



Department Reports

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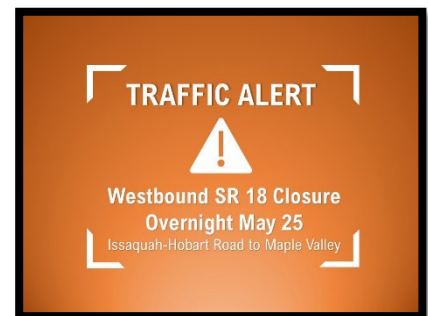
Social Media

- Facebook reach: 152k (up 878%); 5799 followers (46 new). Dramatic Facebook increase attributed to reach of 124k reach for I-90/SR 18 project info post.
- Twitter - 3656 followers (8 new); 10k impressions.
- Instagram - 3.1K reach; 2599 followers (37 new).
- Top Posts: I-90/SR 18 conceptual and project info (one of top all-time city posts), I-90 accident back-up, hiking safety essentials.
- Buckshot Honey ARPA Grant Update video-good engagement.



Website

- Website users: 14.2k; website sessions: 18.8k; pageviews: 36k.
- Top website pages Twin Peaks, Snoqualmie Falls, Parks & Streets Division.
- Most clicked news release: New Echo Glen Escape Notification Alert.
- Police Blotter continues to be 12th most visited page.
- Launched new calendar category: Roadway Projects & Traffic Alerts and new pages: Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan and Community Center Expansion FAQs.



Engagement, Initiatives & Event Support

- Mayor: Ross Report, Rotary Student of Quarter video.
- Parks & Public Works: PW Week, Dept of Ecology Award, backflow testing, Water Quality Report, Riverview Park Opening.
- Fire/OEM: EMS Week, CPR/AED Week, new opioid class, water safety, cooling centers.
- Green Snoqualmie events marketing support.
- Chat with the Chiefs: marketing and facilitation.
- ARPA Grant Success Story video: Buckshot Honey.
- Summer events marketing support ramping up.





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Building Permit Activity

Permit applications to the Community Development Department remain relatively low. Inspections are picking up as a number of homes are under construction in the recently-approved Snoqualmie Ridge II Plat 29/Cascade Pointe.

Building	May 2023	YTD
Permit Applications	44	207
Permits Issued	42	200
Total Inspections	80	390

Planning	May 2023	YTD
Business Applications	8	26
Pre Applications	1	3
Sign Permits	0	2

Boards and Commissions:

The Planning Commission held the following meetings:

- May 1 – The Planning Commission received an update on Comprehensive Plan community engagement efforts.

The Economic Development Commission met in May to provide feedback and direction on draft policies for the Economic Development chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. This meeting focused on Business Retention and Recruitment and Business Climate; future meetings will focus on Planning and Investment as well as Enhancing and Leveraging Community Assets.

The Arts Commission met and finalized details for 2023 programming.

The Arts Commission is hosting a traveling exhibit on loan from the Wing Luke Museum honoring artist Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani. An opening reception was held on May 22, 2023.

Land Use Planning Projects:

Timber Trails (Plat 30): The application is currently under review. The proposed application is to subdivide a parcel into 46 single-family residential (attached) lots with a mix of housing types to include duplexes and townhomes. Lot sizes range from approximately 1,285 to 10,067 square feet with an average lot size of 3,533 square feet. Parcel S14 was designated by the Snoqualmie Ridge II Mixed Use Final Plan for a density of 4-16 dwelling units per acre.

Model Train Museum/Park: City Staff will be meeting with representatives of model train during the month of June 2023 to determine next steps for moving the project forward. In December 2022 the Council authorized the Mayor to

approval a Memorandum of Understanding, to develop a park/museum on City property which will showcase a model train. The proposed project includes a 20,000 square foot building, outdoor parking, community event space, a gift shop and other interactive features as well as an outdoor recreational park with picnic benches and other improvements.

The Rails: City Staff and consultants are reviewing a building permit from Tracy Hovinga for the vacant parcel, 784920-1430. The proposed project would construct a 3-story mixed use building including 11 apartments, approximately 2,000 square feet of retail/office space, and associated parking and other site improvements.

