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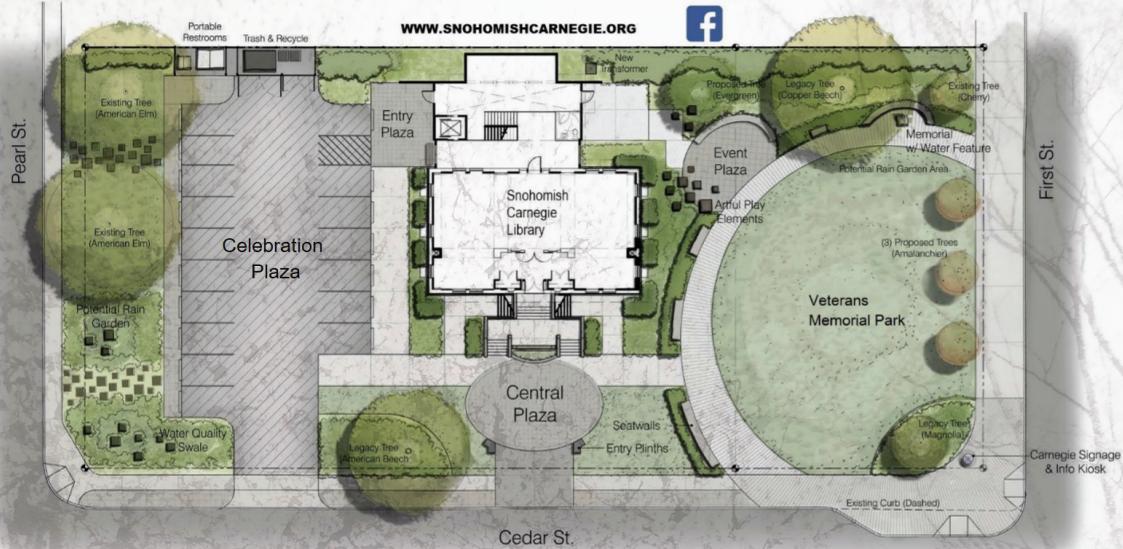
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Welcome to the Fall Issue!

One of the items under consideration by the City Council is a rate reduction for wastewater (a.k.a. sewer) in 2018. This would be in addition to the previous rate reduction in 2017 that was effective on January 1, 2017.

As you may know, the purpose of the quarterly magazine is to better engage you regarding your City services. Support your local businesses and help to fund many of the important services your City provides.

Return your voted ballot by Tuesday, November 7.

— *Steve Schuller, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director*
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City Council Highlights

July 2017

July 18—Regular Meeting:

- Received a presentation from Snohomish School District Superintendent Kent Kultgen regarding the *Thought Exchange* project
- Held a public hearing regarding vesting rights for development permits and adopted Ordinance 2330, on a 6-1 vote
- Declined on a 2-5 vote (Resolution 1365) to set a public hearing for a requested right of way vacation at Spruce Street and Cedar Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation
- Appointed citizen Pro and Con Committees for Marijuana Advisory Measure, each on a 6-0 vote
- Discussed potential approaches for regulating Loading Dock Noise and Mayor Hamilton was authorized to contact both parties to seek voluntary resolution of the problems and report back on their progress at the next meeting

August 2017

August 15—Regular Meeting:

- Received a presentation from Snohomish Conservation District's Kate Riley, Community Engagement Program Manager, regarding new rates
- Took no action, and effectively allowed a Wave Holdco, LLC Franchise Transfer Agreement to take place
- Authorized on a 6-0 vote the City Manager to Sign a Contract with ARC Architects for demolition of the Hal Moe Pool building

- Rejected on a 5-1 vote a proposed annexation of seven parcels on 107th Avenue NE
- Discussed next steps for the proposed renovation of the Carnegie building and directed staff to move forward with the plan as proposed

August 22—Workshop Meeting:

- Discussed and provided direction to staff regarding the Recommended 2018 Budget including development of the City Council's draft 2018 Annual Goals

September 2017

September 5—Regular Meeting:

- Received a presentation from the City's Economic Development Committee regarding the committee's 2018 work plan
- Discussed options for a new Noise Ordinance and directed staff to develop a draft ordinance to specifically address noise from commercial loading docks near residential areas

September 19—Regular Meeting:

- Supported Puget Sound Energy in delivering a check for \$500 to the Snohomish Community Food Bank
- Swore in newly appointed Police Chief Keith Rogers
- Adopted on a 7-0 vote the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan as presented by staff
- Discussed and accepted on a 7-0 vote final City Council Goals for 2018 and directed staff to post these on various sites and in the 2018 Budget

Full City Council agendas, including staff reports, consent items and meeting minutes, may be found at the City's website: www.SnohomishWA.gov/agendacenter

Economic Development Committee

The City Boards and Commissions members are community volunteers. Last year they included the Parks & Recreation Board, Design Review Board, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Economic Development Committee, and the Ad Hoc Hal Moe Site Advisory Committee and Open Government Committee.



