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Winter 2020

## Special Events

**First Aid/CPR/AED Class**  
February 8, 9 am – 3 pm  
Snoqualmie Fire Station  
Register: 425-888-1551

**CPR Class**  
March 10, 6-9 pm  
Snoqualmie Fire Station  
Register: 425-888-1551

**Kidz Love Soccer  
Instructional Program**  
March 13 – April 10  
Azalea Park  
Register: kidzlovesoccer.com

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

**Snoqualmie Valley YMCA  
Programs & Events**  
bit.ly/SnoqYMCA

**Meadowbrook Farm  
Classes & Guided Walks**  
meadowbrookfarmpreserve.org

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**City Meetings**

**Council, committee, and  
commission meetings  
are posted at**  
[cityofsnoqualmie.org](http://cityofsnoqualmie.org)

**City Offices Closed**  
January 1 and 20  
February 17

# City NEWS

## City Administrator Bob Larson Accepts Position with the City of Gig Harbor

Bob Larson has served as City Administrator for the City of Snoqualmie for more than fifteen years. In January, he will begin work as City Administrator for the City of Gig Harbor.

"We are thankful for Bob's many contributions to Snoqualmie and excited for his opportunity in Gig Harbor," said Mayor Matt Larson. "He has seen Snoqualmie through tremendous growth in population and economic health, streamlining our city departments and business systems, and elevating the city's customer service to residents and business owners. Bob has done an exceptional job serving the citizens of Snoqualmie and leaves an extraordinary legacy of which he should be very proud."

Bob Larson said, "It has been a privilege to have served as City Administrator in Snoqualmie, helping to establish a premier city. I have greatly appreciated my partnership with Mayor Larson and current and former City Council Members. I have especially enjoyed the opportunity to work with the city's talented department directors and all its dedicated employees. I am thankful to the Snoqualmie community for embracing my family as we raised our children."

## 2020 Census Will Make a Difference in Snoqualmie

The 2020 Census is nearly upon us. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate. This once-per-decade event provides critical data that lawmakers, teachers, human service agencies, and many others use to provide services and support for residents of all ages across the country and right here in Snoqualmie. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next few months, the City of Snoqualmie will be providing information about the census, including benefits to our city and residents. Please stay informed by following us on Facebook (@cityofsnoqualmie) and Twitter (@SnoqualmieGov), and subscribing to the City's weekly e-news by emailing [info@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:info@snoqualmiewa.gov).

Need a job? The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Apply online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

## Keep Storm Drains Clear Debris

Please help keep the entrance of storm drains clear of debris. Leaves, small branches and trash may plug storm drains and cause pooling that is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians.

Be cautious when clearing drains. If a drain needs attention beyond your abilities, please call the City Parks & Public Works Department at 425-831-4919.

## Sign Up for ALERT King County at [kingcounty.gov/alert](http://kingcounty.gov/alert)

Get alerts about emergencies in Snoqualmie and King County via phone, email, and/or text, such as:

- Boil water notices
- Flooding & snowstorms
- Major road closures
- Evacuations
- Emergency shelters



## Snoqualmie Police Narcotics K-9 Program Moves Forward

The Snoqualmie Police Department is moving forward with a Police Narcotics K-9 Program for narcotics detection and community education of the dangers of illegal drug use. The program will enhance safety in the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend. The Police Department will select an officer to serve as a dog handler through a formal process and that officer will receive 200 hours of narcotics detection certification training. The officer will continue to be a patrol officer with the added responsibility of enforcement of illegal drug activities. When not on duty, the dog will live at the officer's home. This program was unanimously approved by the Snoqualmie City Council. It will be funded through donations, including veterinary care and food supplies.

## Two Flooding Events in Just Three Months: Prepare for More

The Snoqualmie River near downtown Snoqualmie reached flood phase 4 in October 2019 and flood phase 3 in December 2019. The first caused damage to cars crossing flooded roadways. Both caused road closures.

This is the time to prepare for continuing wet weather. Flooding occurs not only on the mainstem of the river, but also backs up and floods low-lying areas. If you live or own property in Snoqualmie's floodplain, learn how to prepare for floods in the City of Snoqualmie Annual Flood Report posted at [cityofsnoqualmie.org](http://cityofsnoqualmie.org) on the Emergency Management Department page or email [info@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:info@snoqualmiewa.gov) and we'll send one to you.

## Ridge Loop Shuttle Links Downtown and Snoqualmie Ridge

Need to run errands around town? Snoqualmie Valley Transportation operates the Ridge Loop bus that can take you between Snoqualmie Ridge and downtown Snoqualmie. This route also makes stops at Snoqualmie Valley Hospital and Snoqualmie Casino. It runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., is fully accessible for wheelchairs, has bike racks, and costs only \$1.

Other Snoqualmie Valley Transportation services include the Downtown Loop between Snoqualmie and North Bend, the Valley Shuttle between North Bend and Duvall, Door-to-Door service available with an advance reservation, and additional routes. The Senior Ride Program is for people age 60+ who are unable to drive or use regular transit; local volunteers are available to provide transportation to and from medical appointments. Go to [svtbus.org](http://svtbus.org) for all the information to make your commuting more convenient and enjoyable or call 425-888-7001.

## Comprehensive Plan Docketing Process for 2020

The Comprehensive Plan docketing process provides an opportunity to propose changes to the city's Comprehensive Plan, zoning code, or development regulations per Snoqualmie Municipal Code Title 21. Proposals usually address new conditions or emerging issues and may propose changes to city policies or allowed land uses. Residents, businesses, or organizations may submit recommendations until October 31, 2020. Read the Comprehensive Plan on the city website at [cityofsnoqualmie.org](http://cityofsnoqualmie.org) under "Smart Growth." The docket form is on the website Forms Center.