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## Your 2018 City of Snohomish Elected Leaders

### John T. Kartak

Mayor  
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JOHN T. KARTAK GREW UP ACROSS THE valley on a small farm and “came home” in 1996. He and his wife Jayme raised five sons in their 1885 Victorian house. They also have five grandchildren. John has been a General Contractor since 1985 and currently serves fulltime at City Hall.

Early 2016, John helped form CPR Snohomish—the nonprofit association that successfully campaigned for a change in the City’s plan of government to include an elected, Executive Mayor for the first time in nearly 50 years. Community leaders then asked John to run for the new position. After the election, he was sworn into office on November 29, 2017. He serves as an executive member of the Garden City Grange and as a director for the Central Neighborhood Watch association. John has a passion for cleaning up garbage and fostering relationships with our homeless and drug-addicted residents.

### Lynn Schilaty

Councilmember, Position 1  
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Lynn Schilaty was elected to the council in November 2007. Lynn is a 1981 Snohomish High School graduate. She has a B.A. from University of Washington and earned a J.D. from Seattle University, School of Law. After working and living in both Seattle and London, England, Lynn moved back to Snohomish to raise a family.

Lynn is pleased the City of Snohomish is being redefined as a progressive, proactive, and viable city that wants

to expand its commercial development potential while valuing its history and environment. She supports managed growth and wants to make decisions that reflect our heritage while meeting the needs of our citizens now and well into the future.

### Karen Guzak

Councilmember, Position 2  
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Karen Guzak has served on Council since January 2008 and was the Mayor for seven years. Her experience of service to community include being an award-winning developer of historic



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**Left to Right:** Standing: Lynn Schilaty, Jason Sanders, Tom Merrill, Steve Dana, and Larry Countryman.  
Seated: Karen Guzak, John T. Kartak, and Linda Redmon

buildings; Chair of the Historic Design Review Board; and Member of Citizen's Committee for Strategic Planning, Chamber of Commerce, and Snohomish Women's Network. She volunteers at the Food Bank and is a business owner of two local businesses; Angel Arms Works—public art, design and development of arts projects; and Yoga Circle Studio—teaching yoga and meditation for support of overall health of body and mind.

Karen and her partner Warner Blake renovated the old St. Michael's Catholic Church in Snohomish in 1993 where they live and work. Warner has written two books on Snohomish history and they sponsor numerous concerts, community gatherings, and the annual Solstice Candlelight Walk... all demonstrating their commitment and their love of this city.

### Jason Sanders

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Jason Sanders has lived in the City of Snohomish since 1993 with his wife and two sons, both SHS alumni. While raising his family, Jason was actively involved in Snohomish youth athletics as a football coach/president and member of the Kla Ha Ya Days Committee. He was appointed to the Snohomish

City Council (February, 2017) and currently serves on the Snohomish Economic Development Committee, Evergreen Health Monroe Foundation and Snohomish County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Jason has worked for the past 19 years with Puget Sound Energy and currently manages the Business Services department. He has a B.S. in Biology (WSU), M.S. in Industrial Hygiene and Safety (UW) and completed the UW Business School Executive Program. Jason and his wife love to travel and have spent time in Nepal, Tibet and Beijing as well as trips across the U.S. in their 1956 Airstream trailer.

### Tom Merrill

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Tom Merrill was elected to the council in November of 2017. Tom moved to Snohomish four years ago. He is retired from PACCAR Inc. where he served in many different management positions in the Information Systems Division.

Tom believes in open, transparent government and that people should have a voice in decisions that affect them. He supports preserving the small-town values of Snohomish while also

working to maintain economic renewal. Tom is an active volunteer, served on the Snohomish Open Government Committee, and currently serves on the board of the Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop.

Tom was born and raised in the small town of Gunnison, Colorado. He has a B.S. from Colorado State University in Computer Information Systems and an M.A. from Antioch University. He loves to hike, ride bicycles, kayak, and is trying to master the art of skate skiing.

### Linda Redmon

Councilmember, Position 5  
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Linda and her husband moved to Snohomish to join a local health clinic. Their two children are in school in town. Linda has worked in healthcare, social services, sales and education. She has volunteered with the Snohomish Community Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, and the PTA for many years.

Linda sees a need for affordable housing to keep our families and seniors in our community. She wants to ensure opioids and traffic issues are addressed. She wants to develop neighborhood-focused emergency plans to serve the City during a first response should we have a large scale disaster.

