

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

November 17, 2015

7:00 Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2293 to adopt 2016 City Manager recommended budget
- [Discussion](#) regarding police 3rd quarter report
- [Discussion](#) regarding cell tower regulations
- [Discussion](#) regarding unnamed right-of-way vacation request

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>

2015 Calendar:

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/11172015-551>

Citizens Invited to Apply for Open Government Committee

Snohomish residents and business owners are invited to apply to join a new ad hoc committee designed to create improvements to the City's open government programs.

The seven-member committee will begin meeting mid-January 2016 with the goal of creating a comprehensive plan for improved two-way communications between citizens and City officials. A post card about the application process was sent recently to all households in the City and [applications are due back to the City by November 18, 2015.](#)

"This is about taking the practice of open government to the next level," said Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak. "The City Council recognizes that it can be challenging for citizens to have meaningful participation in their city government. The goal of this new committee is to find ways to more effectively exchange information and encourage our citizens to participate in City decision-making in ways that have a positive impact on our community."

The committee is expected to meet at least once per month for six to eight months, with a facilitator assisting the committee in working through various ideas to improve the ways citizens access information about and contribute their ideas for their local government's policies and decisions.

Meetings are expected to occur Monday evenings, and applications to join the committee are available at the City's website: <http://snohomishwa.gov/233/Open-Government>. Citizens selected for the committee are expected to be notified in December. Selected committee members will be receiving a packet of reading materials regarding current best practices in open government programs as a starting point for the group's discussions.

"We're aiming to select a diverse group of citizens, demographically, geographically and ethnically, so that we create a truly representative committee capable of providing the best recommendations to our City Council at the end of this process," said Guzak. "We do not expect committee members to have experience working with our local government but are seeking individuals who can assist us in finding the most effective, feasible and efficient ways to improve the public's access to their government."

The recommendations of the committee will be transmitted directly to the City Council at the end of the group's meeting process.

November 13, 2015

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Regional Water Supplies Lessen Drought Conditions

Recent rains have improved our region's water supply. Now cautiously optimistic about water supply conditions, the cities of Everett, Seattle and Tacoma are all moving to the lowest stage of their Water Shortage Response Plans, the advisory stage. The City of Everett currently provides more than 60 percent of the annual water supply for the City of Snohomish.

Conditions no longer warrant the "voluntary" drought response stage in which customers were asked to reduce water use by 10 percent. The advisory stage now in effect means that a potential water supply problem may still exist. This is due to an ongoing strong El Nino that is expected to bring warm weather through the spring of 2016.

While in the advisory stage, the water suppliers are asking customers to use water wisely by not wasting it. The three cities thank their customers for helping the region stretch its water supplies to meet the needs of people and fish in this unprecedented year.

Everett operates a regional water supply system that serves 80 percent of the homes and businesses in Snohomish County. This includes Everett and 95 other cities and water districts and serves a population of about 570,000.

For the Everett supply system, recent positive supply changes include the fact that the Sultan River watershed received more than 13 inches of rain in the last two weeks. This brings precipitation in the Sultan watershed to almost 80 percent of normal for this time of year. The storage level in Everett's Spada reservoir increased by 25 feet recently and is now above normal. This has enabled Everett to exceed normal fish flow requirements in the Sultan River.

Below are some steps that people can continue to take to use water wisely (more water-saving tips can be found at www.savingwater.org)

Indoor water-saving tips for residents:

- Add 2-3 inches of mulch to the surface of bare soils
 - Check for and fix leaks
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving
 - Don't pre-rinse dishes
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models

Indoor water-saving tips for businesses:

- Check for and fix leaks
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
 - Provide new towels only on request
- Check cooling towers for overflow and excessive blowdown
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models

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.

Brandvold Critical Area Variance to construct two single family homes: 302 Cedar Avenue
File #11-14-VAR

Pending Hearing Examiner's Decision. Public hearing was held November 5, 2015.

More information: contact staff

Staff contact: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Posey Short Plat (two-lot short plat): 1706 Seventh Street

File #19-15-SP

Complete application determination issued October 6, 2015.

Notice of Application issued October 16, 2015.

Pending Administrative Approval.

More information: contact staff

Staff contact: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #21-15-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination – **APPLICATION IS ON HOLD**

More information: contact staff

Staff contact: 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/2376>

Christmas Tree Sale

11/27/15
Snohomish Carnegie
Foundation



9 AM - 5 PM

**105 Cedar
Avenue,
Snohomish,
98290**

**Donations are
accepted**

If any trees are left from Friday, the 27th, we will continue the sale on Saturday, the 28th. All donations will go directly to the rehabilitation of the Carnegie building and grounds.