



# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## *Police Officer Sworn In*



The City's newest Police Officer was sworn in by Evergreen District Court Judge Patricia Lyon at last Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Josh Benson comes to the City of Snohomish Police Department with five years of prior police officer experience, split between Sedro-Woolley PD and Marysville PD. He became a certified peace officer upon completion of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in 2006.

Josh received his diploma from Kamiak High School in 1999 and was married three years later. Josh and his wife of nine years, Genesse, live with their three children in the Lake Stevens area. His family was present to witness the swearing-in.

We are proud to have Josh serving the City of Snohomish as one of our law enforcement family members. Please give Josh a warm "Snohomish" welcome!

## **\*\*\*INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN\*\*\***

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This is only a test. An informational briefing document on the test can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

## ***Three Hour Time Limited Parking to be Implemented Downtown***

The City Council voted on October 18<sup>th</sup> to set three hour time limited parking on designated streets in the historic downtown business district. The time limits will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. seven days a week, including holidays. Generally speaking, the time limited areas are south of Second Street on Avenues D, C, B, A, Union Avenue, and Glen Avenue; First Street from Avenue D to Cedar Avenue; and on Cedar Avenue south of Rainier

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Street. Please note in some instances there are other parking restrictions in place currently and they override the three hour limits. ADA designated spots are exempt from the new limits.

The City moved forward with the recommendation at the request of the Historic Downtown Snohomish business association and after working since April with the City's Parking Technical Committee whose members have been studying various parking issues around the City.

In addition to the three hour time limited areas in the historic downtown business district, the City will make two thirty minute short term parking spots available in each block between Avenue D and Union Avenue to be used for loading and unloading and quick stops.

The signs that will be installed to inform parkers of the change have been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks.

The City will only be issuing warnings with information on available long term parking to violators through December 31, 2011; after that, parking tickets will be issued and the tickets will be \$30 for the first violation, with escalating penalties for additional violations.

Longer term parking is encouraged on First Street west of Avenue D where the City recently completed the CSO project which added 45 available parking spots. Long term parking is also available at the City Hall parking lot at 116 Union Avenue on the weekends and on legal City holidays, and the Carnegie parking lot at 105 Cedar Avenue (unless otherwise posted). Residents will be mailed more details about these changes in the next few weeks.

The City and the Historic Downtown Snohomish business association will be monitoring the changes closely and will be reporting back to Council if the time limited areas have achieved the goal of having 15% of the available parking spaces available during the applicable times.

## *TPA Grants from Snohomish County*

Snohomish County is currently accepting applications from private, public, and nonprofit agencies for projects that develop and promote tourism in the county under the new **Tourism Promotion Area** program.

The purpose of the funds are to grow our tourism economy through increased visitor spending in Snohomish County lodging establishments, as well as increase retail, restaurant, transportation, attraction, and other local spending. Annually, the travel industry generates nearly 9,000 jobs and \$797.6 million in direct visitor spending in our County.

Project applications will be reviewed by the Tourism Promotion Area Board of Directors who will make recommendations to the Snohomish County Executive and County Council for final approval.

Funds will be available beginning in January and will be awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who can exhibit that their projects generate overnight room stays in lodging establishments in the County.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements are included in the application package, which must be filled out and returned to Snohomish County's Office of Economic Development by 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 19. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered. **A public workshop to assist applicants will be held on November 8, 10:30 a.m. on the first floor of the Robert J. Drewel Building on the Snohomish County Campus.**

Applications are available at the City's website: [www.ci.snohomish.wa.us](http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us).

For more information on the program, contact Wendy Becker at (425) 388-3186 or [wendy.becker@snoco.org](mailto:wendy.becker@snoco.org).

## Centennial Trail Update



Paving machine placing steaming asphalt, followed by two roller-compactors on new section of Centennial Trail

Strider Construction Company's subcontractor, Cemex Construction, paved half of the Centennial Trail Extension this Thursday. Weather permitting, the remaining blocks of new trail will be paved today. Asphalt pavement at the additional parking area at the Senior Center and other trail-related road patching is scheduled for next week.

With curbs and trail asphalt in place, the project is progressing well, but is still under construction. Construction zones can be hazardous; we caution you to please wait until the new trail is completed before trying it out.

While most remaining trail work will be completed over the next month, the open lawn seeding is planned for next spring, to wait for the warmer weather needed for the seed mix to grow.

Questions? Please visit the City's website or contact Project Manager Ann Stanton at (360) 282-3195 or [Stanton@ci.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Stanton@ci.snohomish.wa.us).



Trail looking south from Sixth Street

### ✧ ✧ Calendar 2011 ✧ ✧

#### *Design Review Board*

Wednesday, November 9 - 7 p.m.

City Hall Conference Room

116 Union Avenue

#### *Veterans Day*

Friday, November 11

City Hall CLOSED



## **Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test - November 9, 2011**

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### **WHAT PEOPLE WILL HEAR AND SEE DURING THE TEST:**

- This national test may look like regular local EAS tests that most people are already familiar with, but there will be some differences in what viewers will see and hear. The audio message will repeat "This is a test." The video message scroll may not indicate "This is a test." The message will last for approximately three minutes and then regular programming will resume.
- This is **only** a test.
- The public should not be alarmed by the simultaneous test, and should only call 9-1-1 if they have a true emergency requiring a response from police, fire or emergency medical services (EMS).
- For more information go to <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/eas.pdf>.