



cityofsnoqualmie.org

# City NEWS

First Quarter 2013

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## Calendar

*Details on city website at  
cityofsnoqualmie.org*

Kidz Love Soccer  
Instructional Program  
for ages 2-12  
February 26 – April 2  
Azalea Park  
Info: kidzlovesoccer.com  
or 425-831-5784

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt  
Ages 13-18  
March 29, 8:30pm  
Centennial Fields  
Picnic Shelter

Kids' Spring Egg Hunt  
Ages 1-12  
March 30, 10:00am  
Centennial Fields Park

City Meetings  
City public meetings  
are posted at  
cityofsnoqualmie.org;  
click "Calendar"

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City Offices Closed

New Year's Day Observance  
January 1

Martin Luther King Day  
January 21

Presidents' Day  
February 18

## The Results Are In: Proposition 1 Approved by Voters

Snoqualmie's Proposition 1 was approved by the majority of voters in the November election. That means the city will be able to maintain current levels of service for public safety operations and maintenance of parks and streets.

City Council Members will closely examine the many needs the extra funds could help meet. At the top of the list is the addition of a firefighter and a position for parks, buildings, and facilities maintenance. Other items include building security improvements at the Police Department, accreditation with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Fire Department capital maintenance, equipment for the Parks and Public Works Departments, and audible crossing signals, among many others.

Proposition 1 will help the City of Snoqualmie maintain current service levels, but the many grants city staff apply for are what makes new and continuing projects possible.

The Public Works Department has been granted approximately \$9 million in funding for projects such as development of the Tokul Roundabout; Phase II of the Town Center Infrastructure Improvement Project; signal, intersection, and sidewalk improvements; and other infrastructure projects. These grants come from various sources including the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Housing and Urban Development, Muckleshoot Tribe, and the Transportation Improvement Board.

The Snoqualmie Tribe and Casino contributed more than \$150,000 for city projects plus its annual contribution of \$100,000 for YMCA operating costs. Additionally, the Parks & Recreation Department received a King County Youth Sports Facility grant of \$75,000 for development of the soccer and baseball fields at Carmichael Park in partnership with the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association and Falls Little League.

The Snoqualmie Fire Department and Department of Emergency Management have secured approximately \$86,000 in grants for trauma care, CPR education in schools, purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) for city facilities, and emergency operations. These funds came from the Washington State Department of Health, King County Emergency Medical Services, and Homeland Security. The Snoqualmie Tribe provided \$50,000 for an emergency generator at the Snoqualmie Community Center/YMCA for emergency sheltering.

Grants have become increasingly difficult to obtain during cutbacks at the federal, state, and county levels. Granting agencies are now demanding a greater cost share and partnerships by local governments. For the past three years, we have assumed that the city can no longer depend on outside agencies to fund our many infrastructure needs and, consequently, have taken measures to increase city revenues to maintain service levels. Granting agencies have taken notice and, as a result of these efforts, the city has been successful in acquiring grants totaling more than \$10 million within a very competitive environment, making it possible to move beyond basic maintenance.

## Easy Checklists for Emergency Preparation

The Take Winter by Storm program makes it easy to be prepared. Go to [takewinterbystorm.org](http://takewinterbystorm.org) for helpful checklists and prepare for disasters now, not later.

Family Communication Plan  
Emergency Shopping List  
Vehicle Checklist  
Home Maintenance Checklist  
Home Inventory Checklist

[www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org)

## Nominate an Everyday Hero for a Give Good Award

Celebrate community involvement, volunteerism, and life changing achievements in the Snoqualmie Valley with a nomination for the Give Good Awards!

Award categories: Unsung Hero, Courage, Environmental, Educational Excellence, Arts, Business, Teen Spirit, Inspirational Youth, Youth Advocate, Parent Volunteer, and Spirit of the Valley

Learn more and submit a nomination at [givgood.org](http://givgood.org). Nominations are due January 31 for the March 1 award ceremony.

## Like Us on Facebook

Be sure to "Like" the City of Snoqualmie Government Facebook page to get up-to-the-minute city news, special event information, and emergency notifications. Check out the many photo albums!

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## New Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Homes

As of January 1, 2013, state law requires carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to be installed in all existing apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, and single-family residences. Owner-occupied single-family homes legally occupied before July 26, 2009 are exempt unless and until they are sold. The new Washington State Carbon Monoxide Alarm Law is part of continued efforts to prevent illness and the loss of life from CO poisoning. Detectors can be purchased at home improvement retailers, department stores, and online. For more information about the new law and safety precautions to take when operating CO emitting appliances, please visit [access.wa.gov/](http://access.wa.gov/) and search "Carbon Monoxide."

## Snoqualmie Community Center Wins Award

The Snoqualmie Community Center/Snoqualmie Valley YMCA was honored with the award for "Community Impact of the Year" by the NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Washington Chapter. Nominees for this award included Chihuly Garden and Glass and the LeMay Car Museum, among others. Watch the video about the Snoqualmie Community Center posted on the city website at [cityofsnoqualmie.org](http://cityofsnoqualmie.org) in the "Take a Look at Snoqualmie" box! The award was presented to Wallace Properties, which arranged the financing and development of the community center.

In less than a year of being open, the YMCA is serving more than one-third of the city's population through paid memberships and ongoing non-member activities for Snoqualmie Valley residents. Program schedules and information is available by calling 425-256-3115. Or stop by the Y for a tour at 35018 SE Ridge Street!

## Reduced Rate Services Available for Lower Income Residents

There are many reduced rate options available for city water services and other utilities for residents who meet low-income requirements.

- **Water Utilities:** Learn about low-income discounts for water services by calling Snoqualmie City Hall at 425-888-1555 or visit the "Services & Utilities" pages at [cityofsnoqualmie.org](http://cityofsnoqualmie.org).
- **Electricity and Natural Gas:** Call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773 or check the "Accounts & Services" pages at [pse.com](http://pse.com) for information about low-income assistance programs.
- **Internet:** Comcast offers internet service for \$9.95 per month for families who have a child that receives free or reduced priced school lunches. Call 1-888-846-8376 or visit [internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com).
- **Garbage and Recycle:** Waste Management offers disabled customer carryout service at no additional cost for those who can provide a doctor's note or handicap permit as proof. Call 1-800-592-9995 or go to [wmnorthwest.com/snoqualmie](http://wmnorthwest.com/snoqualmie).
- **Pet Licensing:** Discounted pet licenses are available for pet owners who are 65 or older or who have proof of a disability. Service animal are eligible for a free pet license. Forms and information are posted on the King County website at [kingcounty.gov/safety](http://kingcounty.gov/safety) or call 206-296-7387.

## Human Services Funding Allocated for Valley Organizations

Each year the City of Snoqualmie assigns 1% of its general fund to community and human service organizations that serve the greater Snoqualmie Valley and provide services that benefit children, seniors, individuals and families in need. These services are often provided by municipalities, but because the City of Snoqualmie does not maintain staff with expertise in these areas, it contracts the services through funding to local organizations that provide aid for food, shelter, clothing, counseling, and safety throughout the community.

Funding for 2013 was awarded to the following agencies: Eastside Baby Corner, Encompass, Friends of Youth, Lifewire (formerly Eastside Domestic Violence), Mt. Si Food Bank, Mt. Si Senior Center, North Bend Community Church, St. Vincent de Paul, Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Foundation, Snoqualmie Valley Pet Food Bank, and Two Rivers School (Snoqualmie Valley School District).