

**Upcoming City Council
Agenda Items
February 18, 2014**

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) for proposed utility rate increases for 2014-2016
- [Action](#) to approve interlocal agreement with County for road maintenance services
- [Action](#) to approve interlocal agreement with County for traffic signal maintenance
- [Action](#) to approve non-profit card games without sunset
- [Discussion](#) regarding 4th quarter financial report

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

2014 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission

Tuesday, February 11
5 p.m. Fire District
Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board

Wednesday, February 12
7 p.m. City Hall
Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Eastside Rail (and Trail) Corridor Update

Snohomish County is celebrating its upcoming purchase of the active rail portion of the Eastside Rail Corridor, which runs between Snohomish and Woodinville. Join the fun on Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m. at the Centennial Trail just outside the Senior Center. The County plans to extend the existing thirty-mile Centennial Trail another eleven miles to the south county line within the approximately 100-foot-wide right-of-way. Businesses along the railroad use it to ship materials, and as long as there is this demand for service, the operator of the rail line is required to serve them. Side-by-side rail and trail has been growing in the country and is proving both popular and safe.

The Surface Transportation Board is reviewing a petition to reactivate the railbanked (inactive) portion of the Eastside Rail Corridor, which runs between Woodinville and Renton, and also includes a spur between Woodinville and Redmond. If reactivated, the route would become available for both freight and passenger rail uses, although upgrades to the corridors would be needed.

Woodinville is considering the benefits of a trolley service operating between its downtown and the winery district where Chateau St. Michelle and Red Hook Brewery are located. Such a weekend service could reintroduce passenger rail in a fun, low-key way to the corridor.

At a trolley workshop held last weekend, Representative Luis



Moscoso (D-Mountlake Terrace) commented that if you support development of passenger rail as a way to offer an alternative to our congested roads, it is important to communicate this now to your elected representatives in Olympia. A transportation bill is under development now which could include support for a future with passenger rail, if requested by enough constituents.

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Puget Sound Partnership

The Puget Sound Partnership, a state agency established in 2005, is preparing for its ten-year progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

The goal of the partnership is to clean up the waters of Puget Sound by 2025.



A wide range of groups and projects are energetically participating in this enormous and complex task. One of the major efforts at this time is to eliminate pollutants in urban stormwater before it flows into rivers like the Pilchuck and Snohomish. Your contribution, whether it is fixing the oil leak in your car, using fewer chemicals on your lawn, scooping pet waste, or seeing that nothing but water

enters our storm drains, is critical to achieving healthy, clean, and safe waters in our community. You can learn more at <http://psp.wa.gov/> and <http://www.mypugetsound.net/>.

Snohomish River and Blackmans Lake – Waters of the State

State-owned aquatic lands include the beds of the Snohomish River and Blackmans Lake. As the steward of these areas, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be developing and implementing a habitat conservation plan (HCP). This plan will address regulations for structures such as docks and boat ramps on aquatic lands. Look for a draft HCP and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2014 when it goes out for public review. You can follow this process at the DNR website at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/researchscience/topics/aquatichcp/pages/aqr_aquatics_hcp.aspx.