*Melissa Rossi,
Economic
Development
Committee Chair*

SINCE JOINING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC) IN 2016, I've observed how city government interacts with businesses, and what that means to citizens and visitors. Here's what I've learned: The role of the EDC

is to advise the City Council in their decision-making process, on issues that affect the local economy. We view such issues through the lens of our local businesses, the County, State, and our

visitors—for the long-term benefit of our citizens. There are many stakeholders in economic development, and we must consider how to balance their needs.

Part of the EDC's charter, put in place to specifically help with growth management, is to align our advice with the City's Strategic Plan. The mission of Imagine Snohomish is to promote the vitality, while preserving the character, of our City, with these priorities in mind: An outstanding quality of life for all residents, a community strongly connected to and protective of our natural resources, a vibrant local economy, a thriving regional destination and a city in which there are high-quality and sustainable City services.

I think I speak for many fellow citizens and committee members when I say I

want Snohomish to feel like "home" to my grandkids someday, just as it does for my family today. That's a pretty tall order when you consider what it takes to manage regional growth, be relevant to a changing population and honor your legacy all at the same time—thus the importance of a sound growth management strategy. It's a never-ending, uphill march requiring the constant attention of many areas of government and community activism.

Serving on the EDC is a much more complex assignment than I first realized, for those reasons. Thankfully, our committee constitutes many voices with one common thread: a wholehearted commitment to our City. I'm enjoying the process and the journey, one that is definitely making an impact and one I feel honored to be a part of. **S**



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Community Partnerships Support Civic Services and Citizen Needs



By Michael Rohrscheib,
City Councilmember,
Position 4

THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH HAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS in order to help deliver services that are not part of our local government's core mission.

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The Snohomish Senior Center, Boys and Girls Club, and the Community Food Bank are the groups most prominently supported by the City. Each of these organizations have been permitted to build their facilities on City-owned properties. For each, the City also pays for their water, sewer and stormwater utilities and in some cases

also insures their buildings and provides exterior maintenance year-round.

The Senior Center also receives \$12,000 annually to support the cost of providing programs and classes for seniors. The City has agreed to increase this amount annually based on membership growth.

Other community services currently given some level of annual financial support from the City's budget include the Snohomish Aquatic Center (\$55,000 for utilities), the Snohomish Health District (\$19,250) and the Alliance for Housing Affordability (\$1,800).

The Snohomish Affordable Housing Group, a private, non-profit organization, has also benefited from past decisions by the City Council to offer land and/or free permit fees for their projects.

Recently, a number of other organizations have come forward also seeking City Council financial support for their services. Unfortunately, the City cannot afford to say "yes" to every request we receive.

That's why the Council has directed staff to develop in 2018 a program that will offer such organizations an opportunity to apply for City funds. The way we expect this to work is that the Council will budget a total amount of dollars that would be available and then ask each organization to compete for

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funding by describing how much they need and what beneficial outcomes the community would see from their services.

In making the decisions about which programs to fund, the City Council would ask citizens to comment and provide their recommendations before any final decisions are reached.

The City Council sees this as the most rational way to provide transparency and opportunity for citizen involvement in determining how we can help these organizations offer our community needed services. The City Council plans to advertise this process, and we look forward to hearing from you in 2018 as we get ready to make choices to support new community services. **5**



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Your local city government is tasked with providing specific services, such as wastewater treatment or law enforcement. But a great community needs other services too. Many community, business, educational and other organizations help make Snohomish a wonderful place! In this issue, we spotlight the **Snohomish Community Food Bank**.

IN 1991, THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH PARTNERED WITH THE FOOD BANK to move operations to its current location. The City and Fire District provide the land, and the City provides the utilities and a long-term lease for the building located at 1330 Ferguson Park Road. The non-profit Food Bank manages the operations and services.

The Snohomish Community Food Bank is here for the citizens who live within the Snohomish School District boundaries.

We “serve” these families once each week, either Tuesday or Friday. Last year, we provided groceries for 2,474 individuals (971 households). This equates to 31,825 people served over one year.

Our community is so generous that we are able to offer good, quality food, like meats, fresh dairy, fruits and vegetables—many of which are grown in backyard gardens and local farms. Last summer, we received thousands of pounds of produce!

