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I used to be an avid gardener, spending hours upon hours planting, dividing, dead heading and watering native plants and flowers in my family garden. I made it a personal challenge to have something blooming at all times during the spring and summer season, and coveted long lasting blooms and bold fragrances. It was in the garden I found peace and relaxation from a stressful job, and found that I was good at pairing plants with vibrant colors with foliage with unique textures. That was until I got a dog.

Sammie was the sweetest dog in the world, but loved to dig in the flower beds as much as I did. Whatever I planted, she dug out, leaving gaping holes where Hostas, Astilbe and Geraniums used to thrive. One day, I realized the futility of my efforts and threw down my trowel for another hobby. But I missed digging in the soil and craved the opportunity to return to one of my most favorite pastimes. So I was intrigued when I visited the Martha Perry Vegetable Garden in the Snohomish Valley, where volunteers grow produce year-round for the Snohomish and Maltby Food Banks, and Snohomish Senior Center and Community Kitchen.

Vegetable gardening is a totally different experience than flower gardening, but no less rewarding. In fact, I would say the satisfaction of watching seeds and starts become food, especially when grown for someone in need is far more gratifying. In 2018, the volunteers of Martha Parry Vegetable Garden delivered over 7,000 pounds of veggies.

The community garden is always looking for volunteers. You can learn more about their program by visiting www.snohomishgardenclub.com.

—Wendy

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On the Cover: Laura Hartman shows off healthy bounty from the Martha Parry Vegetable Garden

Kla Ha Ya Days

BY JOHN T. KARTAK, MAYOR

Life-long, family memories full of Snohomish culture are made during our signature Kla Ha Ya Days festival week in July. Remember decades ago when the carnival rides were bursting at the seams year after year at Averill Field? I learned an important lesson there once: Don't eat two super bacon double cheeseburgers and an order of fries right before going on the Rocko Plane amusement ride with a gal who loves to make the cage go rolling around upside down. No, nothing bad happened, but boy did that test my self-control. Whatever longtime memories you may have, my guess is they are likely the kind that belong in a Norman Rockwell painting.

The parade, the events, the circus, and every part of this nostalgic experience are connected across a timeline that harkens back to over 100 years ago. This is a tradition that unites all of us to future generations and to so many generations past. It brings us together in ways that melt differences and remind us of core values we share as a community. After all, the local native phrase, "Kla Ha Ya" literally means WE WELCOME YOU!

By and by, all this good, old-fashioned summertime fun has grown into an event that lasts for five days and takes place all over Snohomish, including Historic Downtown, Snohomish Station, Harvey Field, and Thomas Family Farm. Amazingly, for a small-town wingding, it has grown to become one of the largest and most popular festivals in Northwest Washington, attracting visitors and locals throughout the entire region.

A grand parade, the carnival, and a traveling circus are among the highlights, joined by delightful contests, a car show,



a 5k and 10k fun-run, outdoor movies, a talent show, soccer tournament, bingo games, skydiving demonstrations, kids' contests (baby crawl, treasure hunt, etc.) , a whole bunch of music, and endless eating competitions for ice cream, pie, and watermelon. Another highlight is the *Dunk Mayor Kartak* challenge following the parade. The Street Fair and Makers Market will

feature nearly 100 local vendors of arts, crafts, and hand crafted products. Local businesses will be represented, and food courts will be spread all around.

I have enjoyed the distinct honor and pleasure of working closely with the non-profit Kla Ha Ya Days organization and their Board of Directors throughout the year. It is amazing how many volunteers are helping! This is truly a large group effort, and while they happily work in the background, they should not go unnoticed. The board and their president, Andrew Urie, has been working with delegates from the Boys and Girls Club, Senior Center, Historic Downtown Snohomish Assn., Lions Club, Sky Valley Abate, Farmer's Market, "Snohomies" FB group, local businesses, local production company Own the Night Productions, the City of Snohomish, and many others. Thank you, Andrew! And a BIG thank you goes to this community. It has always been *the people* who make Snohomish great!



