services available September 1 to 5. The main library will reopen with full services available on September 6.

For More information

- Darlene Weber, Managing Librarian, Snohomish Library, (360) 651-4020, dweber@sno-isle.org
- Chy Ross, District Manager, Community Libraries, (360) 651-7015, cross@sno-isle.org
- Jim Hills, Public Information Manager, (360) 651-7050, jhills@sno-isle.org

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Riverview South Preliminary Plat (14-lot Planned Residential Development): 2210 Second Street
File #05-16-PP

Pending complete application determination.

Public comment period to follow complete application determination, under separate notice. A public hearing before the Hearing Examiner will be scheduled following environmental (SEPA) review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #06-16-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Bickford Landing Comprehensive Plan Amendment: 2424 and 2501 Bickford Avenue

The request is for a Land Use Map amendment from Business Park to High Density Residential. Comprehensive Plan amendments are an annual legislative process and decision of the City Council following “nonproject” environmental review and a recommendation by the Planning Commission. Opportunities for public comment will be provided through the environmental review, Planning Commission, and City Council processes.

File #08-16-SEPA

Pending environmental review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City’s website.

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2700>

Outdoor Movies @ Pilchuck Park

This Saturday, August 6, the final feature of this summer’s series will be *The Rugrats Movie*, along with the World Premiere of the animated stories created by the Snohomish School District Summer Academy students using Wonder Media’s Story Maker. The evening will be hosted by special guest, Terry Thoren who was the producer of the *The Rugrats Movie* and three other successful animated features. Terry is now the CEO of Wonder Media and the creator of Wonder Media Story Maker.

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The Snohomish Senior Center has a unique opportunity this year... By increasing membership. Joining as either an individual \$30 per year, or as a business member \$100 per year, dues will benefit the programs of the Snohomish Senior Center which also effectively acts as the City Community Center. **Each dollar you contribute will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 which our city council, city manager, and center director agreed and was approved in the 2016 city budget.** This would make a \$10,000 swing to our senior center budget. Members enjoy reduced program costs to acupuncture, enhanced fitness, dance classes taught by Eleanor Leight, and Zumba to name just a few of the 60 programs offered every month at the center.

Please help in becoming a supporting member of this important iconic institution which serves men and women, young and old, for a long list of activities and programs.
Many thanks!

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