Snoqualmie Ridge Self-Storage: City Staff and consultants are reviewing a building permit for the expansion of Snoqualmie Ridge Self-Storage. The applicant proposes to expand the existing self-storage facility by constructing a new 3-story building with approximately 29,000 square feet of floor space to replace the existing RV storage area in the northwest corner of the property.

Sigillo Cellars: The owner is anticipating a delay in submitting for an application for a new winery project along Railroad Avenue SE will beyond the summer of 2023. Dykeman Architectes are retained as the designers. The owner anticipates that Sandy Cove Park will be venue space for events. The new building would also provide overnight occomdations.

Wireless: Dish Wireless submitted an application for a wireless communciation facilitiy along Center Bouldavard, on the top of roof strucuture.

Comprehensive Plan: City staff continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Economic Development Element is currently under review with the Ecominc Development Commission, EDC. The Community Liason and Senior Planner met with Ridge Busniess Owners to gain input on the the Element. The Comprehensive Plan Housing Housing Needs Alaysis and Strategy Plan were approved by the City Council in May 2023.

COMP Plan Branding:



Events, Engagement, Marketing and Tourism:

- The *Hello Summer* marketing campaign began, see graphic below. Funding by LTAC grant.
- Blood Drive Pop-Up in City Hall and the Fire Station, May 30 – June 2, 2023.
- Attended Sno Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon, a Snoqualmie CEO roundtable.
- Community Development staff engaged with the following organizations as part of its Comprehensive Plan outreach:
 - Snoqualmie Inn
 - SnoKing Ice Arena
 - Ridge Owners Association (ROA)

Special Event Permits: Seven permits received and reviewed.





Fire Department

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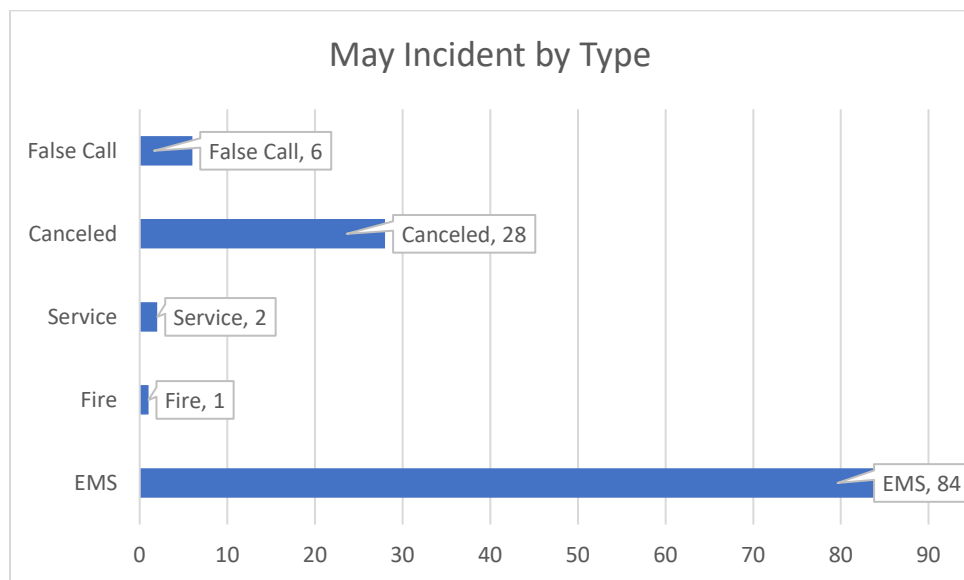
Incident Count (May)

The Fire Department responded to 126 incidents in May. 65% of the incidents were emergency medical services and 35% were fire related incidents. The following chart displays incident count per day.



Incident Count by Type:

The following is a count breakdown of incidents by type.



