

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, August 19, 2009 at 7 pm** in the **City Council Chambers** located at **833 S. Spruce Street**.



Public hearing on proposed contract rezone #1-09 proposed to increase the number of dwelling units allowed on a site from 4 units to 5, located at **705 Peterson Road**. The site is zoned R-3 multi-family residential. The applicant is AME Properties LLC.



Presentation and Discussion of the study on Demand for and Value of Density (Heritage) Credits, prepared by Thomas Lane and Bill Mundy. What are the options and opportunities for fitting the Burlington Agricultural Heritage Credit program into the Zoning Code? How can the regulatory framework be adjusted to enhance opportunities for great new development and redevelopment, not only in old Downtown but also in the Retail Core.

Board of Adjustment – the Board of Adjustment meeting is canceled for August.

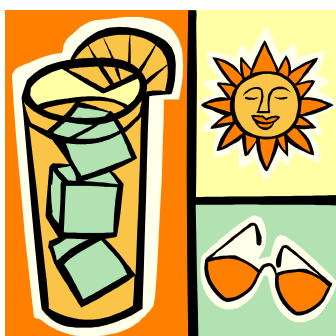
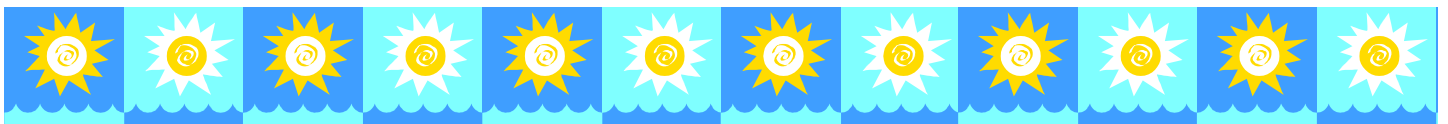
CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

Please contact the Planning Department if you are interested in participating in any of these programs and projects!!!

A Shoreline Master Program Advisory Committee will begin meeting this fall, developing a shoreline master program for Gages Slough and the Skagit River Shorelines. A major focus will be on restoration opportunities.

The Downtown Planning Group is working on development of Railroad Park and finalizing the new zoning code for the original Downtown area.

An Economic Development Committee is being set up in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce to look at a full slate of ideas and opportunities for Burlington's future.



MEETING CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- ▶ **CITY COUNCIL**—*Thursday, August 13 & 27, 2009*; at 7 p.m.
- ▶ **PLANNING COMMISSION**—*Wednesday, August 19, 2009* at 7 p.m.

*Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at
833 S. Spruce Street, Burlington WA 98233*

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN



CITY OF BURLINGTON AND DIKE DISTRICT #12 FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared when the design process is far enough along to be able to clearly address the issues. The project goal is to upgrade appropriate sections of the existing levees and construct new levees, or provide other measures as necessary to result in Certified Levees where appropriate to protect the City of Burlington's Urban Area. The purpose is to stabilize the base flood elevations for the long term future, ensuring predictable development standards, protect the public from the 100-year flood (which has a 1% probability of occurring in any year). Also, a parallel process is underway to complete National Environmental Policy Act review of the proposed levee setback in the three-bridge corridor.

CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 755-9717 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY PROJECT.

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 S. 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



Now is the time to get serious about Natural Yard Care and keeping household and automobile pollution from entering the storm drains or settling in the driveway, only to end up in Gages Slough and the Skagit River! There is great information available in the City

Chambers. There will be an update on a wide array of projects and programs, including what is happening in Burlington on Flood Hazard Mitigation. Burlington is focused on taking a realistic approach to protecting the community, and looking for ways to build on the quality of the environment while providing beautiful open spaces and habitat areas. This continues to be the greatest challenge for the region and the top priority to get all the interested parties to find a way to collaborate. From the local point of view, everything is looking positive in terms of being able to clearly address the issues and keep Burlington safe!

Hall Lobby.

Please plan to attend the annual meeting of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee on September 30, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council



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