-John

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Pledge to Take Local Action

BY KAREN GUZAK, COUNCILMEMBER POSITION 2

I am in the middle of my 12th year of service on City Council, seven of those years as your Mayor. I'm really proud of the progress made during our years of the City Manager-Council form of government.

Here are some of our many accomplishments:

- Creation of Strategic Plans that led to hiring a full time Economic Development Director;
- Development of Centennial Trail and the Riverfront trail;
- Addition of several more parklands including the boat launch at the Ludwig Road park;
- Contracting with Snohomish County for our excellent police services;
- Establishing the voter-approved Transportation Benefit District providing funding for multiple street improvements;
- Upgrading our sewer treatment plant and reducing rates for both sewer and water;
- Creation of the award winning Pilchuck District to accommodate growth in our city;
- Working with the School District to develop the Aquatic Center;
- Return of Hal Moe to the city for a park;
- Supporting the Carnegie renovation for a community center (coming in 2019).

Now with past successes, we look forward to the challenges of the future. Moving from a local to a more global view, I think the greatest challenge facing us in this city and on this planet, is climate change and the deep disruptions that will ensue. There are hard truths about converging environmental, financial,



and social unraveling that we must face: Drought and floods, fires and extreme weather, and threats to food supplies and fresh water.

But we are a resilient small city and there are individual actions we can take. Along with many other cities, we have the unique power to take action. For example, we can decrease our use of plastics and fossil fuels, and individually be more aware of eating and shopping locally. We can increase our commitment to composting using our yard waste bins more effectively. We can retrofit our buildings to reduce energy use. We can engage in healthier ways of moving our bodies – walking and biking. We know we can be more mindful to “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”, and support a city policy that aspires to 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Let's all make this pledge and take local action. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

-Karen

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Wetland Regulations Update

BY GLEN PICKUS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

Developers may not like how regulations protecting wetlands get in the way of their plans but it is undeniable that wetlands provide beneficial functions worth protecting.

To ensure the city's regulations are up-to-date and use the latest best available science, as required by law, the Planning Commission has started a review of the current regulations. Wetlands have been an agenda item for two of the Commission's three meetings this year. At the last one on May 1, they started a review of new code language. That review will continue in June culminating in a public hearing later this summer.

Perhaps the most important reason for protecting wetlands is how they minimize flooding and erosion by storing stormwater. However, equally important is the fact they provide valuable wildlife habitat for not only migratory birds but native mammals, amphibians and insects. They also play a role in cleaning water through biofiltration and other means. These are only some of the many beneficial functions wetlands provide.

The best way to protect wetlands is to avoid impacting them to the fullest extent possible by limiting where development can occur. Another tool used to protect wetlands is by establishing a buffer around them. Buffer widths can vary from 40-225 feet depending on the quality of the wetland.

When impacting the wetland is unavoidable developers are required to



compensate for those impacts by creating new wetland area, adding buffer area, and/or restoring the plant community by removing invasive species and planting appropriate native species.

Sometimes wetlands are obvious but sometimes they are not. Three factors must be present for an area to be considered a wetland. There must be evidence of soils low in oxygen (because of the time they spend saturated in water); there must be hydrophytic plants

present (plants that thrive in low oxygen soil); and there must be evidence of wetland hydrology.

Wetland hydrology is frequently misunderstood. An area does not have to be wet year round to meet the necessary criteria. Indicators that soil within the rooting zone of plants has been saturated for at least two consecutive weeks during the growing season make it so.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in the process of updating the city's wetland regulations. Even if you're just curious, sit in on a Planning Commission meeting in the next few months. And if you want to contribute, your comments on the proposed code will be more than welcome.

For more information contact Director of Planning and Development Services Glen Pickus at pickus@snohomishwa.gov or visit the webpage created on the City website devoted exclusively to this code update project.

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Preventing Pollution from Pet Waste

The Poop PROBLEM:

Dog poop spreads diseases to people and pets.

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria, which can contaminate water and make people and pets sick. Pet owners might be surprised to learn that in Snohomish County alone, dogs produce more than 63 tons of poop every day!

