

# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

#### **Election Deadline Approaching**

Remember to complete and mail your ballot for the November 2, 2010 election.

Ballots and Voters' Pamphlets have been mailed out for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Voters choosing to return their voted ballot through the mail must ensure that it is postmarked no later than November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Voters may also return their voted ballots, postage free, to any 24-hour secure ballot drop box located in Snohomish County. For a list of all locations, visit <a href="http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Elections\_Voting/Ballot\_Drop\_B\_ox.">http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Elections\_Voting/Ballot\_Drop\_B\_ox.</a> All drop boxes will be closed at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### Update Your Emergency Preparedness By Reviewing This Basic Supplies List

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it might take days. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer.

## Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- <u>Food</u>, at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- <u>Dust mask</u>, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelterin-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger

## Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
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   Emergency Financial First Aid Kit PDF, 277Kb) developed by Operation Hope, FEMA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your information
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from <a href="www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a>
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

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- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe, or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

### ¤♦ Calendar 2010♦ ¤

#### City Council

Tuesday, November 2 Regular Meeting - 7 p.m. Gilbertson Board Room 1601 Avenue D

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 3 - 7 p.m.
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D