

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

August 23, 2016
5:00 p.m.

Council Workshop:

Budget and Planning

– Review Current and Projected
Financials

-Proposed Capital Projects
2017-2021

-Key Budget Issues

-Review Proposed 2017
Strategic Plan Action Items

-Council Goals for 2017

September 6, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

- Discussion regarding 2017-2021
Capital Improvement Plan
- Discussion regarding Economic
Alliance Snohomish County
(EASC) legislative transportation
priorities

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tentative. For further information, click
here for the City website:*

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

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Hal Moe Pool Open House and Picnic

The Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee is hosting an open house and picnic on August 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hal Moe Pool parking lot at the corner of Third Street and Lincoln Avenue. We will be roasting hot dogs with the works! We hope you can join us in discussing and learning about the process and planning for the Hal Moe Pool building.

Bigfoot Soccer Tournament Limited Parking at the New Boat Launch

This year's Bigfoot Soccer Tournament will be held Friday, August 19 to Monday, August 22. Over 240 teams are expected! Overflow parking for the soccer tournament will be provided at the New Boat Launch riverfront property. Parking will be available for vehicles with boat trailers in the new boat launch paved parking lot and, if space allows, in the overflow area. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in providing parking for all of our visitors and boat launch users. We recommend you give yourself lots of extra travel and parking time!

2016 Calendar:

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, August 23
Special Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Building
105 Cedar Avenue

**Hal Moe Pool
Open House & Picnic**
Thursday, August 25
Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Hal Moe Pool Parking Lot
Third Street & Lincoln Avenue

Design Review Board Vacancy

Applicants are being sought to fill a current vacancy on the City of Snohomish Design Review Board. Applications are due to the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue in Snohomish.

The Design Review Board member term runs for four years. The Board considers and reviews rehabilitation and restoration of historic structures to encourage better design and site planning. The City's Historic District represents an economic and cultural asset to the City and design review helps preserve this asset by keeping its character intact.

Applicants to the Design Review Board should be knowledgeable in matters of design and aesthetic judgment by virtue of training, education, and/or experience, and should possess qualities of impartiality and broad judgment, and an ability to review two-dimensional plans. Desired qualifications for Board members include an expertise in the fields of architecture, history, building trades, landscape architecture, graphic, interior, and industrial design, and/or land development.

Eligible applicants are those with an interest in the City as a result of either living, working, owning property or business in the City, and/or belonging to one of the City's civic organizations. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

The vacancy is created by Boardmember Ed Poquette's decision to resign. The selected appointee's term will begin immediately upon City Council confirmation of the Mayor's appointment and will fill the balance of Mr. Poquette's term which expires October 7, 2017, at which time the appointee may request appointment to a full term. Boardmember Poquette has served on the DRB since March 2012.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City website:
<http://www.snohomishwa.gov>.

Reminder of Library Closure

The main area of the Snohomish Library building is 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, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1:00 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

Mosquito Control on Private Property

What are the methods for mosquito control on private property?

There are several methods of controlling mosquitoes on private property and often a combination of methods will produce the best results. Natural methods are preferable prior to considering the use of pesticides. Control of mosquito larvae is generally more effective than trying to control adult mosquitoes.



Source reduction: Effective prevention and reduction of adult mosquito populations begins by surveying the property and getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes breed. This includes containers that hold water such as buckets and tires and water pooling on roofs, tarps, and in boat hulls. Wetlands and natural ponds, however, should not be drained.

Natural predators: In nature, there are many predators that eat adult mosquitoes or mosquito larvae. These include fish, frogs and other aquatic animals and wildlife around ponds and wetlands such as swallows and bats. In confined ponds, animal water troughs, and abandoned swimming pools adding goldfish or Koi can also be effective for controlling mosquito larvae.

Larvicide: Larviciding includes the use of biological, biochemical, and chemical pesticide control products applied to water sources to kill the immature larvae before they hatch into adult flying mosquitoes. Many larvicides come in the form of pellets or donut-shaped "dunks". Larviciding can be effective if done correctly but it is important to READ THE LABEL before using products and to follow state and federal laws.

Spraying for adult mosquitoes: Spraying adult mosquitoes with a pesticide product is generally less effective than the methods to control larvae, as described above. Spraying may be considered when there is a severe nuisance problem to provide relief from heavy swarms of biting mosquitoes.

What can I do to reduce mosquito breeding on my property?

Many mosquitoes prefer to lay their eggs in containers of water such as buckets and bird baths common to many backyards. Reducing these sources of water will go a long way towards reducing mosquitoes hatching near your windows and in your yard. While we will never get rid of all mosquitoes, it does make sense to reduce sources of mosquito breeding around your home.



Tips For Reducing Mosquito Breeding Habitat:

- ◊ Tip water out of barrels, buckets and wheelbarrows and turn them over so water cannot continue to collect.
- ◊ Empty children's wading pools weekly.

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- ◇ Change water in birdbaths, water bowls and animal troughs at least once a week.
- ◇ Discard, properly store or drill holes in used tires.
- ◇ Stock ornamental ponds with fish.
- ◇ Clean debris from ornamental ponds and keep fountains running during the summer.
- ◇ Maintain swimming pools and hot tubs, dump water from covers on boats, pools and hot tubs.
- ◇ Clean leaf clogged gutters and drain flat roofs, dump water off tarps and plastic sheeting.
- ◇ Cover garbage cans with an appropriate lid and rain barrels with mosquito screens.
- ◇ Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- ◇ Repair damaged or ripped window screens and make sure they fit tight; where possible install screen doors.

What can I do to control mosquitoes in ornamental fountains, ponds and birdbaths?