All that pet waste can harbor 135 trillion harmful fecal bacteria—including E. coli, giardia, parvovirus, worms and other pathogens. Water quality studies show that many of the rivers and streams that run through our neighborhoods and cities now have high levels of bacterial pollution. When fecal bacteria levels are high:

- People and pets are more exposed to infectious diseases.
- Waterways can become unsafe for swimming or fishing.
- Shellfish beds are closed to harvesting.
- Other aquatic life can be endangered.

The Poop SOLUTION:

Scoop the poop, bag it and put it in the trash!

Why is this the best disposal method? Because landfills are designed to safely keep pet waste contained, monitored and out of our streams. For healthy people, pets and waterways, AVOID these less effective methods:

- Composting: Yard waste bins and compost piles do not get hot enough to destroy harmful organisms.
- Flushing waste down the toilet: This method is generally not practical and will overload a septic system.
- Burying waste or using anaerobic digesters: These allow pathogens and excess nutrients to contaminate soils and streams.

Plastic bags are a hot topic these days. Many local communities including Snohomish have approved restrictions on retailers' single-use plastic carryout bags. Our ban will take effect Jan. 1, 2020. Soon, the Legislature will implement a statewide ban as well, leaving many wondering if it is still okay to sometimes use plastic grocery bags to pick up poop. The answer is YES! Always pick up after your pet.

And speaking of poop...



AT HOME, scoop at least weekly, especially before it rains.

Unseen bacterial pathogens can be tracked indoors on paws, shoes, and flies. Some pathogens can survive in your yard for weeks or years.

ON WALKS, bring extra bags, scoop every time, and throw it in the trash.

Be prepared. Always keep bags and a flashlight on your leash. Watch closely when dogs are off-leash. Scoop even in tall brush.

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What's Happening West of D Street?

The retail shops on First Street are a huge draw, with diverse offerings from new apparel to vintage threads. Snohomish has a reputation for having tons of antique stores, but that's not all this main street has to offer. Venture west of Avenue D to extend your downtown experience with a host of new businesses and visitor attractions to enjoy.



Shackelford Vintners

For more than twenty years, the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau operated a Visitor Information Center at the corner of Avenue D and First Street. Now that most people receive information via their phones or on-line, Snohomish County decided to vacate the building and streamline their visitor services program. This vacancy provided an opportunity for the City of Snohomish to reimagine potential uses for the building that could:

- draw visitors west across Avenue D to other businesses, services and parking
- provide commercial services that will generate retail sales tax
- generate revenue through rent, and;
- eliminate the need for city staff to provide daily maintenance and support

In January 2019, the city advertised for a commercial tenant and extended a one-year lease agreement to Ron and Anne Shackelford, owners of Shackelford Vintners to relocate their tasting room. Ron and Anne are busy updating the building and making minor interior improvements. They hope to be open June, 2019.



42 Metal Designs

When you walk or drive past Gagnon Welding located in the former historic Snohomish Iron Works building, you may not realize that Ryan Gagnon's thoroughly modern fabrication operation is side by side to the original fixtures and electric belt motor system that powered the historic equipment of yesteryear. Thanks to Ryan's commitment to preservation, all of that equipment is intact and operational.

Today, Ryan and his team design and manufacture many of the region's most popular restaurant interiors, and exterior gates, stairs and railings for commercial and residential construction. This summer, their 42 Metal Designs showroom and corner store will be open to the public featuring garden art, furniture, architectural metals, alphabet letters and iron finials.

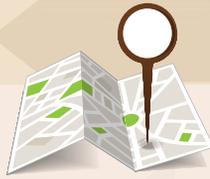




Art Culinaire

Heads up foodies because something special is cooking west of Avenue D. Art Culinaire, the exclusive distributors of the Lacanche French range just opened their new North American headquarters right here in downtown Snohomish.

Though their appointment-only showroom is in Seattle, Art Culinaire founder and CEO, Stan Barrett, brought his headquarters to Snohomish because he loved the vibe of the historic downtown and neighborhood, and the accessibility to the Snohomish River and other outdoor recreation opportunities.



