



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 – The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located at 833 South Spruce Street.

Public hearing on a proposed amendment to the contract rezone to allow the construction of up to **38 dwelling units in duplex or triplex structures** at the east end of **Gilkey Road (400 block), adjacent to Cascade Commons which is addressed as 1000 block S. Spruce or Neff Circle.** Applicant is Kevin Ware.

Public hearing on an application for a contract rezone to construct a **92-unit apartment complex** on a 3.36-acre parcel located at **677 Peterson Road.** Contract rezone is required to add a third story, increase impervious surface to from 70 to 75%, and increase maximum building size from 8,000 to 14,800 square feet. Applicant is Cedar Home Ventures, LLC.

Meeting Calendar for March

- Planning Commission meets on **Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.**
- City Council meets on **Thursday March 27 at 7 p.m.**
- The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated and you are invited to participate. **April 17, May 15, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.** Contact the Planning Department if you are interested – an evening meeting will be set soon!!!

Meetings are held in the Burlington Council Chambers located at 833 S. Spruce Street, Burlington WA

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in keeping up on events and issues in Burlington, please contact the Planning Department at 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!



Gages Slough & Skagit River Corridor Update

Gages Slough will continue to be a focal point for improving public access and restoring wetland habitat and water quality over the years to come. The trail under I-5 at Cascade Mall is scheduled for construction this year, and plans to make great connections for bicycles and pedestrians will be part of the update of the city's comprehensive plan, including boardwalks and trails along the Slough and bicycle lanes to connect to Skagit River Park and other destinations, such as the Burlington Levee.

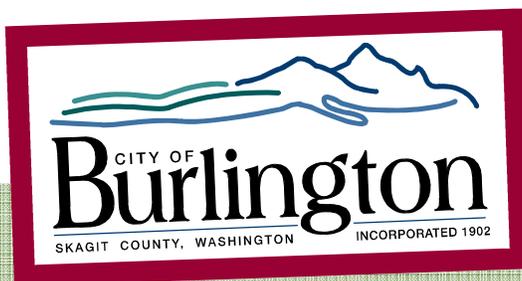
As the use of the railroad for hazardous material transport continues to increase, and earthquakes and floods are two of our very real natural hazards, Burlington is working to improve the Emergency Plans. Please take the issue of being

prepared at home, on the road and at work very seriously. Here is the list!!!!

Sign up for automatic notification of Local Emergency Alerts for your cell phones and those of friends and relatives! Only land lines are automatically dialed. For those of you with access to a computer, you can sign up at the website www.Skagit911.com, then press the Public Sign Up button. If you do not use a computer, you can pick up the form at City Hall 833 S. Spruce Street.

Review your emergency procedure at home with your household and take the time to put your Emergency Preparedness Kit together, or check your flashlight batteries in your existing kit.

Remember, a supply of drinking water, emergency food and first aid kit are the bare minimums, along with flashlights. In addition to the basic three day supply of food and water, consider having supplies for sheltering for up to two weeks. Keep a small "grab and go" kit for your place of work with food, water, first aid supplies. For the emergency kit in the car, add flares, jumper cables and seasonal supplies. "Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness" is available. If you want to order a free copy for your home, call 1-800-480-2520. On the internet, <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/> is the website link. A copy is available in the Burlington Public Library. **THIS COVERS THE BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT IN DETAIL.**



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LAND USE BULLETIN

Code Changes & Neighborhood Planning Issues

Update on Growth Management Act – The Growth Management Act Steering Committee met to discuss options on recommendations for population and employment forecasts for each community and the county as a whole. Population forecasts must be based on the State Office of Financial Management high, medium or low forecast. The 2010 population of Skagit County was 116,901. The population forecasts for 2036 show a projected growth that is much slower than the historical growth, in the range 0.9% -1.2%.

Burlington's future population growth will depend on how the community wants to set the future zoning and what the market will deliver in terms of opportunities for redevelopment, as there is very little residential land left that is vacant, but lots of areas that would be great for redevelopment, such as some of the land between Fairhaven Avenue and Avon/SR 20. This will be a very interesting update process!!!