

The Woodinville Wire - December 2011

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Featured articles this month include:

- Commission Vacancies
- Holiday Shopping Crime Prevention Tips
- Winter Snow Removal Schedule
- Winter Vehicle Safety and Preparedness Tips
- Building Permit Data
- Volunteer Opportunities
- City Hall Food Donation Drive

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

MEETING NOTICES: DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

Items for consideration in December: The City Council regularly holds its meetings on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Items for consideration include:

- Amendments
- Discussion of Summer Concerts
- Receive and File Police Department Crime and Traffic Report for 3rd Quarter 2011
- Discussion of Interim Committee/Commission Assignments

For a complete list of agenda items, please visit

http://woodinville.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2. Please note that preliminary agenda items are subject to change.

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 voice concerns, issues, or topics with the City Council during the public comment portion of regular meetings which are held the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday 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

www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/CouncilMembers.asp.

City Council Actions in November:

- Closed Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 531: Imposing a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Gardens
- Approval of Bid Award for NE Woodinville-Duvall Road Drainage Improvements with KLB Construction
- Continued Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 524: Downtown Zoning Code Amendments
- Received the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commissions Report to Council
- Approval of Implementation of the Economic Development Committee Recommendations
- Review of the Comprehensive Plan Elements

- Public Hearing and First, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 537: Extending the Moratorium on Transfer of Development Rights/Residential Density Credits
- Concurrent Public Hearings on the 2011 Mid-Biennial Review and Modification and Revenue Sources
 - Introduction of Ordinance No. 534: Proposed Modifications of the 2011-2012 Biennial Budget
 - Introduction of Ordinance No. 535: Levying 2011 Property Taxes
 - Introduction of Resolution No. 408: Establishing Fees for 2012
 - Introduction of Ordinance No. 536: Establishing Authorized Positions, Salaries, Wages, and Benefits for 2012
 - Introduction of Ordinance No. 538: Amending Ordinance No. 26 Referencing Chapter 9.08 of the King County Code Surface Water Management Program
 - Introduction of the Preliminary 2012-2014 Hotel/Motel Tax Spending Plan

City Commission and Board Information: Click on any of the following links to learn more about the City's Commissions and Board.

[Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission](#)

[Parks and Recreation Commission](#)

[Planning Commission](#)

[Tree Board](#)

Commission Vacancies

Serving on a citizen commission is a great opportunity to learn more about Woodinville and advise the City Council on City business. Whether you are interested in land use or helping the community prepare for emergencies, there is an opportunity for you to get involved! Currently, two commissions are seeking new members.

Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission Vacancy: The City of Woodinville is seeking volunteers to serve on the Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Commission. The Commission is a 9-member volunteer advisory board tasked with analyzing Woodinville's needs for public safety services, reviewing emergency management planning policies and procedures, reviewing public safety ordinances, and collaborating with community public safety organizations to promote and enhance community disaster preparedness. Applications will be accepted through December 7, 2011. Members serve a three-year term, and meetings occur twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. For additional information and an application, please visit our website at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Commissions/Panels/EmergencyPreparednessCommission.

Planning Commission Vacancies: The City is seeking volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission. The Commission is a seven-member volunteer advisory board tasked with:

- Reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on land use policies;
- Preparing/updating the City's Comprehensive Plan;
www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Work/ComprehensivePlan.asp
- Holding public hearings;
- Reviewing sub area and master plans;
- Reviewing/approving the design of proposed commercial buildings.

This Commission meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members serve a four-year term. Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2011. If you would like to submit an application, please go to the following link: www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/PlanningCommission.asp

CITY NEWS

City Hall Closures: City Hall will be closed on December 26 in observance of Christmas.

City Tips:

Holiday Shopping Crime Prevention Tips: The holiday shopping season is a time for fun and excitement, but it also may bring an increase in criminal activity. Taking a few preventative measures may help keep your holiday season safe and fun.

- Shop with friends or family whenever possible.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Always carry your Drivers License, and only have the amount of cash, checks, and/or credit cards you expect to use.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and be aware of strangers who approach you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse, as these present prime targets to criminals in crowded shopping areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages.
- Do not place purchases in a visible location within your car. If you need to leave them in your car, place them in the trunk.