Riverview Wildlife Refuge

It's not just commerce and industry that are reason to cross Avenue D. Don't forget Riverview Wildlife Refuge is a peaceful oasis in the heart of the city, combining a variety of habitats in a location that is convenient and central to downtown. The trail walk is easily covered in about three hours and views of the Snohomish River can be enjoyed while checking the trees and shrubs for resident and nonnative birds. Pilchuck Audubon owns four acres of the refuge and is proud to have had a role in creating this special wildlife sanctuary. Circle back through to the Snohomish Riverfront Trail for a spectacular extended walk through historic downtown to experience all that it has to offer.



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Meet Sukhpreet Dhaliwal, Project Engineer

Tell us about yourself.

Well, my name is Sukhpreet Dhaliwal, but as long as I can remember, I have been called Monty. I am a California native, grew up in the Bay Area and moved to Washington in 2015. I have Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering. Prior to working for the City of Snohomish, I worked for the City of Seattle Department of Transportation as an Associate Civil Engineer, where I managed City of Seattle's 150-plus public railroad crossings for safety and mobility and worked closely with my counterparts at Union Pacific and Burlington North Santa Fe Railroads. It was a very unique and satisfying experience, unlike anything that I had ever worked on before.

What do you enjoy about your job?

First and foremost, I'd say it's the commute. Having worked for a larger organization, where positions are compartmentalized, I learned I will have the opportunity to quickly turn my ideas into reality. I am blessed to have supportive and caring colleagues who do not shy away from answering my questions, and lending their experience and expertise to enhancing my projects. Lastly, my family and I love the small-town look and feel that Snohomish has to offer.

What is the biggest challenge you are working on?

Currently, I am finishing up the design for a couple of exciting projects and putting them out to bid to have them undergo construction in the summer. Perhaps, one of the biggest challenges is continuing to have work-life balance, while becoming familiar with all aspects of my position and ensuring I continue to accelerate my learning curve.



How do you enjoy your off time and why?

My wife and I welcomed our first child in late-February and I love spending time with her. I enjoy teaching my nieces basketball, and tossing the Frisbee with them at the park. My family and I find it very relaxing to travel and explore all of what Washington has to offer. We look forward to seasonal festivals and events all around Snohomish County to gain new experiences and build fond memories.

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BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Whether running errands, commuting to work, or simply getting exercise, trail users need to interact safely and positively with other traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular. The best way to avoid collisions is to be prepared and aware of others around you.

Keep right. Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.

Use no more than half the trail when you are in a group or with a pet so as not to block the flow of other users. Wheeled participants (cyclists, bladders, skaters) must ride in single file unless passing.

Be predictable. Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.

Give an audible warning before passing. Always pass to the left. Give a clear signal by using voice, bell or horn before passing. Give the people you are passing time to respond. Watch for their reaction.

Pets must be on a leash. (max. length 8 ft.)

Obey all traffic signs and signals. Use extra caution where trails cross streets and driveways. Stop at all stop signs and intersections. When entering or crossing a trail yield to traffic on the trail.

When stopping, move off of the trail. Beware of others approaching you from behind and make sure they know you are pulling over.

Be respectful of private property. Trails are open to the public, but often the land adjacent to the trail is private property. Please respect all property rights.

Pack it in, pack it out. Do not leave glass, paper, cans, plastic, or any other debris on or near the trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.

Alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and drugs are prohibited. Don't overestimate the safety of the trail. You may need all of your reflexes quickly. Do not have them impaired.