Besides individual donations, our food sources are local grocery stores: Albertsons, Fred Meyer, Haggen and Safeway. We pick up bread from

Franz Bakery and groceries come from Northwest Harvest, and Food Lifeline.

Our friends and neighbors are incredibly generous. They hold food drives, fundraisers and participate in scheduled collections through schools and churches. This truly is a community that takes care of its’ own.

We run on volunteer power. Over 140 people average 2,000 hours of community service every month working as drivers, sorters, servers and many other jobs. Many volunteers manage our special programs: from infant care items and pet food to senior care products. We also have groceries appropriate for the homeless; a shuttle to take people home after shopping; and a Home Delivery service for the elderly and/or disabled.

We partner with the Kids Café, the Senior Center; Community Kitchen; Snohomish Cold Weather Shelter; and the Boys and Girls Club.

For the holidays, we have a program whereby groups pledge one item from our wish list and agree to collect a certain quantity for our Holiday distribution days.

If you know a family who needs a little help during a tough time, or if you are interested in helping out, please give us a call at 360-568-7993. For more information, visit us at snohomishfoodbank.org.



Food Bank President of Carol Robinson and Law Community Garden who the Snohomish Commu



Thursdays Bread Crew: Paul and Tanya Ryner, Judy Tickle and Dan Sullivan. This team ensures the freshest product is offered.



The Friday Client Aide team. L-R: Fred Melody Beckdolt, Mike Manley, Phyllis Anderson, Judy Abbey, Glenna Scott, Joan

Background: Fresh produce donated from St. Michael's Church Garden



Member of the Board, Jay Hagen with Laura Hartman from the community food bank which raises fresh produce for community food bank.



Fred Walsh, Emily Naylor, Lis Taitel, Cora Lawson, Mike Joan Keller and John Bruce.



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New Police Chief Keith Rogers

LIEUTENANT (LT.) KEITH ROGERS IS THE CITY'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE.

He was publicly sworn in as Chief at the September 19, 2017 City Council meeting. Rogers replaced Lieutenant John Flood, who was promoted to Captain in the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.



Police Chief Keith Rogers

With his new title, Flood has been assigned new duties which will transition him away from his role as Snohomish Police Chief.

Lt. Rogers started his law enforcement career with the Mountlake Terrace Police Department in 1991 as a Police Explorer. With the Snohomish County

"Keith Rogers comes recommended to us both by the Sheriff's office and through the strong recommendation of current Police Chief John Flood. Chief Rogers has the skills and experience to build upon and continue to improve on our strong foundation of public safety."

—Mayor Tom Hamilton

Sheriff's Office since 2002, he spent the past four years leading the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force.

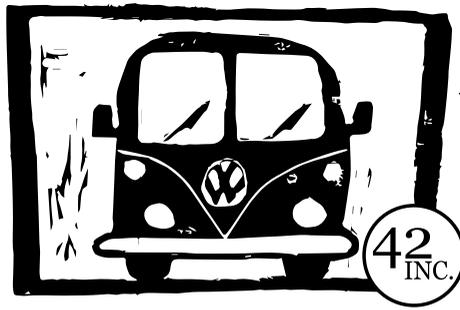
Driven in part by the Great Recession, in 2011 the City opted to contract for police services with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The selection of Lieutenant Flood to be Police Chief made for a smooth transition. The original

five-year agreement expired at the end of 2016. In December 2016, the City Council unanimously approved a second five year contract with the County. Over the first five years of the contract the Council heard positive feedback from both the residential and business communities so chose to continue the partnership with the Sheriff's Office to provide one of the City's key services. **S**



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Street Crew: The Power of 3.5!

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Where does most of the funding to maintain are streets come from? Thanks to our voter-approved Transportation Benefit District additional (2/10ths of 1%) Sales Tax, this is the largest source of funds. For example, when anyone shops at one of our local stores or eat at a restaurant within the City, they are helping to finance the maintenance of our roads:

1. You buy two pairs of pants
2. Sales tax from that local purchase is used to help fill a pothole in your street

About 20% of the street fund's revenue comes from vehicle gas tax. Gas tax is continuing to decline in real value because of the increased fuel efficiency of vehicles.

What are some large expenses within the street fund? The power bill for street lights is about \$80,000 per year, or 7% of expenses. Snohomish PUD has converted nearly all lights to

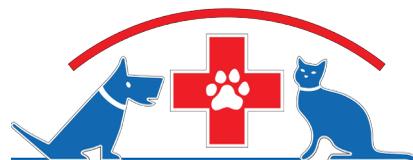


L-R: Lead Dannie Allen, Maintenance Workers (MW) Devon Acton and Shaun Murphy, MW Curtis Galde splits his time between streets and parks departments.

energy-efficient LED's. Another large expense is traffic signal repairs totaling \$70,000. Major upgrades to our signals has been completed in recent years, including replacing the control panel on our oldest signal, installed in the 1980's and previously running on "MS-DOS" software.