Linda wants to ensure that we support the businesses that support our town and that we continue smart economic development. She also wants to make it easier for you to communicate with your government. She invites you to contact her via phone or email, and anytime you see her around town.

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# My First Weeks at City Hall

BY JOHN T. KARTAK, MAYOR

**WHAT AN EXCITING TIME TO SERVE THIS** city as your new Mayor! I was already cutting a ribbon that first day, only minutes before rushing to City Hall to find staff waiting in the front lobby so that my oath of office would be taken in their presence. They welcomed me with open arms and smiling faces, and it's been such an honor to work with everyone.

I spent full days all through December getting a first-hand knowledge of the activity that takes place here—this while helping guide the process of returning to a Council/

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Mayor form of government. Our staff is enthusiastic, each working hard during this new day in Snohomish, and the smooth transition is a credit to them.

This is the best place on earth, and the honor goes to a devoted community and its deep commitment to our history and architecture. It's especially notable that our residents, businesses, and local organizations truly go the extra mile to support and help one another. The word "relationship" comes to mind when considering what makes this town special. That's what I hope will best define my example over

the next four years. I aim to focus a key effort towards fostering a close relationship with the community. Positive messages of *small-town values*, *transparency*, and *representation* that shaped last year's campaign season are embraced at City Hall. We're really looking forward to working with our new Council in their dedication to serve you.

There are two exciting things that compliment this focus. Police Chief Keith Rogers is working with City Hall on something near and dear to his heart—*Neighborhood, Community Policing*—where a deeper relationship across the city is fostered and opportunities for communication are enhanced. Secondly, our Public Safety Commission is working with Chief Rogers to promote a cooperative relationship between independent neighborhood watch associations throughout the city.

There is much work ahead of us as we:

- Revisit the Pilchuck District regulations
- Settle in with our new City Administrator
- Select an Economic Development Manager
- Prioritize street and sidewalk repairs
- Address traffic and parking issues



- Manage two large projects at the Carnegie and Hal Moe Pool properties
- Brainstorm on the real problems of homelessness, drug addiction, and affordable housing.

Lastly, I want to say what's obvious, but so very appropriate—City Hall is here to serve the community. Come say hi anytime! **S**

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**Larry Countryman**

Councilmember, Position 6

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Larry Countryman was born in Snohomish, WA at the hospital no longer existent today. He has been married for over 50 years to his wife, Sandy, and has six children all of whom have since graduated from Snohomish High School. Larry also graduated from Snohomish High school in 1960. He has owned and operated a small Bed & Breakfast for over 33 years. Currently, Larry is still operating the B&B.

Prior to being elected to his current term in office, Larry had served the

residents of Snohomish as an elected council member for 12 years and served as the mayor pro-tem for about four years. Larry's professions include being an artist and builder. He has refurbished his 1896 Victorian home located in the historical district in Snohomish—which he helped to establish—as well as renovated other homes and buildings in Snohomish.

**Steve Dana**

Councilmember, Position 7

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Steve Dana grew up in Snohomish and really never left. After living in Everett for a couple years he and his wife Noreen

moved back to Snohomish in 1979, living most of that time on Ford Avenue. He and Noreen owned The Hub for 25 years. Steve now sells real estate at Century 21 North Homes Realty.

Since 1987, Steve has served the city in some capacity both as an elected councilmember and mayor, as a volunteer on the old Board of Adjustment, and for the past nearly 20 years on the Planning Commission. In addition to that, he served terms on the boards of the Food Bank, the Senior Center, the Affordable Housing Group and the Chamber of Commerce. At different times over the past 50 years he served in the Jaycees, the Lions and currently the Snohomish Kiwanis. **S**

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# Our Love for Snohomish

WELCOME TO THE FIRST *SNOHOMISH Quarterly* magazine of 2018. I look forward to working with all of you and hope to serve you well on our City Council. I am stepping into this role following what proved to be a contentious election season that brought out more negativity than we've seen in some time. What started with a handful of government skeptics evolved into multiple people on both sides of a divide making accusations that have decreased trust and stoked outrage. The rift has degraded our civic



By Linda Redmon,  
City Councilmember, Position 5

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discourse and weakened our communal bonds. The vitriol and name-calling was at its worst on Facebook, and it became clear that the relative anonymity available online fostered harsher speech than most would say in person.