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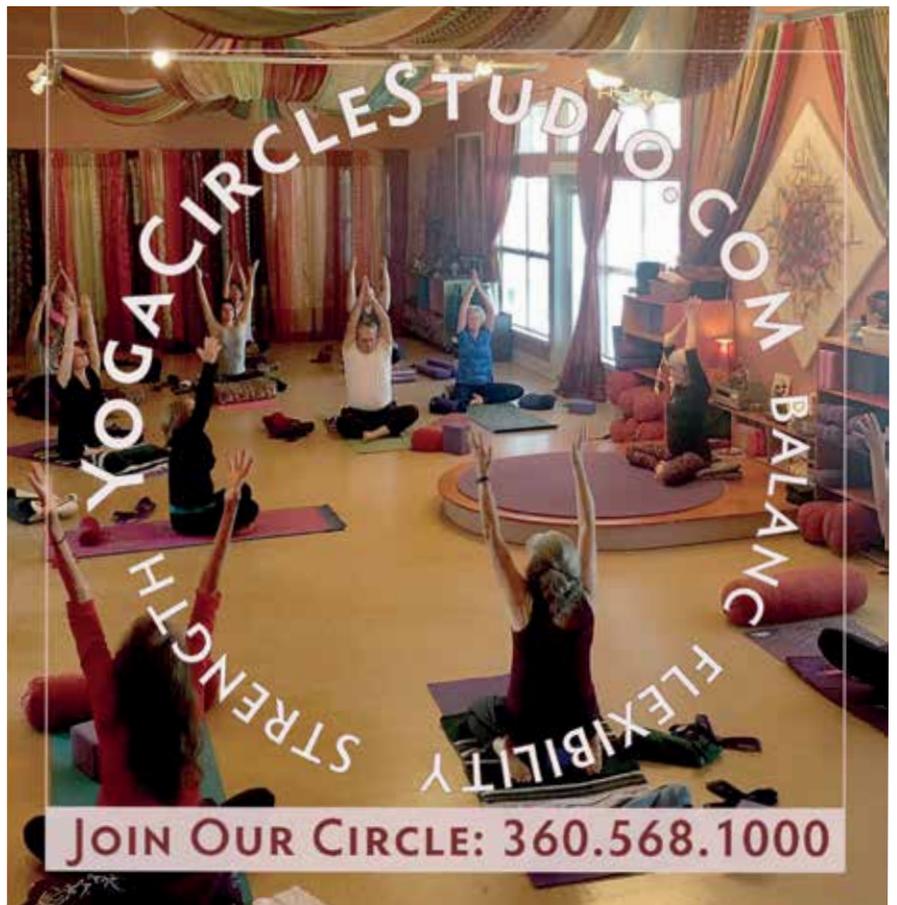
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New Street Sweeper to Serve Snohomish

Spring cleaning got a little easier for city public works staff with the purchase of a new street sweeper.

In July, 2018, the city received notice from Snohomish County that they would no longer provide street sweeper services. City staff spent months researching alternative sweeping options, ultimately recommending the purchase of a RAVO sweeper to provide the needed flexibility, efficiency and responsive service times necessary to maintain safe, clean and debris-free streets. “It was because we had our own sweeper that we could quickly clear the sand following our big winter snow event,” said Mayor John Kartak. “That’s imperative, as we can’t afford to have the debris enter into our stormwater system,” he said.

The cost of the new sweeper was \$243,323.11, plus tax and fees. Funding for the sweeper came from both the

city’s Equipment Replacement Fund and Stormwater Utility Fund.

The city’s street sweeping program prioritizes clean and debris-free streets, and is overseen by Snohomish public works staff. “The more consistently we

sweep our streets, the less contaminants and solids end up in our catch basins, downstream stormwater systems, rivers, and wastewater treatment plant,” said Steve Schuller, City Administrator and Utility General Manager. “It also helps us achieve our goal to become more environmentally sustainable,” he said.

Public works staff designed a repeating sweeping schedule that divides the city into five areas. They spend roughly two days sweeping each area, with the historic downtown receiving additional attention as needed. All city streets are swept in their entirety every five to seven weeks. This means that all city streets are swept a minimum of 10 times per year. The schedule is shown at left.

If an emergency situation arises elsewhere in the city and public works crews are pulled away from street sweeping, they will return to normal leaf and debris removal duties the following week.