There are several options to control mosquitoes in fountains, birdbaths, small ornamental ponds or other landscape "water features". The first is to keep water moving by using a pump to create a waterfall, spray, or otherwise circulate the water. This does not need to run continuously; just a couple hours a day will prevent mosquitoes from successfully hatching.

Another way is to add goldfish or Koi to the pond; these fish love to eat mosquito larvae and are a very effective control method. Goldfish or Koi can be purchased inexpensively at most pet stores. For birdbaths and small fountains, you could also empty the water each week and refill with fresh water--this is effective because it takes more than a week for mosquito eggs to hatch into adults.

Do not add fish to non-ornamental waters such as natural ponds, lakes or wetlands.

What can I do to control mosquitoes in a swimming pool or hot tub?

Neglected swimming pools and hot tubs serve as sources for mosquitoes. Swimming pools and hot tubs should be maintained in a manner that does not create a nuisance. There are several ways to keep mosquitoes from multiplying in your pool or hot tub while it is not being used:

- ◇ Maintain effective disinfection of swimming pool and hot tub water at all times (even when they are not being used).
- ◇ Assure standing water on pool cover is removed at least once a week.
- ◇ Maintain water circulation in swimming pools and hot tubs.
- ◇ Fill abandoned swimming pools with appropriate backfill material.
- ◇ Keep swimming pools and hot tubs covered or drained when not in regular use.



What can I do to control mosquitoes in natural ponds and wetlands?

A healthy pond or wetland is home for many mosquito predators such as dragon fly larvae, mosquito eating birds and bats. Generally it is not necessary to treat these bodies of water and the presence of mosquito larvae must be verified by a professional pesticide applicator before chemicals may be applied to these areas.

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Permits are required to apply larvicides to water bodies that are not completely contained, such as an artificial or natural pond where the water from the pond can flow to a natural water body or constructed drainage system. The property owner or a licensed commercial pesticide applicator must obtain the required permit.

To apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Aquatic Mosquito Control online, go to http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/pesticides/final_pesticide_permits/mosquito/index.html.

Can I add fish to the natural pond or wetland on my property?

This is not allowed unless the property owner has first obtained a permit from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. This permit is required before any fish is introduced to natural bodies of water, including natural ponds and wetlands, on private property. This is to prevent establishment of non-native species that may harm native animals and plants. For more information and permit procedures, visit WSDA on the web

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/fish_transport/stocking_app.html.



Is it okay to use bleach, vegetable oil, motor oil or soap in ponds to control mosquitoes?

No, these should never be used!



Bleach, vegetable oil, motor oil and soap are not registered for use as pesticides and cannot be used for control of mosquito larvae or eggs. Mosquito control must comply with federal and state requirements. It would be illegal to put these substances into waters of the state that are not completely contained without a permit, **even if** they are on private property. Many substances, such as petroleum products, should not be used in a manner that will allow them to get into natural water systems, groundwater, or drainage systems.

Bleach, oils, soap, and many other chemicals can be toxic to organisms such as fish, amphibians, and insects, and killing these mosquito predators will do more harm than good. Even products labeled as "biodegradable" or "non-toxic" may be harmful to aquatic organisms.

How do I choose a commercial pesticide applicator to provide mosquito control on my property?

Commercial pesticide applicators must be licensed through the Washington State Department of Agriculture. When choosing an applicator ask to see their current pesticide license to ensure that it is up-to-date. The pest control business should have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license; their employees should have Commercial Operator licenses. Make sure the applicator has an aquatic, public health or statewide endorsement on their license. One of these endorsements is required for the applicator to apply larvicides to water.

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Other endorsements are required to apply sprays for adult mosquitoes. Most common are the PCO General or Ornamental Insect & Disease Control; the Public Health endorsement can also be used. For more information visit WDSA on the web at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/ComplianceActivities.aspx>.

What can I do to kill adult mosquitoes in my yard?

First of all, remember that not all flying insects are mosquitoes. There are other bugs such as crane flies, certain midges and gnats that may look like mosquitoes but which don't generally bite.

Killing adult mosquitoes is rarely the best way to protect yourself from mosquito bites. Instead, avoid being bitten by staying inside during the feeding time of adult mosquitoes. Wear protective clothing when mosquitoes are biting, and consider applying insect repellent to exposed skin. Since the adult mosquitoes you see now are capable of laying eggs, find and eliminate sources of stagnant water on your property to prevent new generations of mosquitoes.

Spraying pesticides to kill adult mosquitoes is not normally recommended by Public Health. While some products can be legally used, this is not the most effective solution to mosquito problems. Before considering spraying for mosquitoes, we recommend contacting a licensed commercial pesticide applicator that is knowledgeable about adult mosquito control, the rules regarding use of pesticides, the conditions under which they may be applied, and the least toxic products.



Are there any laws and regulations to require mosquito control in Snohomish County?

The responsibility of mosquito control ultimately lies with the property owner. If there is a potential mosquito problem on private property, you may file a complaint with Snohomish County Health District Environmental Health Division by calling (425) 339-5250. Public Health does not have regulatory authority to require property owners to remove mosquito habitat except if the habitat is in violation of solid waste law. They can send educational materials that provide guidance on reducing habitat. If the habitat is on public property, they will inform and advise the appropriate property owner.

What about bug zappers and other mosquito deterring devices?

There are a variety of devices advertised that are designed to attract mosquitoes and then kill them by electrical shock or other means. Effectiveness of these devices can vary, and there is little scientific data available to help guide the consumer in purchasing such devices, many of which are fairly expensive. In general, it is advisable to concentrate your mosquito control efforts on eliminating mosquito breeding habitat, preparing your home to keep mosquitoes out, and taking personal precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes.



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>