

The Woodinville Wire – January 2010

January 1, 2010

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CITY COUNCIL CORNER

MEETING NOTICES: JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Items for consideration in January: The City Council regularly holds its meetings on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Items for consideration include: 2010-2011 Council Committee and Liaison Assignments; First Reading of Ordinance No. 490: Sign Code Updates; Approval of Resolution 380: Amending Membership and Voting Rights to the Public Arts Advisory Committee; Review of the Woodinville Duvall Road Improvement Project; Continued Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 492: Franchise Cable Agreement with Comcast; Discussion of the 2010 Work Plan and Priorities; Discussion of City owned pocket parks, Discussion of Council Rules of Procedure; Parks and Recreation Commission Interviews and Appointments; Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 489: 2009 Annual Docket Downtown Zoning Code/ City Map Amendment; Approval of Resolution No. 375 Adopting the Proposed Parking Study; Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with King County for Jail Services. For a complete list of agenda items please visit www.ci.woodinville.wa.us. Please note that preliminary agenda items are subject to change.

City Council Public Hearings: The City Council will hold two (2) public hearings: January 5, 2010, continuation of the public hearing on Ordinance No. 492: Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Corporation and on January 19, 2010, covering Ordinance No. 489: 2009 Annual Docket Downtown Zoning Code / City Map Amendment

Council Packets are available for public viewing at Woodinville City Hall or Woodinville Library by the Friday preceding the meeting. Information on specific topics may be obtained on our website at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us.

How Do I Contact City Council?: Each month the public has the opportunity to discuss concerns, issues, or topics with the City Council during the public comment portion of regular meetings which are held the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Council Members are also

available by email or voicemail. You may view contact information and individual information about each Council Member by visiting <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/CouncilMembers.asp>.

City Council Actions in December: In December, the City Council approved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 487: Final Acceptance of Department of Ecology's Review and Approval of the City's Shoreline Master Program; Approved and filed the Treasurer Report for October 2009; Approved the Council Citizen Advisory Panel for Public Safety; Approved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 483: Adopting the Official City Street Map; and Approved Resolution No. 375: Designating "The Woodinville Weekly" as the official newspaper for the term of January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010.

CITY NEWS

***Please Note:** City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2009 in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Construction Updates:

Tourist District Roundabout Project: Construction work will resume on January 4, 2010, after a break for the holidays. The City expects that



construction will include sidewalk installation, finish marking traffic lanes, building of the trellis on the central roundabout, property restoration around the site, and landscaping work. Traffic at this intersection will be impacted and delays are expected, as day and night lane closures may be necessary to complete the construction. The



posted speed limit through the construction zone has been reduced to **25 MPH**. Please use caution at this intersection. Construction updates, including lane closures and construction schedules, will be posted on electronic reader boards near the project, as well as on the City's website at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/ProjectTouristDistrictRoundabout.asp. Additional updates are posted to Woodinville Television and the City's Travelers Radio Station AM 1610. For more information on this project, please contact Tom Hansen, Public Works Director, at 425.877.2291.

*A roundabout safety video is available on the City's Tourist District Roundabout and is also broadcasted on the Woodinville Television channel (Comcast channel 21, and Verizon channel 41). The Video offers information on how to drive through a roundabout, and navigating the roundabout as a pedestrian, so be sure to tune in to WTV to learn more. The video plays prior to and immediately following City Council Meetings.

Sports Field Project: Construction on the Sports Field Project, located at the southeast corner of 175th Street NE and 131st Avenue NE, began on November 2. The \$3.8 million contract was approved by the City Council on August 4. The project includes the construction of two new



full-size soccer fields, which can be used for baseball or Little League fields, a new synthetic turf field surface, field and pedestrian lights, and a fitness loop that will surround the facility. The new synthetic turf and night lighting will allow the new fields to be utilized year round. Over the next month, work will



focus on the placement the field turf, further work on the fencing, installation of field lights, and site development work on the northern portion of the field. Project update information is available via the City's website at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/ProjectCEC.asp. For more information regarding this project, please contact Clint Moyer, Assistant Public Works Director, at 425.877.2294.

Other City News:

City Lowers Property Tax Rate for 2010: On December 1, 2009, City Council approved Ordinance No. 493: Levy General Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010. This Ordinance set the levy amount for 2010 at \$2,909,294, plus new construction, which is a .8% decrease in property tax revenue from the previous year. The City of Woodinville is only one of 12 taxing districts in Woodinville; others include the Fire and Life Safety District, Northshore School District, Woodinville Water District, etc. King County will calculate a combined tax levy rate which is expressed by a dollar amount (\$) per thousand dollars of value; this rate is typically provided at the end of January or beginning of February. Once the County Assessor has determined the combined rate, you can determine what your individual property tax will be by dividing your properties assessed value by 1000, and multiplying by the combined rate of all taxing jurisdictions. The City's portion of your tax bill will be about 10% of the total amount. To learn more about property tax rates, visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/Assessor/PropertyTax.aspx>.