Street Sweeping Schedule

WEEK 1

In front of Claytown Park,
between Ave H & Ave I
on Fourth Street

WEEK 2

On Fourth Street
between Ave B & Ave C

WEEK 3

On Tenth Street, east of Ave A

WEEK 4

On 22nd Street, between
Park Ave & Pine Ave

WEEK 5

Arterials

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**May–October: Thursdays
Farmers Market**
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**May 8
Sunssets in Snohomish**
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**May 11
Charm Walk**
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**May 15
Evergreen 1/2 and 5 Mile**
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**May 19
Sky Valley Motorcycle Show**
skyvalleybikeshow.com

**May 30
Snohomish Garden Tour**
snohomishgardenclub.com

**June 5–7
United Invitational**
snohomishyouthsoccer.org

**June 13
Sunssets in Snohomish**
historicdowntownsnohomish.org

**July 17–21
Kla Ha Ya Days**
klahayadays.com

**July 26
Movies in the Park**
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**August 7
National Night Out**
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**August 2 & 9
Movies in the Park**
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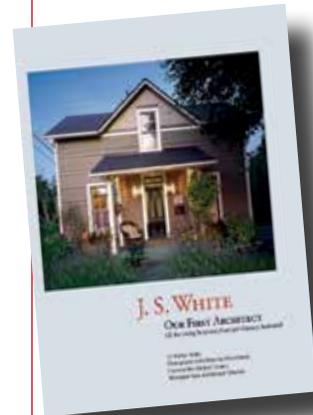
**August 10
Sunssets in Snohomish**
historicdowntownsnohomish.org

**August 11
Hard Cider Festival**
snohomishciderfest.com

**August 15–18
Bigfoot Soccer**
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The Blackman House Museum

The story of the Blackman Brothers is a story of enterprise, ingenuity and determination. The three brothers, Hyrcanus, Elhanan and Alanson operated logging camps, a general store, apple orchards, and were involved in mining. Hyrcanus also operated a hotel, and was the city's first mayor.

The Blackman Brothers opened their first sawmill on the Snohomish River in 1875, employing 10 men. (They also had eight oxen and four mules!) The mill burned to the ground under suspicious circumstances in 1889, but was quickly rebuilt. Two years later, the operation employed 175 men.

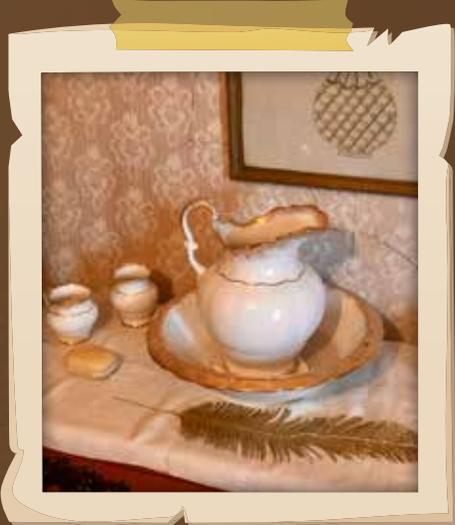
Elhanan Blackman invented the tripper shingle machine — a carriage holding a block of cedar that is tripped by a ratchet action, moving the block in and out from the saw, creating a shingle with each pass. Soon the mill was producing 10 million shingles a year, even drying them in the first kiln of the county, which made shipping cheaper. Of all the many mills in the area during this time, the Blackman's was the first one to produce more lumber than could be sold locally, meaning that they were ready when rail service reached Snohomish in 1889 to ship their product east. Red cedar shingles from the Pacific Northwest were in high demand back east, and the brothers are credited with starting the booming success of the shingle industry in the NW.

The Blackman House was built by Hyrcanus and Ella Blackman in 1878, and is the only home to have survived of the three built on Avenue B by the Blackman brothers. They raised their children, Clifford and Eunice, and enjoyed a busy social life.

But not everything was roses for the Blackmans. Influenza, and other diseases impacted the family. Around 1907, Ella and Hyrcanus began to divide their time between Snohomish and their Wenatchee orchards. Elhanan and Alanson preferred Whidbey Island.

This house sat empty for several years during the sixties until one day, a newspaper editor noticed that the front door ajar and upon entering, discovered that the home had been vandalized.

The nonprofit Snohomish Historical Society bought the home from the Blackman family in 1970, and restored it for public use and education purposes. Two floors, including a living room, kitchen, parlor, and sleeping quarters are filled with artifacts and objects, many belonging to the immediate or extended family, or other early pioneer settlers.



The historic Blackman Museum is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. or by appointment. School field trips are encouraged and historic themed events are planned regularly.



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