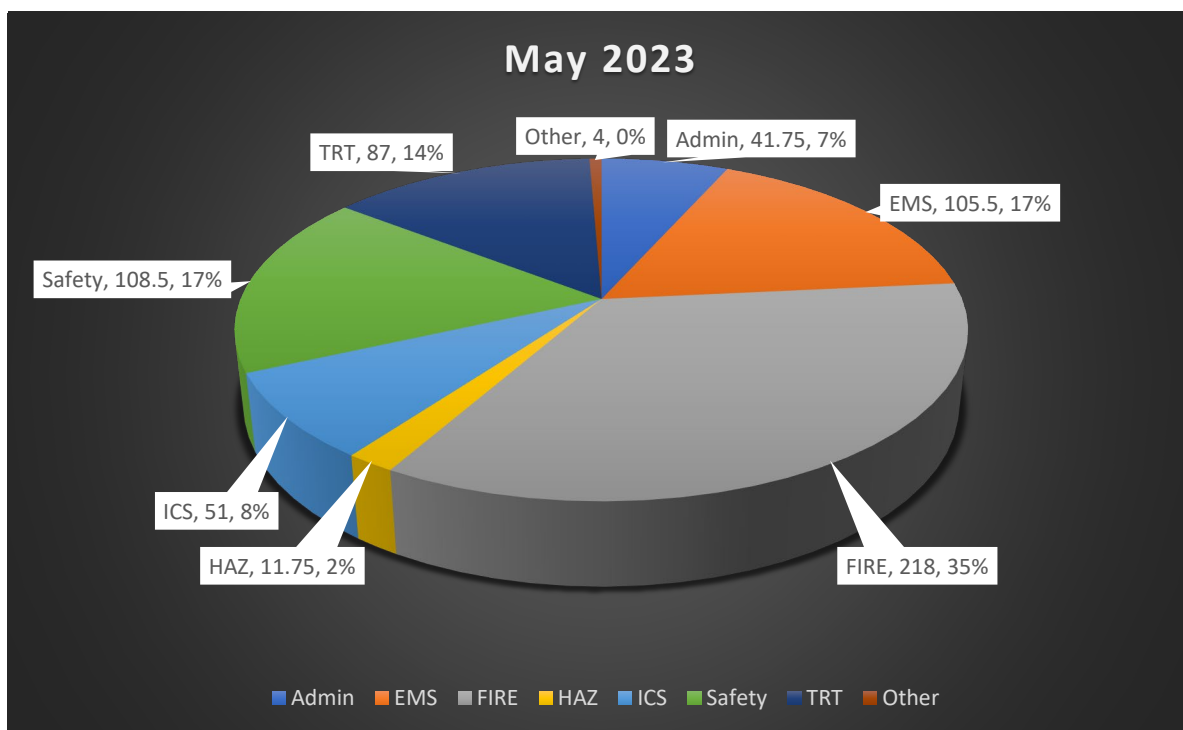
EMS Transports

The Fire Department responded to 84 EMS incidents in May and transported 32 patients to local hospitals. Patients were transported to Swedish Issaquah 56% of the time, and Snoqualmie Valley Hospital 38%.

Week Ending	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23	6/4/23	Total
Overlake Hospital	1	1	-	-	-	2
Snoqualmie Valley	4	2	4	2	-	12
Swedish / Issaquah	4	6	3	3	2	18
Total	9	9	7	5	2	32

Training:

Firefighters trained over 627.5 hours in May. The training covered all different categories with the majority being fire (35%). The following chart compares the training hours by type:



(Admin=Administrative; Haz=Hazmat; ICS=incident command systems; TRT=Technical Rescue Training)

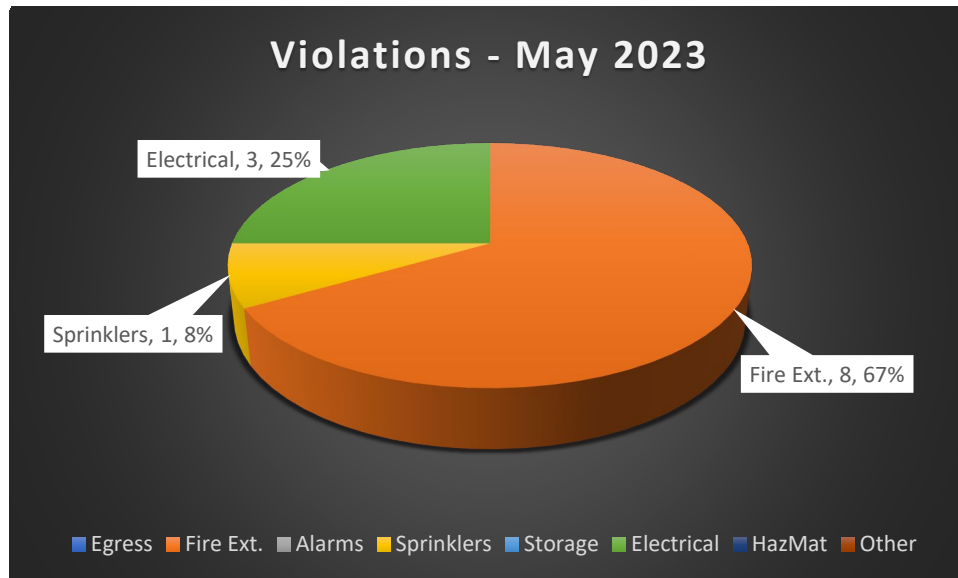
Training – Highlights/Major Topics:

