Volunteers Needed for Charter Amendment Committees

Every ten years the public has the opportunity to amend the Snohomish County Charter by public vote. In 2015, voters elected a Charter Review Commission to take on the task of proposing changes and additions to the County Charter that will be considered by voters on November 2016 ballot.

The County Council is looking for volunteers to join committees to write statements for (pro) and against (con) each of the seven propositions put forward by the Charter Review Commission. There will be a pro and con committee needed for each of the propositions, and each committee is allowed to have up to three members. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please submit a completed application to the Snohomish County Council no later than 12pm on Monday, July 18, 2016.

- **Proposition 1** - Commission on Human Rights
- **Proposition 2** - Public Advocate
- **Proposition 3** - Nondiscrimination
- **Proposition 4** - Hearing Examiner Appeals
- **Proposition 5** - Council Meetings
- **Proposition 6** - Appointment and Confirmation
- **Proposition 7** - Redistricting

Statements from these committees are due to the county by Tuesday, August 16th. Rebuttal statements in response to opposing committee statements are due by Friday, August 19th.
Historic Preservation Funds

In addition to the annual grant application process for Historic Preservation funds, small project rewards are available for 2016 that would provide $1000 to $2500 per project. The objective is to provide a resource for support of small requests that are of a value below the regular program threshold ($2500 minimum) and that are judged to be worthy of consideration by the Historic Preservation Commission.

These letter-based applications should be submitted directly to the councilmember representing the district in which the project is located. Councilmembers will review and prioritize the applications and forward them to the Historic Preservation Commission. While these funds are limited to a total of five projects in 2016, there has only been one letter submitted to date.

ECA 10th Anniversary Birthday Bash

In celebration of the Edmonds Center for the Arts 10th Anniversary Season, ECA will be hosting a free 'Birthday Bash' event on Saturday, July 30th from 3pm - 9pm. The Birthday Bash is an all-ages festival-style event, presented to the community as a thank you for 10 years of incredible support and partnership.

Reservations are not needed but shows presented in the main theatre will be on a first come first serve basis. Free tickets to those shows can be picked up in the ECA lobby on the day of the event.

Marketing and Operations Support For Tourism Programs

Snohomish County is accepting applications from non-profit and public tourism entities with a demonstrated ability to draw tourism and overnight stays in the county. Funds may be used for marketing and promotion of events which draw tourists to stay overnight in the county, and may otherwise be used only if projects strongly align with the Snohomish County Strategic Tourism Plan. Funds will be released January 2017 to competitive applicants who can complete proposed projects by Dec. 15, 2017. Details of eligibility and other program requirements are included in the application package, which must be filled out and returned to the Parks and Recreation Department by 5pm on Friday, September 2nd.

Upcoming Events

**Shakespeare in the Park** - Lynnwood - The Bard hath returned to Lyndale Park. To be, or not to be in attendance: that is the question. Witness these iambic adventures from 7 ‘til 9 and to this above all: to thine own self be true.

- July 13 - Hamlet
- July 14 - Hamlet
- July 20 - Love’s Labour’s Lost
- July 21 - Love’s Labour’s Lost
- July 28 - The Merry Wives of Windsor
- Aug 4 - Cymbeline

**Sunday Summer Concerts** - Edmonds - The City of Edmonds Arts Commission presents free outdoor summer concerts in City Park during
Greetings, friends!

We are not quite halfway through the summer season and still have plenty of time for adventure and family fun. On June 29, the council passed Ordinance 16-049 which confirms the ability of the Snohomish County Fire Marshal to declare a fireworks ban during times of extreme fire danger. The council has heard from a great number of people with different perspectives on fireworks. While the discussion continues, I believe my ordinance was an important first step towards ensuring a safe celebration for all.

If you have suggestions or feedback about calendar items, this publication, or about my office, I encourage you to be in touch with me. I want to keep lines of communication open between 3000 Rockefeller and our District. Please contact me at 425-388-3494, or e-mail Stephanie.Wright@snoco.org. If you would like to share this newsletter, select the Forward Email link below.

Thank you for being an involved citizen. It is truly a pleasure and an honor to represent you on the Council! I am inspired by your active participation and thankful for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wright
Snohomish County Councilmember, District 3

Sand Sculpting Contest - Edmonds - On July 20th, from 10am - 1pm, there will be a free sand sculpting contest at the Edmonds Marina Beach. This fun, amateur contest is open to individuals or teams of all ages. Bring your own buckets and shovels. Sign up begins at 10am, judges will start roaming at noon and present awards around 12:30pm.