We are such a great, tight-knit community that it is painful to see us so divided. I think it is important for us all to make an effort to get offline and speak face to face. As a community, we need to find the goals we share and work together to meet them. We need to stop dividing the people in our town into categories such as political label, Snohomish native or transplant, education level, race, gender, age, and economic status. If we respect each other and work on our shared goals we will find we are more alike than different. That's what I want to encourage to heal the wounds our community has suffered during this last year.

A story my grandmother told me is relevant here. While my grandfather helped build the interstate highway system, their young family traveled from camp to camp. Everyone in the camps was living a rough life out of tents or their cars. Families came and went so the composition of the community was constantly changing, but they worked together during the day then gathered together at night under the stars to play music and dance. My grandmother said this was the best time of her life because of the sense of shared community. They were many different kinds of people but they were all working on a common goal. These people built the infrastructure that is the backbone of our economy. They quite literally built bridges that brought people together. In that spirit, I ask each of you to look at what we share—our love for Snohomish—and build bridges to help us reach the highest and brightest goals of our community. **S**

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# Design Review Board

The City Boards and Commissions members are community volunteers. This year they include the Parks & Recreation Board, Design Review Board, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission and Economic Development Committee.

THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH'S DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB) IS charged with protecting the city's historic structures and to encourage quality design and site planning. Every decision the Board makes is focused on preserving and protecting Snohomish's historic character.

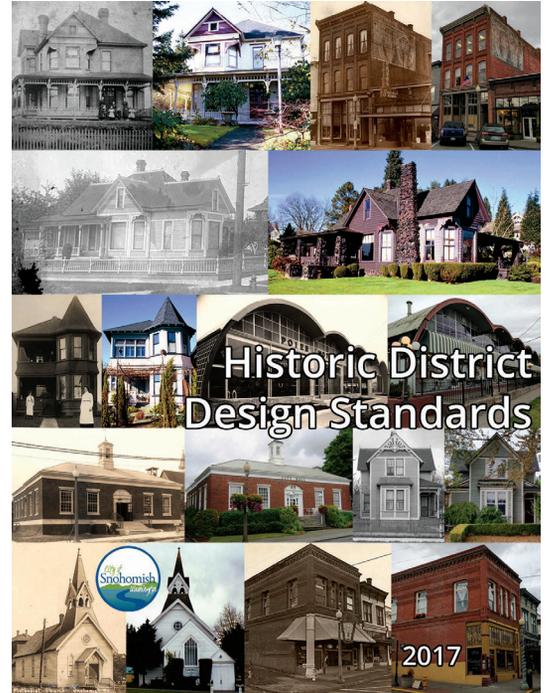
The DRB is a five-member advisory board to the Planning Director. They evaluate development proposals in the Historic District for compliance with the City's Historic District Design Standards, which were recently updated after a six-year process.

The Board also reviews development applications for projects outside of

the Historic District subject to the city's other design standards.

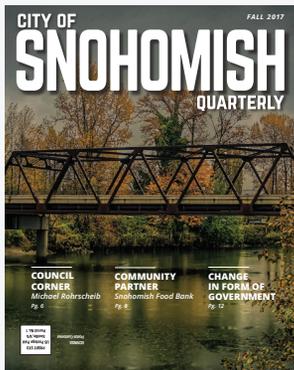
At its meetings, the DRB reviews projects that are required to meet specified design standards. Applicants are encouraged to attend the meetings to advocate for their design and to respond to Board questions. After considering the proposal and listening to the applicant, staff, and public comments, the Board makes a recommendation to the Planning Director to approve, approve with conditions or recommendations, or deny the proposal. The

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## Snohomish Chamber of Commerce

FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS IN 1956, the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce has remained a vital contributor to connecting local businesses to each other, area residents, City government, and visitors. The Chamber is a membership non-profit 501-C6 organization that is primarily reliant on volunteers to support and execute business enhancement projects and programs. Management of the Chamber office provides member services, distribution of local business information, and supervision to the volunteer committees that organize four annual Chamber-sponsored community events. The 14-member Snohomish Chamber Board of Directors oversees Chamber finances and provides direction to our activities and programs. Marci Volmer, Director of the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club, is our current President.

*Your local city government is tasked with providing specific services, such as wastewater treatment and 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 Chamber."*

Each year the Snohomish Chamber Board meets at an annual planning workshop where priorities and programs are outlined for the coming year. Along with establishing annual goals, the 2018 Board of Directors acts as membership ambassadors to recruit new members and expand benefits that provide additional promotional opportunities including outreach to members of surrounding area Chambers.

