

Snoqualmie City Hall

Snoqualmie City Hall was dedicated to the community in January 2010. It centralizes citizen access to city services by housing the Mayor's Office, the City Administrator's Office, and five departments including Finance & Administration, Building, Parks & Recreation, Planning, and Public Works. Through consolidation of staff that were once located in five separate buildings, the City looks to increase public interaction and enhance interdepartmental productivity.

The City Council Chambers are located in City Hall. The Chambers serve as a meeting place for council meetings and the City's many committees, commissions, and boards. This space is also used for special events such as town hall meetings.

The location of City Hall is significant. Built near the center of the original town, today's City Hall stands on land first developed 55 years ago by the Snoqualmie Volunteer Fire Department, serving the purpose of fire station, public meeting place and city hall.

As the city has grown, so has the need for an expanded City Hall. Although much of Snoqualmie's current population resides on Snoqualmie Ridge, city leaders felt it was important to maintain a presence downtown and serve as an anchor for downtown revitalization. Through development of the Downtown Master Plan, the city is moving toward revitalizing its retail core, improving infrastructure, and integrating design features, while preserving its historic character and heritage.

Council Chambers with murals by Dick Burbans



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Office of the City Administrator (425) 888-1555
City Clerk (425) 888-1555
City Attorney (425) 831-1888
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Building Department (425) 888-5435
Communications/PIO (425) 888-1555
Finance Department (425) 888-1555
Information Technology (425) 888-1555
Parks & Recreation Department (425) 831-5784
Planning Department (425) 888-5337
Public Works Department (425) 831-4919

Police Department (425) 888-3333
34825 SE Douglas Street

Fire Department (425) 888-1551
37600 SE Snoqualmie Parkway

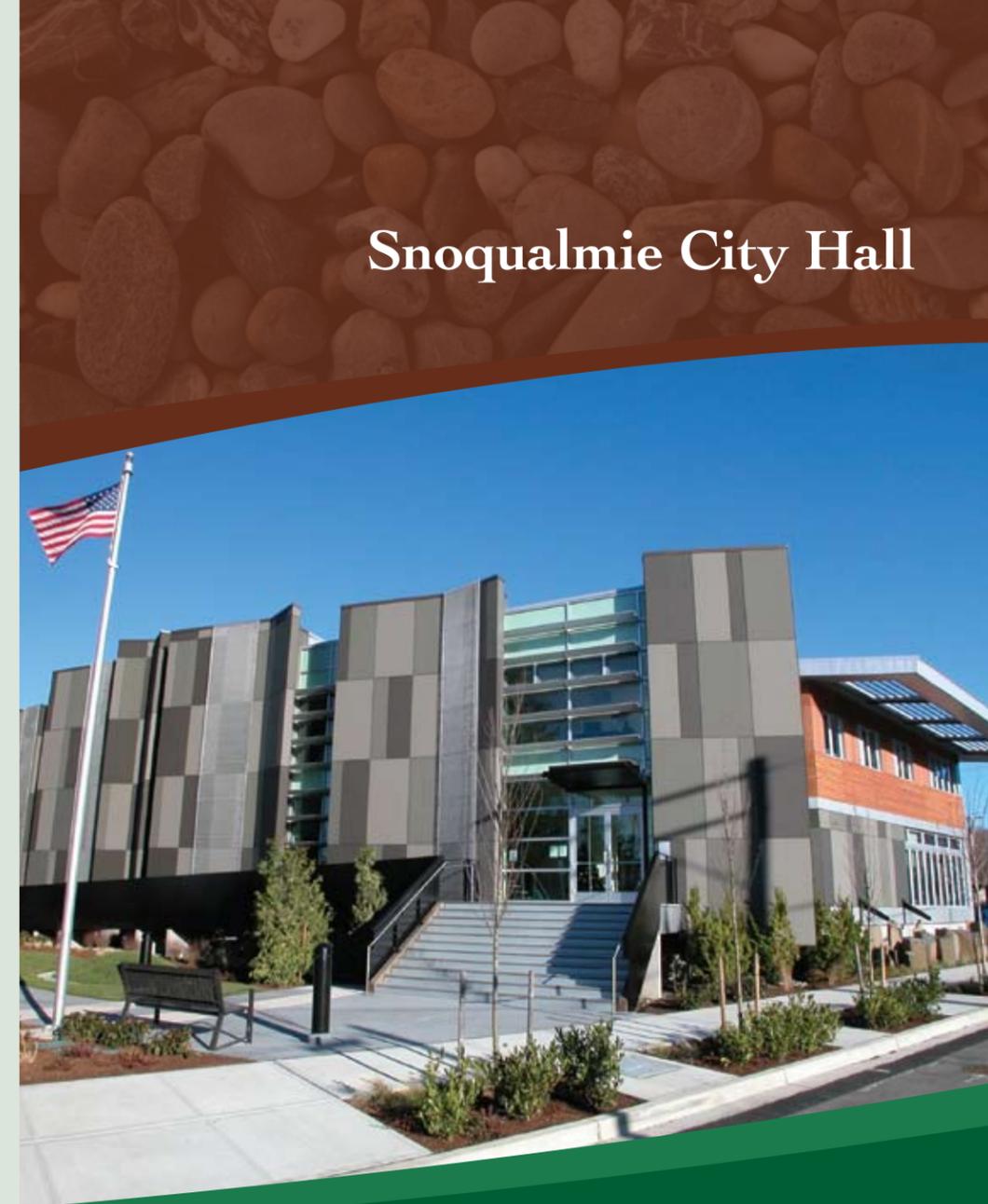
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Centralized city services.

