

LAND USE BULLETIN



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This bulletin provides an update on all pending land use actions ranging from opportunities for citizen involvement and appeal of proposed development projects, to the meeting calendar for land use and planning related activities.



APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

PLANNING COMMISSION – is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

▶ Public hearing on proposed annual update of the Capital Improvement Plan 2013-2018.

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

**CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AT (360) 755-9717 FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON ANY PROJECT.**

▶ Burlington's Shoreline Master Program is slowly working its way towards final review by the Department of Ecology; still filling in some details, but *Thank You* to everybody who sent in the Gages Slough survey!

CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

1. Are you interested in helping make Burlington more pedestrian and bicycle friendly??? Do you have ideas for routes, trails, key streets that need bicycle lanes? Call NOW at 755-9717 to sign up for the **Burlington Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force**!!!!!! Now is the time to make a difference, whether it is a route along Gages Slough, safely navigating around Burlington Boulevard, or safe crossings at schools, we need YOU to partner with US!
2. Join the **Stakeholders Team** who will be working with the University of Washington Green Futures Laboratory looking at the long term future of the Retail Core in the I-5 corridor. Long term land use, architecture, more storm water rain gardens, connecting places, changing the land use regulations are some of the items on the agenda. The group will be formed before the end of the year and the project will be starting up in January 2013.



MEETING CALENDAR

- ▶ **CITY COUNCIL** — **Thursday, October 25 and November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ▶ **PLANNING COMMISSION** — **Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ▶ **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** — **canceled for October**

**Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at
833 S. Spruce Street ■ Burlington WA**

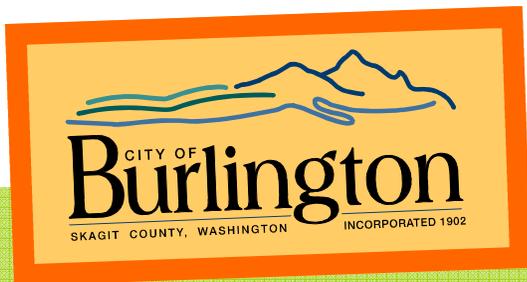
GAGES SLOUGH & SKAGIT RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE

▶ The National Weather Service has stated that this year is an El Nino year, meaning sea surface water temperatures are warmer than usual, which could mean we're in for a milder winter, slightly warmer and dryer than average. It is weak and could turn neutral, negating the predictions. Even if it doesn't, that smaller amount of rain could hit all at once, resulting in a flood, so be prepared! Everyone in Burlington should already be prepared for disaster because of living in the floodplain, and that includes earthquakes that could result in flooding in the event of a problem at one of the upriver dams. Keep that Emergency Kit updated and have your family plan organized at all times!

▶ Dike District #12 has a systematic plan for enlarging the levees so that they will first qualify for credit to help keep flood insurance rates lower, and eventually, they will provide 100-year flood protection under federal standards. The final project

design will add height to the improved levees as needed. Construction is underway at the upriver side of Gardner Road Boat Launch Ramp, and the Shoreline Permit is issued for the stretch extending to the Whitmarsh Road crossdike.

▶ New proposed National Flood Insurance Program rate maps were issued June 30, 2010, and a timely appeal was filed by the City and others on how much water gets here. The Director of FEMA has placed all new map adoptions on hold because they are changing their computer modeling (LAMP) to give some credit for existing levees, even when not certified as providing 100 year flood protection. No dates have been identified for action by FEMA. **For the long term, Burlington is taking the right steps, so stay prepared for emergencies, take steps to prevent pollution when you wash your car, plant some trees, and be positive!**



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in keeping up on events and issues in Burlington, please contact the Planning Department at (360) 755-9717 or stop by the office at 833 South Spruce Street. If you have neighbors who are interested in what is happening, we will be happy to put them on our mailing list!

