



# City NEWS

snoqualmiewa.gov

Winter 2021

## City Services Available via Phone and Email

### General Requests

Mon.-Thur., 8 am – 5 pm

Fri., 8 am – noon

info@snoqualmiewa.gov  
425-888-1555

### Utility Billing

Mon.-Thur., 8 am – noon

twood@snoqualmiewa.gov  
425-766-3700

### Business Licensing

Mon.-Thur., 8 am – noon

www.FileLocal-wa.gov  
dkinsman@snoqualmiewa.gov  
425-766-2231

### Building Permits and Inspections

www.MyBuildingPermit.com  
jcooper@snoqualmiewa.gov  
425-888-5435

### Parks & Public Works

425-831-4919

info@snoqualmiewa.gov

### Fire Department

Emergency: 911

Business: 425-888-1551

### Police Department

Emergency: 911

Business: 425-888-3333

### Council & Committee Calendar and Meeting Access

All city meetings are held  
online and open to the public  
via Zoom and dial-in.

### Meeting Access Info:

snoqualmiewa.gov/calendar  
or info@snoqualmiewa.gov

## A New Year's Message from Mayor Matt Larson

While 2020 was a difficult year, 2021 is opening with a glimmer of hope with COVID-19 vaccines available and more on the way. I am thankful that Snoqualmie has had very few positive cases – one of those being me last March – and the community continues to be vigilant in safety measures. Despite challenges to our city budget, I was grateful that the City Council supported the continuation of our holiday lights downtown and on Center Blvd. We all need to seek ways to keep spirits bright during this difficult time.

Here are a few other bright spots that happened last year.

- Six thousand pounds of food was donated by residents during the Santa Parade for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank.
- Relief funding totally \$645,000 was provided to Snoqualmie businesses and non-profits serving Snoqualmie residents.
- The City Council approved \$464,574 to be allocated to local human services organizations over the next two years.
- Three blood drives at City Hall resulted in 515 units of blood donated to support Bloodworks Northwest programs. The blood is used at 80 hospitals including the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant received an Outstanding Performance Award from the Department of Ecology for the second year in a row.
- Snoqualmie was again recognized as the Safest City in Washington, making that five times Snoqualmie has received a safety award.
- Snoqualmie Police Officer Rick Cary received an award for Washington Air National Guard Outstanding Security Forces Airman of the Year.
- Snoqualmie Police Officer Jayce Gutzler was voted by readers of *425 Magazine* as Police Officer of the Year.
- Mount Si High School had its first ever Graduation Parade!

I wish you all good health, safety, and happiness with your families and (socially distanced) friends. Happy New Year!



## Testing for COVID-19

The Snoqualmie Valley Hospital offers testing as a drive-thru service. It is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Testing is recommended only for those with current symptoms or a recent direct and unprotected exposure to a known positive case.  
Info: [snoqualmiehospital.org](http://snoqualmiehospital.org).

## COVID-19 Assistance Hotline

1-800-525-0127  
Language assistance is available.

## Info & Resources

[coronavirus.wa.gov](http://coronavirus.wa.gov)

## Mental and Emotional Health Resources

Washington Listens is a free, anonymous service that provides support to people who feel sad, anxious, or stressed due to COVID-19. Call 1-833-681-0211. TTY and language services are available. More info: [walistens.org](http://walistens.org)



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## Snoqualmie Citizens Academy Goes Virtual with 14 Fun and Insightful Videos

The Snoqualmie Citizens Academy has gone virtual with 14 videos featuring the Mayor, City Administrator, department heads, and city staff sharing information about how the city works and the services it provides. You can watch this family-friendly course and learn from the comfort of your home. After you watch all the videos, email [info@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:info@snoqualmiewa.gov) to receive your Citizens Academy certificate to become an official City Ambassador. This may be a good way for students to earn merit badges. Learn more and watch the videos at [bit.ly/SnoqAcademy](http://bit.ly/SnoqAcademy).

## Calling All Residents to Take the Needs Assessment Survey

The city is conducting a survey to assess the immediate and long-term needs of our community as a result of COVID-19 and gauge the impact COVID-19 has had on Snoqualmie residents. Your input will help city staff and community partners determine how we can support you, your family, and your neighbors. Even if you have not been affected by the pandemic's restrictions, your input is important. All answers are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey at [bit.ly/SnoqNeedsSurvey](http://bit.ly/SnoqNeedsSurvey).

## Skookumchuck Wind Facility Provides Energy for City Facilities

Puget Sound Energy's new Skookumchuck Wind Facility is now providing renewable energy to its Green Direct customers, including the City of Snoqualmie. All facilities owned by the city, such as buildings, parks, and lift stations, are now powered by clean, renewable energy not derived from fossil fuels. The Skookumchuck Wind Facility is in Lewis and Thurston counties, and is the largest wind project in western Washington. Watch a fascinating video from PSE at [bit.ly/SkookumchuckWind](http://bit.ly/SkookumchuckWind).

## Reduced Rates on Utilities Available for Lower Income Households

Households with lower incomes prior to or resulting from the COVID-19 crisis can apply to a variety of programs for assistance including reduced rates on water utility bills. More information about the reduced rate program is available on the city website at [snoqualmiewa.gov/FormCenter](http://snoqualmiewa.gov/FormCenter) or email [twood@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:twood@snoqualmiewa.gov). Note: The city has temporarily suspended water shutoffs and assessment of late fees for accounts that are delinquent in payment or become delinquent for those who are economically affected by Governor Inslee's phased reopening of public places

## Comprehensive Plan Docketing Process

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 typically address new conditions or emerging issues and may propose changes to city policies or allowed land uses. Any individual, business, organization, or group may submit recommendations through October 31 of each year. 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 at [snoqualmiewa.gov/FormCenter](http://snoqualmiewa.gov/FormCenter).