

### Upcoming City Council Agenda Items February 4, 2014

#### 6:00 p.m. Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting:

- Discussion of 2014 proposed street preservation projects
- Discussion of program update for years 2014-2021

#### 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Action to approve Amended Agreed Order with Department of Ecology
- Action to approve Council rules and procedures
- Action to approve Animal Code update
- Action to approve Conservation Futures grant interlocal agreement
- Discussion regarding social card games
- Discussion regarding proposed City Hall remodel design

*The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:*

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### 2014 Calendar:

#### Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, January 28 – 7:30 a.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
116 Union Avenue

## Congratulations!



Mike Thomas came to work for the City of Snohomish in July of 2013. Mike has passed his Cross Connection Control Specialist Certification from the Washington State Department of Health. Applicants must meet specific experience, education, and examination requirements in order to qualify for certification. The general knowledge test consisted of questions in the following content areas: administrative duties, DOH regulations, math, system design, hydraulic of backflow prevention devices, and safety procedures. A competent certified specialist must be able to perform duties without endangering public health. Operators must be knowledgeable in the various types of backflow prevention devices and proper installation, and identifying cross connection issues and how to address them. Some of Mike's daily duties include water main and service installation and repairs, hydrant flushing, and taking water samples and chlorine residuals. Having qualified and well trained water staff plays a vital role in keeping our water systems well maintained, operational, and ensure we are supplying our customers with safe and reliable drinking water.

## GroundFrog Day Set for February 1<sup>st</sup>

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Snohomish GroundFrog Day Ceremony kicks off February 1, 2014 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and, as always, is free to public. Join hundreds of bouncing kids at the Snohomish Event Gazebo, 10 Avenue A, where Snohomish Slew makes his much anticipated "Arrival of Spring" Frognostication and signals the arrival of spring to the Pacific Northwest. Will the great Pacific Northwest see early spring rainbows with sun and showers or be plagued with six more weeks of foggy, soggy, and chilly days?

The February 1<sup>st</sup> GroundFrog Day Ceremony is a kid's haven with special crafts frog jump (rope) competition, Master of Ceremonies the legendary Tim Noah, Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater, music DJ'd by Don Driftmier "The Music Man", dancing, face painting, and entertainment. Kids can hang out in the "Tadpole Zone" with the rest of the frog army or have photos taken with Webby of the AquaSox, Oxy Gene, defender of clean air from Community Transit, and Tad and Lilly, Slew's

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cousins from Kla Ha Ya Days. Slew will again be transported to the event by the Snohomish Fire District 4. Last year, Princess Amphibiana was introduced to the event and will return for photo opportunities this year. Crowd photos will be taken for organizer's promotional use and public display.



The Snohomish Chamber of Commerce presents this annual event, sponsored by Fred's Rivertown Alehouse; Republic Services, Lynnwood; Bickford Ford; Cozy Critter's Pet Care; Home Depot, Snohomish; Fred Meyer; Columbia Bank; Haggen Northwest Fresh; Coastal Community Bank; Brava's Pizza and Pasta; and Just Frogs Toad Too. Visit [www.GroundFrogDay.com](http://www.GroundFrogDay.com) for more information.

The merchants of downtown Snohomish have declared January 27 - February 1 as **Frog Week**. They are jumping at the chance to invite you to visit their stores and eating establishments by offering special activities and discounts. For more information go to: [www.HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org](http://www.HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org).

## Street Crew Pothole Repairs

Potholes form because asphalt road surfaces eventually crack under the heat of the day and the constant stresses of traffic. These cracks allow snow and rainwater to seep into the underlying dirt and gravel. During cold winter nights, the water freezes and expands, pushing out some of the dirt and gravel, leaving a hole when the water eventually melts. Drivers continue to drive over these unseen holes, putting even more stress on the thin asphalt layer covering them. Eventually the asphalt layer over these divots collapses, leaving holes in the roadway. Even in places where the air temperature rarely falls below freezing, excessive rainfall or flooding can eat away at the road.

Road maintenance crews have two different way of fixing the damage. These repairs are roughly similar to a dentist using either a temporary or permanent filling material for cavities. During the winter months, potholes receive what is known as a cold winter mix. This is a temporary fix consisting of a soft asphalt poured into the holes after they have been cleared of debris. A more permanent fix is called a hot mix. This combination of road grade asphalt and aggregate is designed to last for years, but it can only be applied during dry, warm weather. When the Public Works Street crew use a hot mix, they often reroute traffic around the worksite and spend more time preparing the road surface for the patch. The finished layer of new asphalt is usually compacted to match the level of the road.