The Chamber meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at Snohomish Faith Church. These meetings offer business networking and programs that relate directly to keeping members updated on what is happening in the community. Chamber organization, meetings, events, and community information is available at [www.Snohomishchamber.org](http://www.Snohomishchamber.org).

The City of Snohomish provides a liaison to the Chamber Board meetings



Left: Snohomish Chamber Office Location; above: 2017 Membership Meeting Holiday Social—Business Card Exchange, 2017 Snohomish Easter Parade—Snohomish Chamber Easter Bonnet Contestant's Float

to report on economic issues within the City and contributes to Board discussion. The Chamber's monthly Community Coordinating Committee was organized to maintain a community calendar of events and to share the activity reports from representatives of 25 local service clubs, organizations, and city services.

The Chamber urges area residents to "Shop Snohomish" first and use local professional services to strengthen our local economy, support jobs, community services, and recreational amenities. The Snohomish Chamber takes pride in serving our business community and is devoted to helping it thrive and grow. **S**

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Planning Director then takes the recommendation into consideration before determining if the proposal meets all relevant design standards.

Members of the DRB are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council. They do not necessarily have to be residents of the city. Snohomish Municipal Code states the Mayor shall appoint people who are knowledgeable about design and aesthetic judgment. Desired qualifications for Board members include having expertise in architecture, history, building trades, landscape architecture, graphic/interior/industrial design, or land development.

**Current DRB members are:**

- **Joelle Blair**, Position 1, the Board's newest member. Ms. Blair has a background in interior design and historic preservation. She is a Snohomish resident.
- **Phillip Baldwin**, Position 2, is serving a second stint on the Board. He is a practicing artist and metalworker specializing in architectural metal work. He lives in the Snohomish Urban Growth Area.
- **Ron McNurlen**, Position 3, also is serving a second, non-consecutive term on the Board. He is a licensed architect and a Snohomish resident.
- **Joan Robinett Wilson**, Position 4, has been on the Board since 2012. She is a licensed architect who has designed several projects in the city, including the Snohomish Senior Center.
- **Yumi Roth**, Position 5, has academic and practical experience in architectural design. She has been a DRB member since 2014. She works for a company located in the Historic District.

The DRB meets on the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings, which are open to the public, start at 6:00 p.m. and are held at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue **S**

# Snohomish Lions Club: House Building Project

BY NED CARRICK

*In 1994, the Lions Club, using mostly private labor and materials, helped build the First Street (and Avenue B) public restrooms. As part of the work, the City agreed to maintain the facility. This is just one example of the many public/private partnerships over the years. Look forward to additional highlights of service organizations, who help create City projects, in future issues.*



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IN MARCH 2018 THE SNOHOMISH LIONS CLUB WILL OBSERVE its 89th birthday as a member of the world's largest public service organization—Lions International.

And just a few weeks afterward, this Snohomish service club will market a newly constructed three-bedroom home with an attached garage in order to raise funds for the express purpose of continued financing for the Lions Club's various community service projects and activities.

"All proceeds of this project go right back into the community," said longtime Lions member Hank Robinette, coordinator of the project, which is in progress on 16th Street, just around the corner from Pine Avenue. "Having money in the bank makes planning much easier."

The 1,700-square-foot home, located on a 9,200-square-foot lot, will have two bathrooms and a large garage. It was donated by club member Dale Deierling and family. The garage has housed the Lions Club's fund-raising "Weenie Wagon" hotdog concession trailer, which has been used at various community activities. The Weenie Wagon will now have a new home.

Serving as contractor is Joe Brandvold. Lions Club members consulting on the project include Duane Brandvold, Dale Deierling, Joan Robinette Wilson, Randy Smith, Ed Poquette, and Mike Edwards. **S**



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# Community-Neighborhood Policing

SINCE SEPTEMBER, I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TO SERVE THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH as your Police Chief. I wanted to briefly share with you my thoughts about how the Snohomish Police Department will continue to deliver professional police services in 2018, by focusing on community-neighborhood policing principles.

We are committed to our ongoing partnership with the City of Snohomish, working together to proactively address your public safety concerns. Daily, we face everything from resolving a parking complaint to assisting a family in crisis dealing with a loved one suffering from an opioid addiction. It is only because of meaningful partnerships with you, that we can help create safe neighborhoods throughout this great City. In 2018, Mayor Kartak and I are already working together on ways in which we can expand our Community-Neighborhood Policing efforts while keeping within our current budget.