An anchor for downtown revitalization.

A model of green building design.



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The City Hall Plaza complements the building architecture with a unique lawn design and positioning of benches and lighting. It is surrounded by a variety of regional trees and plants and provides a meditative green space for visitors to City Hall and for city employees. The plaza is also used for civic gatherings.



The design of City Hall is intended to reflect the surrounding scenic beauty of Snoqualmie. The west side is inspired by Mount Si with natural colors, varying heights and angles, and green screens that will eventually be covered with vines. The landscape architecture includes drought-tolerant plantings, stream and waterfall elements, bridges, and varying placement of rockery.

A Commitment to Sustainability

Easier access to city services is one of the many benefits of centralization. Another is the ability to increase energy efficiency and move toward stronger environmental stewardship. The city expects to save upwards of 30 percent of its building energy costs due to the consolidation of department locations. To further increase energy efficiency, City Hall incorporates natural ventilation rather than a conventional air-conditioning system.



Building elements that significantly reduce energy use:

- Natural ventilation system to move fresh air through building, reducing energy usage while increasing oxygen and thermal comfort (Exception: Council Chambers)
- Radiant floor heating and cooling system (heated and chilled concrete slabs) to create a 'constant temperature indoor environment'
- R38 insulation (made with recycled content) to keep heat out in the summer and cold out in the winter
- Gas-fired condensing boiler to convert more fuel into useful heat, produce less carbon dioxide, and maximize space efficiency
- Exterior shading devices to prevent solar heat gain and improve natural lighting quality of interiors
- Optimized 'low-emissivity' window glazing to reduce heating and cooling needs; also filters UV wavelengths
- Multi-speed ceiling fans to increase air circulation and reduce energy costs

Sustainable materials used throughout City Hall:

- Low VOC paints and adhesives (*VOC = Volatile Off-gassing Compounds*)
- Certified 'Green Label' carpet with recycled content
- Recycled wood pulp countertops
- Low-flow and waterless fixtures in restrooms
- Drought-tolerant landscaping



There are two pieces of commissioned artwork in the lobby of City Hall, both made possible by the 1% for the Arts program. One is a painting of Snoqualmie Falls from its base by Kathleen Frugé-Brown. It consists of eight panels mounted individually on the west wall and is visible from both floors. The other piece is a hanging sculpture of glass and metal by Eden Rivers, positioned in a niche specifically designed for public art installation.