Is demand for service typically greater than the funding available? Yes, demand for improvements is always competing for limited dollars. The City Council determines priorities each year as part of the fall budget process. To report a specific problem, please see the City's website to Report of Concern at www.snohomishwa.gov or call City Hall

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November Brings Changes in Form of Government

WHEN VOTERS ELECT A NEW MAYOR ON THE NOVEMBER 7 BALLOT that vote sets in motion a series of changes for the City’s form of government.

As a result of the voters’ decision to approve Proposition 2 on the 2016 general election, Snohomish will transition from a council-manager form to a mayor-council form of

government effective November 28, 2017 (the date the November 7 vote will be certified by the County Auditor). Here’s a brief summary of what that means:

- The mayor will replace the existing city manager as the chief executive to administer the city government on a day-to-day basis;

- The position of city manager will no longer exist, and the mayor will have the option to hire a city administrator to help him/her manage the city organization;
- As a so-called “strong mayor,” (subject to state law and city code limitations) the new mayor will have duties including the hiring and firing of all staff, negotiating labor agreements, managing city finances and developing proposed policies and future budgets for City Council approval. See also state law, RCW 35A.12.100;
- The mayor will chair City Council meetings, but may vote only to break a tie vote of the Council on matters other than the passage of any ordinance, grant, or revocation of franchise or license, or any resolution for the payment of money;
- Ordinances adopted by the City Council may be vetoed by the mayor, though the City Council may override such vetoes with a majority plus one of the whole membership;
- The mayor serves as the City’s formal head of government, representing it on ceremonial occasions.

What generally won’t change with the new form of government are the authorities and powers of the City Council. The Council will continue to be responsible for adopting various policies, ordinances, resolutions, contracts and budgets. Instead of electing a mayor among its members to serve for two year terms, as it had in the past, the Council may elect a councilmember as mayor pro tem or similar title. The mayor pro tem would chair Council meetings and substitute for the mayor only in the absence of the mayor.

The Council will continue to be comprised of seven members elected at large for staggered, four-year terms. The new mayor will be elected at large to serve a four-year term ending on December 31, 2021. **S**

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A few of the many responsibilities of the City Attorney include attendance at City Council meetings, drafting and review of City Ordinances and resolutions, contract drafting and review, defending legal actions filed against the City, initiating legal actions on behalf of the city, and advising all city departments, the Mayor and City Council on a vast array of legal issues.

The law firm has five lawyers who specialize in municipal law and have expertise in areas such as construction and public utility law, real estate, land use and environmental law, condemnation, finance and tax law, constitutional law, public records, police, fire and labor and employment law.

Grant grew up in Snohomish and is a graduate of Snohomish High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and environmental Studies from Whitman College in 1976 and his Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in 1980. Grant was admitted to practice law in 1980 and is admitted to practice in State Court as well as Federal US District Court and



City Attorney Grant Weed

the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

As a lawyer specializing in municipal law, Grant has been a frequent guest speaker and lecturer on municipal issues and has been recognized in his specialty by Law and Politics Magazine as a Washington Super Lawyer for 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012. He is an honorary life member of the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys for over 30 years in municipal practice and is a prior Board Member of the Snohomish School District Foundation. Grant has been proud and honored to serve his home town community for over three decades. **S**

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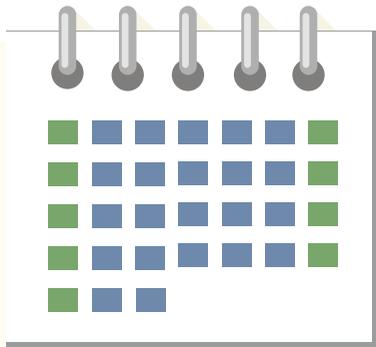
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Calendar of Events 2017

November 3-4
Snohomish Brew Fest
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November 18
Snohomish Holiday Charm Walk
HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org

November 26
Santa Arrival and Tree Lighting
Historic Downtown Snohomish

December 2
Sippin' and Shoppin' Wine Walk
HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org

December 3
Chase the Grinch Fun Run
HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org

December 10
Holiday Parlour Tour
SnohomishHistoricalSociety.org

December 16
Freestyle Christmas Light Cruise
HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org

December 21
Winter Solstice Candlelight Walk
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