## What is Community-Neighborhood policing?

“Community policing” is a 1990s term for what has been the foundation of modern policing profession since 1829, when Sir Robert Peel authored his Peelen Principles with the philosophy of:

*“Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police.”*

“Community First” is our motto and is the heart of your Police Department. We emphasize our motto “Community First” at every level and every position. You will see your Snohomish Police Deputies active and highly visible throughout the city on a daily basis, as well as involved in many community public events throughout the year.

An innovative community-based Neighborhood Watch program is being launched through the Snohomish Public Safety Commission, which will help establish a framework for creating a network of citizen partners that we truly look



*Communicating with local neighborhoods in Snohomish*

forward to working with. Additionally, our First Street Foot Patrols are returning with a renewed emphasis of engaged, positive police contacts along with firm but fair and professional enforcement of the law.

Please feel free to contact any of the members of your Police Department

with your comments, concerns and/or suggestions. You are also invited to keep connected with us on Facebook and by following us on Twitter. **S**

*Respectfully,  
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Chief of Police*

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## Information Services (IS) Department



*Information Services Manager Dock Leong (left)  
and Information Services Specialist  
Derek Sherred (right.)*

THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH INFORMATION SERVICES (IS) DEPARTMENT manages the City's Information Technology (IT) systems. The mission of the City of Snohomish IS Department is to maintain a robust and reliable IT infrastructure, provide effective services to the City's customers, collaborate with other departments in creating IT governance policies for the City, maintain and manage IT services with a focus on budgeting requirements and controlling costs, and participating with regional government agencies and organizations in working towards common technology goals.

The IS department maintains and supports the City's data and phone networks, servers and PCs, and peripherals and software applications. However, the IS department does not maintain or support the SCADA application that operates and monitors the City's utility system. The department works with other departments to coordinate research, evaluation, and

recommendation efforts on technology solutions including hardware and software applications. The department works closely with other city staff to identify and understand their concerns and questions related to technology needs and solutions for the City. The department also utilizes other regional government agencies and organizations as resources to identify technology related issues and solutions that are common in the public sector.

The IS department is supported by two staff members. Derek Sherred is the IS Specialist and has been with the City for over four years. Dock Leong is the IS Manager and has been with the City for over 12 years. Both Derek and Dock provide support to City staff and the City's network, servers, peripheral devices, PCs, and software applications. They also assist staff with research, evaluation, recommendation of technology solutions, and help

answer technology-related questions. Both IS staff members participate in project implementations, from start to completion. In addition, Dock coordinates with vendors and the City's Finance Director to review proposals, solutions, and contract agreements. Dock is also responsible for preparation and management of the IS department budget and major purchase recommendations and decisions. In 2017, the IS department worked with a vendor and successfully migrated the City's email services to an online email solution. This project provided a significant upgrade in personal email storage for city staff while enhancing email archiving capability and streamlining disaster recovery processes. This was a significant project since it directly impacts city staff and the City's ability to communicate with customers, the community, and other public agencies. **S**

# Calendar of Events

February 9-11

**Citywide Antique Sale**

[HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org](http://HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org)

March 3

**Snohomish Wine Festival**

[SnohoWineFest.com](http://SnohoWineFest.com)

March 10

**Snohomish Chocolate Walk**

[HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org](http://HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org)

March 31

**Easter Parade**

[SnohomishChamber.org](http://SnohomishChamber.org)

April 7

**Resident Household Cleanup**

[SnohomishWA.gov](http://SnohomishWA.gov)

April 21

**Citywide Parks Spring Cleanup**

[SnohomishWA.gov](http://SnohomishWA.gov)

April 28

**Snohomish Garden Club Plant Sale**

[SnohomishGardenClub.com](http://SnohomishGardenClub.com)

April 28

**Snohomish on the Rocks Distillery Festival**

[SnohomishontheRocks.com](http://SnohomishontheRocks.com)

May 3-September 27

**Snohomish Farmers Market**

[SnohomishFarmersMarket.org](http://SnohomishFarmersMarket.org)

May 6

**Snohomish Women's Run**

[SnohomishWomensRun.com](http://SnohomishWomensRun.com)

May 12

**A Charming Day in Snohomish**

[HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org](http://HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org)

May 19

**Sky Valley Motorcycle Show**

[SkyValleyBikeShow.com](http://SkyValleyBikeShow.com)

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