

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items March 17, 2015

6:00 p.m. City Council Workshop:

- [Discussion](#) regarding
Metropolitan Parks District

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) and action
on proposed Stormwater
Management Plan
- [Action](#) on contract for
Biosolids Removal
- [Discussion](#) regarding 4th
Quarter Police Report

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

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Door to Door Salesman or Burglar?

Door to door sales are sometimes used as a cover for burglaries. We have seen stories like this on the nightly news many times; yet this type of suspicious activity continues to happen. Most recently this scam took place just outside of our city limits in the North Ridge neighborhood.

Many burglars spend time scoping out a neighborhood and identifying easy targets before they attack. When burglars case houses by posing as salespeople, they are eyeing up your house for valuables and seeing if you will be worth robbing. If you let them in, they can see more than just what's at the front door and can look for easy ways to break in at their convenience.



A burglar can use the same techniques to break in unobtrusively. They can pose as a salesperson and see if someone comes to the door. Once they discover no one is coming to answer the door, they try to open it themselves. Because they already knocked on every door on your street, they may know your neighbors aren't home to notice either.

The most recent example of this scam took place approximately two weeks ago on the north east side of our City in the North Ridge neighborhood. The suspected burglars were going door to door falsely posing as sales representatives for Honeywell Home Security. Alert residents suspected the sales person was not legitimate and reported the activity to law enforcement. A quick call to Honeywell by our department confirmed that the company does not conduct door to door sales. Unfortunately, the fake sales person(s) was not located.

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Residents of the neighborhood described the possible suspects as two white males in their early twenties looking very “rough”. The males were also associated with a white female in her early twenties and the three were observed in an early 2000 black passenger car, possibly a Toyota Celica. One resident provided a license plate of 201 XRB. That license plate belongs to a 2003 Toyota Celica, black in color. If that vehicle is seen in your neighborhood, residents are advised to call 911 to report the suspicious vehicle to law enforcement. At this time law enforcement does not hold any probable cause for that vehicle but we are interested in speaking with the occupants.

Avoid the door-to-door dangers by following these simple rules:

- **Don't open the door to anyone you don't know.** It might seem rude, but talk through the door and find out what they want. If it seems fishy, tell them you will not open the door, that they need to leave, and that you're calling the police.
- **Call the police if you feel threatened.** Don't let your threats be hollow -- call the police. Help protect your neighbors and have the police verify if the salesperson is licensed. Calling the police will also tell the possible burglar that you are vigilant and won't be taken in.
- **Remove “No Soliciting” signs.** This sign is intended to discourage salespeople, but really it says to the thief that you probably don't have strong security.
- **If you feel that you need to open the door,** open it only narrowly and slam it shut as hard as you can if anyone tries to force his or her way in. Prevent them from seeing into your home by standing fully in the doorway, with one shoulder bracing the door so you can use your whole weight to close it if necessary.
- **Never let children answer the door.** Children may love to greet visitors, but allowing them to open the door is one of the worst things you can do. A parent's worst nightmare can happen in seconds if your child is abducted because they answered the door.



6th Annual Snohomish Wine Festival

The Snohomish Chamber of Commerce presents the 6th Annual Snohomish Wine Festival, on Saturday, March 7, 2015. This year's event will be held at the Snohomish Event Center, 1011 Second Street in Snohomish. There will be two tasting sessions: 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm, or a VIP ticket which allows access to either session and a private session from 5-6 pm.

Tickets are available at <http://www.snohowinefest.com>, or can be purchased at the door. All who attend must be 21 or older and provide I.D. at the door. All proceeds benefit the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce.

2015 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission
Tuesday, March 10
Regular Meeting - 5 p.m.
Fire District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board
Wednesday, March 11
Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Satisfy Your Cravings at the 3rd Annual Snohomish Chocolate Walk



Calling all chocolate lovers! Find your sweet spot in downtown Snohomish at the 3rd Annual Snohomish Chocolate Walk on Saturday, March 14, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Enjoy a charming stroll as you bop from shop to shop, collecting specialty chocolate goodies along the way!

Local chocolatiers add to the fun. Meet and greet with several of our featured treat creators to learn about the art of chocolate making. Also featured is an opportunity to win one of a stack of unique gifts donated by participating businesses.

Ticketed guests check in at the Snohomish Visitor Information Center located at 1301 First Street, Snohomish, WA, to receive their Chocolate Walk Passport, goodie bag and raffle ticket.

Only 250 advance tickets are available. Hurry, this event has sold out every year! \$20 tickets can only be purchased online through

Friday, March 13 (or until sold out). All proceeds support the revitalization and beautification projects of Historic Downtown Snohomish.

For more information and tickets: www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org/snohomish-chocolate-walk.asp

Come Taste the Spirits!

GROW Washington presents the 6th Annual Snohomish on the Rocks Distillery Festival with two general tasting sessions from 2-5 pm and 6-9 pm on Saturday, March 21, 2015, and an early VIP session from 1-2 pm. This year's event will once again be held at Thomas Family Farm, 9010 Marsh Road, Snohomish, WA 98296.

This year's festival will showcase more than 25 of the Northwest's premier distilleries. Visit the website at www.snohomishrocks.com for a listing of the participating distilleries.



Tickets are \$30 each for the general tasting sessions and include a commemorative shot glass, 8 tasting tickets, and a food voucher for the participating food trucks. VIP tickets are \$60/person and include early entrance into the Festival, and entrance into each of the general sessions, 12 tasting tickets, commemorative shot glass, VIP bag, food voucher, and discount on bottle purchase. Bottles of the spirits may be purchased at the event to take home and enjoy.

Tickets are available at <http://www.snohomishrocks.com> or can be purchased at the door. All who attend must be 21 or older and provide I.D. at the door. All proceeds benefit the GROW Washington, a nonprofit business development center.

SNOHOMISH CITY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, March 21, 9am—Noon

COME HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

Come volunteer with members of the community, the City of Snohomish and The Snohomish Parks Foundation to help beautify

The City of Snohomish, parks and schools.

SIGN-UP — BEFORE

- Register as individuals, families, businesses, or as part of a group.
- You will be assigned a project where help is most needed.

SHOW UP — 9 AM (RAIN OR SHINE!)

- Go directly to your assigned location and meet your leader there.
- Bring weeding tools, rakes, gloves, shovels & wheel barrow (if you have one).
- **If you haven't signed up in advance: Please go to the Snohomish Boys & Girls Club (402 2nd St) between 8:30 and 9:00am for late registration and get your assignments there.**

- Depending on our project you may be doing landscaping, construction, or general clean up. Most projects are kid-friendly!

**COME JOIN
THE FUN AND
WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

The logo for Snohomish City Clean Up features the word "Snohomish" in a black serif font with a dotted line above the "o"s. Below it, the word "CITY" is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. To the right of "CITY", the words "CLEAN UP" are written vertically in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The logo is framed by horizontal bars: a grey bar at the top, a yellow bar below it, and another yellow bar below "CITY". At the bottom, a black bar contains the date and time.

**Snohomish
CITY CLEAN UP**

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