- Swiftwater rescue block training
- Acquired structure search and rescue drills
- Kayak and raft handling
- Wildland firefighter refresher training
- Vehicle driver training

Community Risk Reduction

Inspections

Fire crews performed 32 fire and life safety occupancy inspections in May and found 12 violations. The following chart describes the violations found:



Public Education

There was one (1) public CPR class, contacting thirteen (13) residents, and crews participated in a community carnival at St. Joseph's school, with 75 community contacts.



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Staffing Levels
Water – 2 Vacancies
Wastewater – 2 Vacancies
Stormwater - 0 Vacancies
Parks – 2 Vacancies

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May Summary Parks & Public Works

The Parks & Public Work Team is continuing to perform well. We are currently operating with 6 open positions. We were able to fill the final position in Stormwater. The Parks & Streets Division are deep into the baseball season. Field prep is a daily task. We also are in the growing season; the team is doing its best to keep everything mowed. Recently we reclaimed the dog park from the miraculous growth. Work is complete at Riverview playground. Staff will be doing some sprucing up of the grounds and installing a new ADA parking space. A grand opening is scheduled for later in June. Our Fleet & Facilities Division continues to operate well and keep our vehicles in the field and our buildings operating well. The City Hall stair project has begun, and the stairs will be closed for approximately 3 months. Our Wastewater Division continues preparing for the Phase III improvement projects to begin. Our Water Division continues normal operations. Our Engineering Division is busy getting projects going. With the award of the paving projects, we will be quite busy throughout town. Additionally, the street tree program will be coming forward in early June. Our Stormwater and Urban Forestry Division is continuing to complete maintenance on the system. Inspections are almost complete and maintenance activities have begun. The division is at full strength and is doing incredible work.

Work completed at various sites:

1) *Storm pond maintenance:*

- a. Removed 22,758 Sq feet of Scotch Broom, Alders and Cottonwoods from Douglas Pond behind Police Department (in preparation for Fish Derby).
- b. Removed 5,500 square feet of Alder and Cottonwoods from Swenson E5 Pond.
- c. Split rail fence repair at Swenson E1 Pond. Entire stretch of fence (1033 ft) has been repaired and is sound.
 - i. Replaced 7 posts and 10 rails (re-used as many as possible).
 - ii. Stapled all loose black chain link fencing to split rail.
- d. Split rail fence repaired at Swenson E2 Pond, 685 feet. Reported that children were getting into the pond by resident. Fence was repaired within a week.
 - i. 4 posts replaced and 6 rails (re-used as many as possible).
 - ii. Stapled all loose black chain link fencing to split rail.
- e. Split rail fence repair at Swenson E3 Pond, 125 feet repaired – 618 feet remains.
 - i. Replaced 20-foot stretch of missing black chain link along split rail fence.
 - ii. Replaced 3 posts and 6 rails (re-used as many as possible).