Winter Snow Removal Schedule: In the event of a snowstorm, the City will use its Snow and Ice Removal Route Map as a guide for 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 crew will 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/Images/Maps/Snow%20Plow%20Routes.pdf>

Winter Vehicle Safety and Preparedness Tips: Now's the time to get your vehicle prepared for the winter. Here are a few tips to ensure that you are ready for winter driving:

- Have good winter tires (with plenty of tread)
- Carry tire chains, a scraper, and a bag of sand for traction on ice.



- Have an Emergency Supply Kit in your car. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provides a detailed list of items to include in your kit on their website, www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter/emergencykit.htm
- Do not use cruise control in wintry conditions. Briefly touching your brakes on snow or ice to deactivate the cruise control can cause your vehicle to lose control.
- Use your 4-wheel drive system wisely, as it does not help you to slow down.
- Perform preventive maintenance checks and service inspections on your vehicle. During the check or inspection, specifically look for these items: antifreeze (check concentration level), belts, brakes, battery, wiper blades, washer fluid, tire pressure, proper grade oil, lights, ignition system, and fuel system.

Be sure to check weather reports and check the mountain passes when you are planning a trip. WSDOT posts road conditions statewide on their website. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter to learn more about being prepared and driving in wintry conditions.

Other City News:

Building Permit Data: The table below illustrates the valuation and total number of building permit applications submitted to the City in September 2011.

City of Woodinville Building Permit Data September 2011

Permit	Applied	Issued	Fee Received
Building	16	11	\$12,766
Land Use	2	1	\$260
Mechanical	11	8	\$1,076
Plumbing	3	2	\$778
Combined Building	4	5	\$9,597
Fire (alarms, sprinklers)	3	5	\$817
International Fire Code	80	28	\$13,302
Right of Way	8	6	\$1,068
Site Development	1	2	\$5,368
Sign	4	4	\$784
Totals	132	72	\$45,817

Flu Season Information: Flu season is just around the corner, so now is a good time to start thinking of ways to minimize your risk to contracting the flu this year. Flu vaccines are updated every year to protect against current flu viruses. The following websites provide a wealth of information regarding the flu virus: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/immunization/fluseason/flufacts.aspx>
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Sport Field Rental Schedule Now Online: Everything you need to rent the Woodinville Sport Fields is available online. Just visit www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Play/FacilityRentals.asp to view information relating to rates, rental application, field use schedule, and a rental manual.

City Street Light Reporting: Did you know that you could report street light outages directly to Puget Sound Energy (PSE)? Reporting street light outages directly to PSE can expedite the process to restore broken lights. When reporting a light outage or problem to PSE, remember to gather some basic information; location of the light pole in question, light pole number, and the type of problem. To report a street light issue, visit PSE's website at <http://www.intolight.com/lightsout.htm>.

City Hall Lost and Found: As more people are using the Woodinville Sport Fields, the City is finding items left on the fields. If you have lost an item, it may be waiting for you in the City Hall offices. Found items are held for 45 days after which time the City disposes of the property. If you would like to know if your lost item was found by the City, contact us at 425.489.2700.

Reporting Public Works Emergencies: Do you know what to do if you encounter a street or storm water emergency after regular City Hall Operating Hours (7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-Th, and 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Fridays)? 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

City Hall Food Donation Box: City Hall will have its annual food donation box in the lobby of City Hall throughout the month of December. All non-perishable food items will be donated to the Woodinville Storehouse Food Bank for distribution to those in need. For further details visit The Woodinville Storehouse Food Bank website at www.woodinvillestorehouse.org/get-involved.html.



Sammamish River Stewards: Outdoor enthusiasts wanted! Volunteers are needed for monthly Sammamish River restoration projects. Volunteers work the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Project locations change each month between Little Bear Creek, Woodin Creek, and NE 145th Street sites, which are all located along the Sammamish River Trail. To view a map of the three project sites, click on the links below.



- [Little Bear Creek](#)
- [Woodin Creek](#)
- [NE 145th Street](#)

Bring work gloves and loppers, if you have them, and dress for the weather. This is a great volunteer opportunity for groups and individuals; all ages are welcome. Volunteers must complete a [Volunteer Agreement Form](#); those under the age of 18 must have a Volunteer Agreement Form signed by a parent before working. For more information visit www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Documents/Work/Volunteer_Event_Calendar.pdf

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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