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#### City Council Meetings Online and by Phone

Although City Hall is closed to the public due to COVID-19, city council and committee meetings are accessible to the public via Zoom or dial-in.

#### Meeting Access Info:

Sign up for Notify Me at [bit.ly/SnoqStayConnected](https://bit.ly/SnoqStayConnected)

Check the web calendar at [bit.ly/CalendarSnoq](https://bit.ly/CalendarSnoq)

#### City Events

Some city events have been cancelled due to the pandemic, however, there will be some in July and August to be announced!

#### See what's happening!

[facebook.com/cityofsnoqualmie](https://facebook.com/cityofsnoqualmie)

#### Red, White & Boom

The annual fireworks event is postponed. A new date will be announced by Serve Snoqualmie.

## Rick Rudometkin Approved as New City Administrator

The Snoqualmie City Council approved the hiring of Rick J. Rudometkin as the new city administrator for Snoqualmie. He served as the interim city administrator since January 3, 2020. Rudometkin's experience in Snoqualmie started with a major snowstorm, followed by flooding, and now helping to manage the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This has been a very interesting and rewarding start for a new job," said Rudometkin. "I've had the opportunity to dive into the thick of city operations during three crises, allowing me to quickly become a member of a great team of city employees. I have the challenge of leading in the new 'abnormal' and it has taught all of us new methods for serving our wonderful community. I look forward to a long tenure here in Snoqualmie."

Rudometkin has served in city and county government since 2003 in California, Colorado, and New Mexico, and was most recently employed at the City of Sammamish.

## Snoqualmie Moves to Phase 2 of Safe Start Washington

As King County moves into phase 2 of Washington's Safe Start Recovery Plan, the City of Snoqualmie has begun the process of re-opening park features. With more than 40 parks – including parks, playgrounds, sport courts, athletic fields, and open space – city staff are excited to move toward full opening.

- **Parks and trails:** Open. Maintain social distancing. The Three Forks Off-Leash Dog Park is also open.
- **Playgrounds:** Five or fewer children on play equipment at one time. Watch children carefully for social distancing and hand sanitizing. Age two and older should wear a face covering, but only if a caregiver is present. Please rotate use of equipment by children so all get a chance to play.
- **Sport courts and skatepark:** Open for groups of five or fewer. No organized sports. Please rotate so all can participate and wear a face covering.
- **Field reservations are limited for youth and adult team practices.** Groups must have a 'Return to Play' plan in place and separate groups to five or fewer players in each area. Games and tournaments are suspended until phase 3. Info: 425-831-5784 or [jquade@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:jquade@snoqualmiewa.gov)

Other city services continue online, by email, or by phone for water utility account services, business licensing, permitting, and general requests. More info: [snoqualmiewa.gov](https://snoqualmiewa.gov), [info@snoqualmiewa.gov](mailto:info@snoqualmiewa.gov), or 425-888-1555.



## Bus & Shuttle Service Updates

King County Metro is adjusting bus routes due to reduced revenue and ridership.

### Route 208 Restored to its full schedule

with service between North Bend and Snoqualmie to downtown Issaquah.

Schedule:  
[bit.ly/SnoqRoute208](https://bit.ly/SnoqRoute208)

### Route 628 Discontinued at this time.

### SVT Routes

SVT routes continue with many service options in Snoqualmie and the valley.  
[svtbus.org/425-888-7001](https://svtbus.org/425-888-7001)

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## Snoqualmie Recognized as Safest City in Washington

Snoqualmie has been awarded Safest City in Washington for the third year in a row by SafeWise! SafeWise ranks cities based on FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics and population data. Snoqualmie has received numerous safety awards in recent years, as well as awards for quality of life and environmental sustainability.

"We are pleased to once again be recognized as one of the safest communities in Washington," said Police Chief Perry Phipps. "We want to also recognize the combined efforts of residents and city personnel who keep our city a safe place to live, work, and visit."

## 7 Days of Free Summer Meals for Kids at the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

School breaks present challenges to families to provide healthy meals for growing children. The Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank meets this nutrition gap by providing breakfast, lunch, and snack items for kids in addition to regular groceries for their families. Seven meals worth of food for each child can be picked up on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 122 E. 3rd St. in North Bend. Complete the form at [snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](https://snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org) or call 425-888-SVFB. Other agencies that provide food for children and collect food donations are listed at [lovesnoqualmievalley.com](https://lovesnoqualmievalley.com).

## Census Data Impacts Funding for Schools and Human Services

The coronavirus pandemic and resulting state shutdown has had a devastating effect on local businesses, workers in Snoqualmie, and many of our residents. This takes a heavy toll on the local economy in all sectors, but with an accurate census count in Snoqualmie, many initiatives and programs can receive increased federal funding.

Schools receive federal funding to support free and reduced-price lunches, breakfast programs, after-school programs, Head Start, special education, classroom technology, Pell Grants, and many other programs.

Healthcare, public safety, human services, environmental preservation, and emergency preparedness are other examples that can be supported through federal funding. Let's not undercount Snoqualmie's population and miss out on funding. Fill out the census form online at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov).

## 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](https://cityofsnoqualmie.org) under 'Smart Growth.' The docket form is in the website Forms Center.