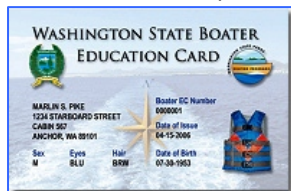
Tips to Consider on Your Next Home Remodel or Construction Project: As we move into the spring, it is often the time when people begin thinking about that home remodel or construction project. To help make this a positive experience, the City would like you to consider the following tips when selecting a contractor:

- Be sure to check your contractor's references (suppliers are a good resource)
- Check that your contractor has an active registration number with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries
- Contact the City of Woodinville to determine if the City or County requires permits
- Check to make sure that all inspections required for the project were completed before you accept completion with your contractor.



For a more detailed list to help you hire a contractor, visit the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries website at www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Contractors/HireCon/Checklist/before1.asp.

Washington State Boater Education: Beginning in January 2010, boat operators 30 years of age or younger must obtain a Washington Boater Education Card. This affects all citizens who operate a boat with a motor of 15 horsepower or greater in the State of Washington. The age group requirement increases each year until 2014. Boat operators born prior to January 1, 1955 are exempt from this requirement. For complete details on how to obtain your card, and when you will be required to get a card, please visit



<http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/boatsafefaq.asp>. There are several ways to obtain the card, which includes taking an online course, at home study, and classroom courses. Course options may be found on the State Parks website

at www.parks.wa.gov/boating/courseoptions.asp.

City Commission and Board Vacancies: The City is seeking volunteers to serve on several of its Commissions and one Board. Openings are currently available on the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Emergency Preparedness Commission, and the Tree Board. Commissions and

Board meetings are scheduled for evenings and generally meet once or twice a month. The deadline for application submittals is January 15, 2010. To obtain more information or to access an application, please visit www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/CommissionsPanels.asp, then select the commission that you are interested in.

Building Permit Data: The table below illustrates the valuation and total number of the building permit applications submitted to the City in November 2009.

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Permit	Applied	Issued	Valuation
Building	15	15	\$299,994.25
Land Use	1	3	\$0.00
Mechanical	21	24	\$0.00
Director Decision	1	3	\$0.00
Fire (alarms, sprinklers)	5	2	\$0.00
International Fire Code	13	27	\$0.00
Right of Way	7	9	\$0.00
Site Development	2	4	\$0.00
Temporary Sign	2	1	\$0.00
Sign	1	3	\$3,500.00
Totals	68	91	\$303,494.25

Winter Snow Removal Schedule: In the event of a snowstorm, the City will use its Snow and Ice Removal Route Map guides most of our snow removal efforts. During snow events, the City will first plow priority emergency routes to ensure that essential services (police, fire, and emergency response services) can respond to calls. Then the crews move on to arterial roadways and routes to and from school when it is in session. Once emergency service routes, major and minor arterials, and routes to commercial services are clear, the city will begin clearing residential streets. The City's resources (number of plows and staff) and the severity of the weather conditions will affect the ability of the City to clear the streets. The Snow and Ice Removal Route Map may be obtained on the City's website, <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Live/MapsView.asp>

Reporting Public Works Emergencies: Do you know what to do if you encounter a street or storm water emergency after hours? If you need to report a street, storm water, or public works maintenance emergency after hours, please call 911. A crew will be dispatched to the site as necessary.

City Events:

Woodinville Light Festival: Cold weather did not deter an estimated 1,000 guests from attending the 2009 Woodinville Light Festival at the Woodinville Civic Center Campus. On Friday, December 4, Santa arrived by fire truck amid a backdrop of thousands of holiday lights, community entertainment, and holiday activities, all taking place at Molbak's and the Carol Edwards Center.



The event featured 14 local choirs participating in the annual Choirfest, sponsored by BECU. The "People's Choice Award" honor went to Hollywood Hills Elementary Choir, directed by Serene Robeson.

The Teen Art Show had 149 works of art submitted, with the following first place winners:



Best of Show	Alva Wei	Iguana Hunt
Painting	Maddie Graham	All Star
Drawing	Mago Huang	My Personal Space
Photography	Paul Donelson	Simple Pleasures
3D/ Sculpture	Emily Reid	People
Other/Mixed Media	Danyelle Harp	All We See Is a Dream Within a Dream

The event was made possible through the combined efforts of the City of Woodinville, volunteers, and the following sponsors: Molbak's, Brittany Park Retirement Community, BECU, Buyer's Choice, Sunbelt Rentals, Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District, Woodinville Lion's Club, Woodinville Heritage Society, Woodinville Weekly, and the Woodinville Senior Center.

Volunteer Opportunities

Commission/Committee Vacancies: The Emergency Preparedness Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Tree Board are accepting applications for open positions. Please refer to the City's website at <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/CommissionsPanels.asp>, and then visit the specific Commission/Committee web page for the application form. Applications for the Commissions or Committee must be received by 5:00 pm January 15, 2009.

IN OTHER NEWS....

Washington State Department of Transportation Website:

To keep current with WSDOT projects, road conditions, travel times and road closures, go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/>.

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