



# December 2020



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If you are paying your bill with a check please remember to submit your payment stub located at the bottom of your bill or place your account number or address on the check.

It is the responsibility of the home owner to keep streets clean of leaves and debris to the center of the street.

Also of note: If you use a landscaping company, please inform them they are not allowed to blow leaves into the street.

**Reminder to wear masks whenever you are in a public area and stay six feet apart.**

City Hall is open for Essential City Business only, Utility payments should be dropped in one of the outside drop boxes to limit exposure.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **Meetings are open to the public by Tele-Conference**

If you would like to participate, please call City Hall to get the call in information  
If you have a disability that requires additional assistance please call City Hall.

### **City Council Meeting**

Monday, December 14th - 7:00 PM

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

Monday, December 28th - 4:30 PM

### **Parks & Recreation**

Tuesday, January 12th - 6:00 PM

City Hall will be closed Thursday—Friday, December 24th & 25th  
Friday, January 1st

### **Christmas Event**

See the Mayors message on the back for an update on this years Christmas event

### **Parks & Recreation Committee**

The Sublimity Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC) is now accepting applications for a 4 year term. Applications can be found online on the City website under Forms. Application must be submitted no later than

**Wednesday, December 9th**

### **Planning Commission**

The City is now accepting applications for a 4 year Planning Commission term. The term will begin on January 1st 2021. Applications can be found on the City website under forms.

All application must be submitted to City Hall by

**Wednesday, December 9th**

### **Budget Committee**

The City is currently accepting Budget Committee applications for a four year term. If you are interested, applications can be found on the City website under forms. Applications must be received by **December 31st**.

Hi Everyone,

With just a few days before Thanksgiving and this Thanksgiving might look different than previous ones, we have a lot to be Thankful for. I would ask everyone to use common sense when getting together for the Holidays. I think we can all have a great Holiday season and practice good social distancing. There is hope on the

horizon! Together we can get through this crisis. We should all be mindful of our local businesses that will need our support during and after this pandemic and wildfire crises.

We have decided to have a Christmas event on Saturday, December 5th, Chief Hume with Sublimity Fire and Tim Bielenberg with Mill Creek Carriage rides will go around town and spread Christmas cheer. Since we can not have a Christmas parade this year, we thought this is a good way to celebrate the Holidays and still be socially responsible. More details to follow.

In other news around town, Evan Kingsbury will be finishing up his Boy Scout Eagle project at the Sublimity dog park in the next few weeks. He is adding two benches, water fountain and a concrete entryway. The dog park will be closed until he can get the project completed. It looks like early December.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [james.kingsbury@ityofsublimity.org](mailto:james.kingsbury@ityofsublimity.org).

Jim Kingsbury

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#### Cold Weather Tips

- ◆ Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and outside portion of the pipes are fully drained. A valve inside many houses will shut off the water flow; then open and close the tap outside to release any water in the pipe.
- ◆ Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before. Pipes close to exterior walls can be wrapped with pieces of insulation. For particularly difficult pipes, consult a professional on how to select and apply heat tape. Caution: improper use of heat tape can cause fires. Pay special attention to indoor water meters. If the meter freezes, it can cause your basement to flood. Never put heat tape on the water meter to avoid damaging plastic components of the meter.
- ◆ Winterize unheated or vacant buildings.
- ◆ Before cold weather hits know the location of your water shut-off valve and test it regularly. If a pipe breaks you won't want to have to find it at that time.
- ◆ Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before the first freeze.
- ◆ If it gets below freezing for a longer period of time, keep cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks) open, so that household air can warm them. If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut. Crack a faucet farthest from the space where your water enters the house. A very slow drip will keep water molecules moving, reducing the chance that pipes will freeze.
- ◆ If you think a pipe has already froze, don't wait for nature to take its course: Thaw the pipe as soon as possible or call a plumber for help. If you do it yourself, shut off the water or test the shut-off valve; you don't want water suddenly gushing from the pipe when it thaws. Remember: when thawing, slower is better. Pipes that are warmed too fast may break.

#### **Frequently asked Questions at City Hall**

***Along with City Ordinance, you should always check with your CCR's before building accessory structures or parking a recreational vehicle in your driveway. CCR's take precedence over the City Ordinances.***

**Lost and Found:** City Hall has a lost and found. If you have lost something in one of the City parks, be sure to check with City Hall to see if it has been turned in. If you find that someone has left a belonging behind, you can turn it in to City Hall.

**Backflow Devices:** Backflow devices must be tested annually. A list of backflow inspectors can be found on the City website or at City Hall.

**Building a fence?** Please make sure you contact City Hall for a permit. Although there is no fee to build a fence, the city does have codes that need to be followed and they require approval.

**Building a storage shed?** Sheds under 200sq feet do not require a permit. If you are building anything bigger you must get a structural permit from the city and follow city codes.

**Parking on Street:** NO Parking of Cargo Trailers, RVs, Boats or any vehicle of any type is allowed on the street for more than 72 hours.