



# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## ***Emerging Shoreline Rules Balance Community Objectives***

State law requires that the City have special policies and regulations for all land area within 200 feet of the Snohomish River, Pilchuck River, and Blackman's Lake. Snohomish's Shoreline Master Program (SMP), first adopted in 1976, is getting an over-haul with the assistance of a \$125,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The SMP update must conform to specific guidelines established by the Department of Ecology, but the City has some discretion regarding which rules are applied where. A special Citizen Advisory Committee was formed in 2010 to guide the update process and document. Early draft policies and regulations for our shorelands were recently shared with the City's Planning Commission.

One of the most-discussed topics so far is how to apply regular shoreline protections in the downtown area, where the river's edge is highly altered and the prospect of creating new, viable habitat is limited. The Planning Commission, in its initial review of the draft SMP, concluded that the shoreline of the Snohomish River in the vicinity of the downtown area should continue to serve as a cultural and economic amenity, rather than transition back to a natural, riparian state. With this approach, the environmental restoration and enhancement that would otherwise be required there will instead be located elsewhere. The City will need to demonstrate to the Department of Ecology that this strategy will not harm fish or wildlife.

The draft SMP will be released in the upcoming months and public hearings will occur before final action is taken by the City Council. For more information, contact Corbitt Loch at (360) 282-3170 or loch@ci.snohomish.wa.us.



*Snohomish River Through Downtown*

### ❖ ❖ **Calendar 2011** ❖ ❖

#### ***Liquor Advisory Committee***

Monday, October 10 - 6 p.m.  
Police Station  
230 Maple Avenue

#### ***City Council***

Tuesday, October 11  
Workshop - 6 p.m.  
Gilbertson Board Room  
1601 Avenue D

#### ***Design Review Board***

Wednesday, October 12 - 7 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
116 Union Avenue

#### ***Civil Service Commission***

Thursday, October 13 - 6 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
116 Union Avenue

## October 7, 2011

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### ***Centennial Trail Update***

Strider Construction Co. Inc. is making progress in building the missing link of the Centennial Trail here in Snohomish. Please contact Ann Stanton, project manager at Stanton@ci.snohomish.wa.us or 360 282-3195 with any questions.



*View south from Fourth Street*

### ***Council approves grants for Tourism Promotion***

Tourism is an important economic driver for the City of Snohomish. Each year the Council awards grants from taxes collected on overnight lodging stays at the Snohomish Inn and the local bed and breakfast facilities. For 2012 projects the Council has awarded \$10,000 in all to the following recipients.

Arts of Snohomish received \$1,200 for a plein air project titled “Painting Historic Snohomish” which is scheduled for Sept. 2012 in conjunction with the annual home tour.

City of Snohomish Economic Development received \$1,200 to produce a travel blog with stories focusing on the events, activities and tourism assets of the community.

Historic Downtown Snohomish received \$2,100 towards a multi media advertising campaign promoting the downtown.

Snohomish Chamber of Commerce received \$2,500 to market the Snohomish Wine Festival in March 2012.

Snohomish Senior Center received \$3,000 to market the Snohomish BrewFest and to expand it to a two day event in October 2012.

### ***Carnegie Work Begins***

Testing of various sorts is underway at the Carnegie building this month. The test results will document existing conditions as needed to prepare construction plans and specifications to complete a grant-funded project to strengthen the building in order to better withstand earthquakes. Seventy-five percent of the funding for this work is being provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The balance of funding is provided by the Washington State Emergency Management Division together with local funds derived from Carnegie building rental fees and donations from the Snohomish Carnegie Foundation.



*Susan Beckham of Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. evaluates core samples for soil bearing capacity at the Carnegie building this week*

# It's the Great Pumpkin Race Charlie Brown!



A Snohomish School District Elementary School  
Cross Country Invitational

**When?** Friday, October 14, 2011

**Where?** Snohomish Veterans Memorial Stadium

**Who's Eligible?** Snohomish School District elementary students in grades 1-6

<b>Race Distances?</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade – 800 meters	2:30 p.m.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade – 800 meters	2:50 p.m.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1200 meters	3:10 p.m.
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 1200 meters	3:30 p.m.
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 1600 meters	3:50 p.m.
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 1600 meters	4:10 p.m.

#### **Awards, Refreshments and Concessions**

- Certificates for every participant
- Ribbons for all runners
- Great Pumpkin Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls in each grade

**Return the entry form to your P.E. teacher by Monday, October 10.**

**No entry fee!**

**Questions? Call Dan Parker at (360) 563-7553 or Dave Le Warne at (360) 563-4137**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F (circle)  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Release:** In the event it becomes necessary for Snohomish School District staff-in-charge to obtain emergency care for your student, neither he/she nor the Snohomish School District assumes financial liability for expenses incurred because of accident, injury, illness and/or unforeseen circumstances.

I have read the activity information and understand the school district will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe environment. I am fully aware of any risks inherent in participating in this type of activity. Being fully informed as to these risks, I consent to my child participating in the activity. If I am signing on behalf of a minor, I recognize that I may not release any claims the minor may have. However, I also agree to hold harmless and indemnify Snohomish School District for any claims brought by the minor or others due to the negligence of the minor.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Transportation to and from this event is the responsibility of the parent.



# **Snohomish BREW FEST**

**Oct 22, 2011**  
**3 PM—7 PM**

**Brews, Feasting and more...**  
Introducing the "Original" Snohomish Sausage  
**Snohomish Center**  
**506 Fourth Street, Snohomish**  
All proceeds benefit the Snohomish Senior Center

[www.FestivalofPumpkins.org/Brewfest](http://www.FestivalofPumpkins.org/Brewfest)

