



EVERSON CITY NEWSLETTER



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Vacation Watch Extra Patrol:

When you are out of town for an extended period of time or you are on vacation, the Everson Police Department offers Vacation Watch Extra Patrol. When this is needed, stop by Everson City Hall and ask to fill out a Vacation Watch form. The form will cover everything including, but not limited to: name, dates gone, vehicles left at residence or lights left on in the residence. Once this is filled out, it is filed with the Police Department, and we will add your address to the "extra patrol" list. We will conduct extra area checks at your residence during evening hours, as well as checking on anything contrary to what you had documented in the form.

If you have any further questions about Vacation Watch Extra Patrol, feel free to contact the Everson Police Department.

Sincerely,
Daniel A. MacPhee, Chief of Police, Everson Police Department, 360-966-4212



Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Construction has begun. The lower lot at Riverside Park will be closed during construction. Please be careful when entering other areas of the park as there will be increased truck traffic. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Schoonover or Rick Holt at Everson City Hall. 360-966-3411.

City Hall Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:30—4:30

Services Provided at
City Hall:

- **Fingerprinting**
*By Appointment Only
Call 360-966-3411
- **Passports**
Tuesday—Thursday
9—11 & 2—3:30
- **Concealed Pistol License (CPL)**
For residents within the City limits of Everson & Nooksack. Call for an appointment.

Visit our website
www.ci.everson.wa.us
for more information.

Annual Spring Clean-up Day!

Saturday, April 9, 2016

9am - 12pm

Nooksack Valley Disposal will be accepting bulky items, appliances, furniture, scrap metal, and branches from Everson residents at the City Shop located at 605 Robinson Street.

Nooksack Valley Disposal Staff will help unload items. There will be a charge to cover only the costs of disposal. City staff will be available to run the woodchipper.

Nooksack Valley Disposal is offering to pick-up these bulky items from senior citizens or others who are physically unable to travel to our location on that Saturday.

Please call 360-354-3400 to make arrangements.

Spring is Here... A few things to keep in mind:

- There is **no burning of yard waste & construction debris** allowed in the City 
- **Woodchipping** will be available April 9th from 9am-noon at the City shop—605 Robinson Street. We will also have the woodchipper available on Saturday, October 8th from 10am-2pm at 413 E. Main St. These will be the only 2 days this year offered by the City
- **Other options for disposal** of branches and yard waste:

Nooksack Valley Disposal
250 Birch Bay—Lynden Rd
360-354-3400

Green Earth Technology
774 Meadowlark Dr,
Lynden
360-354-4936

Recycling Disposal Service (RDS)
4916 Labounty Dr,
Ferndale 360-384-8011



Dave Schoonover, Public Works Director

Everson Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30th, 9am-1pm

Everson Elementary School Lawn
216 Everson Goshen Road, Everson, WA

Offering lots of colorful perennials, (unusual as well as the old stand-bys), natives, shrubs and small trees at well-below retail prices. All the plants thrive in Whatcom County. Vendors will offer veggie starts, specialty plants and crafts.

For more information contact: Linda Burpee at 360-592-5456





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2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE UNDERWAY

Over the past three years, City staff have been working in cooperation with Whatcom County and the other cities in the county to complete major reviews and updates of our comprehensive plans and development regulations. These updates are required by the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and take place once every eight years. The current update is required to be completed by June of this year.

Through this process, the County has reviewed the Everson urban growth area (UGA), which is the area outside of City limits into which the City will need to expand during the next twenty years to accommodate planned growth. At this time, the Everson UGA does not need to be expanded. This determination was made based on available land capacity and the population and employment growth that the County has allocated to Everson on a preliminary basis. Through the year 2036, Everson is planning on adding around 1,250 new residents and around 600 new jobs.

Over the past six months, the Everson Planning Agency has been reviewing draft updates to the City's comprehensive plan, development regulations, and critical areas (environmental) regulations to ensure they are consistent with state requirements under the GMA. Proposed updates to the comprehensive plan include changes to both current and future zoning designations at a number of locations throughout the city. The Planning Agency has completed its work, so the update process is now shifting to formal review by the public and City Council. April 13, 2016 will mark the beginning of a required 60-day public review period. Copies of draft update documents will be posted to the City website at that time. Public comments should be submitted in writing to City Hall by June 13, 2016. The City Council will hold two public hearing at City Hall on Tuesday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 14, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to receive public testimony regarding the draft updates. Copies of the draft update documents will be available on the City website, www.ci.everson.wa.us, and at City Hall.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at 966-3411.



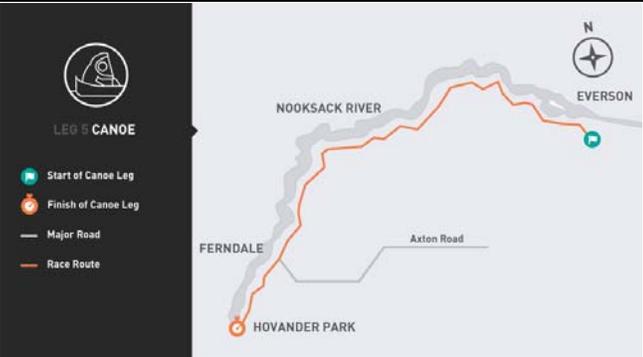
The fats, oil and grease (FOG) found in food ingredients such as meat, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, baked goods, sauces and dairy products is a major concern for our sewers. When not disposed of properly, FOG builds up in the sewer system constricting flow, which can cause sewer back-ups into homes and overflow discharges onto streets. It can also interfere with sewage treatment processes at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

When fats, oils or grease (FOG) enter the sewer lines, it cools, solidifies and sticks to the insides of the pipes, trapping food particles and other debris. Over time, this mass continues to grow until it obstructs the flow of wastewater and causes sewage to back up.

Sewer Blockage Formation



Ski to Sea Race – May 29, 2016
 Please watch for cyclists on the roadway & come cheer for the canoes at Riverside Park



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www.ci.everson.wa.us

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CivicWeb
 Council Portal

YOUR VOTE COUNTS
Need to Register to Vote?
 Go to: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/voter.html>

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 Know what's below. Call before you dig.

DIGGING SOON?

Notable Dates

- April 9th Spring Clean Up Day 9am-12pm at City Shop (Woodchipping available during Spring Clean Up)
- April 12th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- April 14th Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- April 26th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- April 28th Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- May 10th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- May 12th Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- May 24th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- May 26th Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- May 29th Ski to Sea Race
- May 30th City Hall Closed—Memorial Day
- June 9th Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- June 14th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- June 23rd Everson/Nooksack Municipal Court 9am
- June 28th Everson City Council Meeting 7pm
- July 8-10th Everson Nooksack Summer Festival