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City NEWS

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Calendar

Details on city website at
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**Kidz Love Soccer
Instructional Program**
February 28 – March 28
Azalea Park
Info: kidzlovesoccer.com
or 425-831-5784

CPR Class
February 7, 6 - 9 p.m.
Snoqualmie Fire Station
Register at 425-888-1551

First Aid/CPR/AED Class
March 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Snoqualmie Fire Station
Register at 425-888-1551

**Snoqualmie Library
Programs & Events**
kcls.org/snoqualmie

**Snoqualmie Valley YMCA
Programs & Events**
ywhatsnew.org/snoqualmie

**Meadowbrook Farm
Tours, Classes & Programs**
meadowbrookfarmpreserve.org

**City Meetings
for committees, commissions
and boards are posted at
cityofsnoqualmie.org;
click "Calendar"**

City Offices Closed

New Year's Day
January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16

Presidents' Day
February 20

New Police Chief Selected for Police Department

Mr. Perry Phipps will become the new police chief for the Snoqualmie Police Department. Phipps accepted a formal offer of employment from Mayor Matt Larson and will officially begin his service in January 2017, pending City Council approval.

"I am confident Perry will be a great addition to our Police Department and the city as a whole," said Mayor Larson. "We have experienced a time of transition and look forward to the progress his leadership will bring."

Phipps was selected from a wide field of applicants following interviews with Mayor Larson, City of Snoqualmie administration, city department directors, two Snoqualmie City Council members, North Bend Mayor Ken Hearing, police department staff, and several community members, as well as extensive testing and background checks. Phipps was most recently the police captain for the Visalia Police Department in Visalia, California.

"Perry has extensive on-the-street experience as well as broad and deep management capabilities," said City Administrator Bob Larson. "He will be leading police personnel that serve the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend. We are certain he will ensure a healthy and safe environment for both communities."

Thank You to Snoqualmie Voters for Approval of Prop. 1

On November 8, Snoqualmie voters approved Proposition 1, the Public Safety Levy, which will fund a public safety plan, including hiring two additional police officers and one additional firefighter.

"Approval of this levy is an important success for public safety in Snoqualmie," said Mayor Larson. "Hiring for these positions will help maintain appropriate service levels and response times for police, fire, and emergency services, and the goal of 'No Call Too Small' can be ensured."

The recruiting process has begun to seek and hire the most qualified men and women. It is the City's highest priority to provide the fastest and best public safety services possible.

Contact Us!

Please contact the City of Snoqualmie when you have questions, concerns, or suggestions!

City Hall

425-888-1555

info@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us

Fire Department

425-888-1551 or 911

Police Department

425-888-3333 or 911

Parks & Public Works

425-831-4919

Community Development

425-888-5337

Recognition for Great Work by City Employees

Each year, Mayor Matt Larson recognizes outstanding city employees who have gone above and beyond in their work. They have implemented innovative ideas, cost-cutting measures, exemplary customer service, and teamwork.

Following are those recognized for 2016:

Ryan Barnett
Phil Bennett
Jim Berman
Lt. Jacob Fouts
Brian Gasper
Tania Holden
Debbie Kinsman
Ken Knowles
Jerry Knutsen
Sue Luhman
Matt Miller
Tomm Munro

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City Supports Services for Valley Residents in Need *\$136,000 Allocated to Local Service Organization*

The City of Snoqualmie assigns 1% of its general fund each year to community and human service organizations that serve the 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.

In 2017, the City will allocate \$136,000 to the following agencies: Valley Renewal Center, Encompass, Fall City Community Food Pantry, Friends of Youth, Mt. Si Senior Center, Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, Snoqualmie Valley Pet Food Bank, Sno-Valley Indoor Playground, St. Vincent de Paul, and Two Rivers School. We thank these organizations for their invaluable contributions and service to our community.

New Stewardship Partnership Preserves Open Space *Volunteers Help With for Invasive Species Removal & Replanting*

The new Green Snoqualmie partnership helps steward Snoqualmie's extensive forested open space. Our forests within the City are beautiful, but problems are beginning to arise for their health and future. While most of the species in the forest are native and have been growing here for millennia, some new species that have been introduced intentionally or accidentally can become invasive, outcompeting native shrubs and trees.

The partnership is a combined effort between the City of Snoqualmie, Forterra, the Snoqualmie Ridge Residential Owners Association, King Conservation District, Mountains-To-Sound Greenway, King County Noxious Weed Control Board, Mount Si High School, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and YOU. The success of the initiative depends on citizens willing to volunteer their time occasionally to help remove invasive species, and replant with native trees and shrubs.

Event and Volunteer Information: greensnoqualmie.org

Is Your Home More than Ten Years Old? *Your Smoke Alarms Need More than New Batteries*

The National Fire Protection Association recommends replacing all smoke alarms every 10 years. It's easy to remember: 1 – 6 – 10. Test smoke alarms every month. Change the batteries every six months. Replace alarms every ten years or when they are non-responsive during testing. To determine the age of your smoke alarm, look at the back to find the date of manufacture. Replace combination smoke-carbon monoxide alarms according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Among the top causes of house fires are candles, cooking, electrical problems, heating, and smoking. An estimated 9,300 home structure fires were started by candles in the five-year period 2009-2013, according to the NFPA. Candles can be dangerous for small children and curious pets. Please use them with caution and consideration for hazards. Education info and activities for all ages: nfpa.org

Please contact the Snoqualmie Fire Department at 425-888-1551 if you have any questions.