2) *Trail maintenance:*

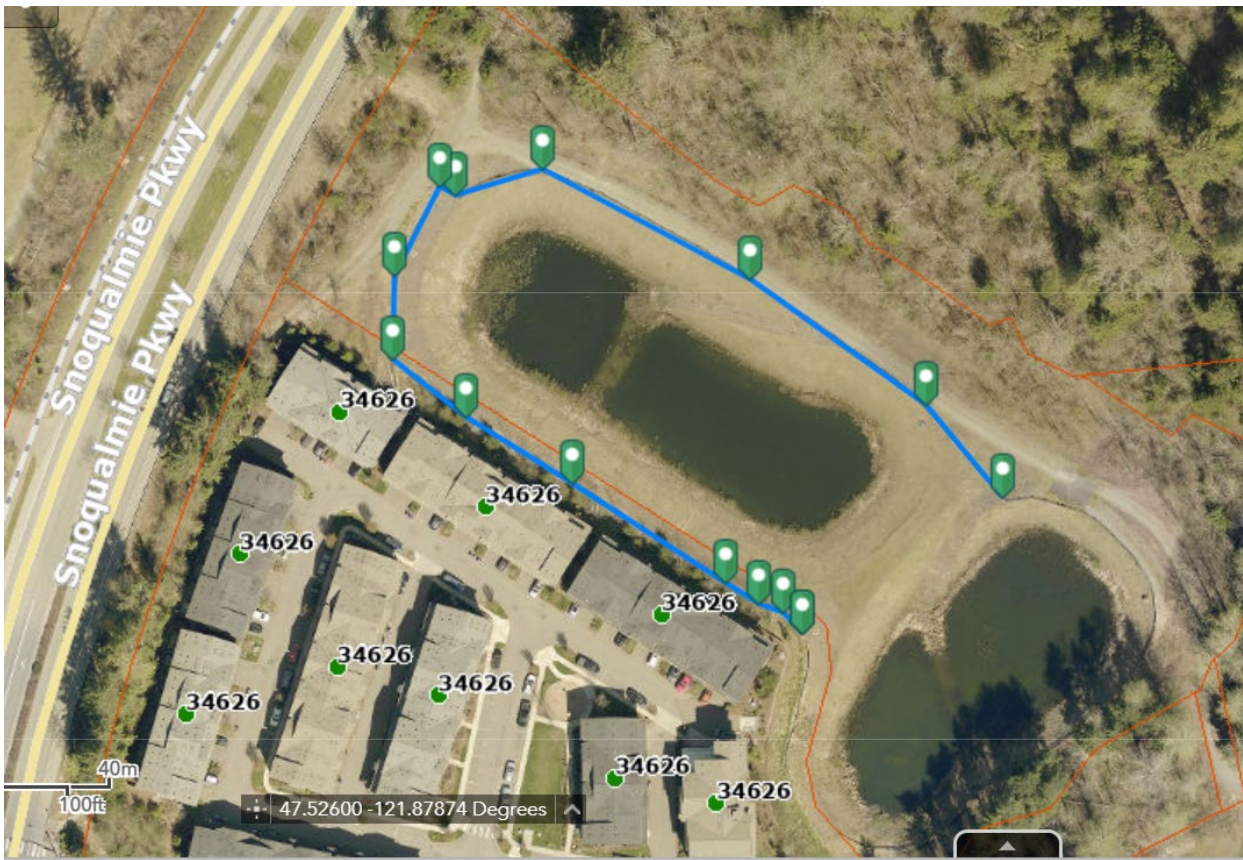
- a. No maintenance this month.

3) *Forest restoration:*

- a. Laid out 3,975 square feet of cardboard for sheet mulching at Mt. FEMA lot for DOC and volunteer forest events.
- b. Sheet mulched 1,590 square feet of the cardboard.

- 4) Park maintenance:
 - a. DNR Parking Lot at Rattlesnake Trailhead
 - i. Cleared access trail to the trailhead from overflow parking on road.
 - ii. Knocked back blackberry around parking lot and throughout parking medians.
 - iii. Removed dead trees in parking medians and those surrounding the lot.
 - iv. Thinned out trees and shrubs that were blocking sight lines.
 - v. Cleared around signs, fencing, picnic tables and restroom.
 - b. Removed blackberry along Dog Park entrance and along trail.
 - i. 1200 feet of fence cleared from gate to gate for access around the park.
- 5) Work Area and Tool maintenance:
 - a. Weed wacked 530 feet of fence line at PPW building to clear back the blackberry for maintaining the fence.

Swenson E1 Pond: Fence Repaired – 1,033 ft. (Ponds E1 and E2 share a fence)



Swenson E2 Pond: Fence Repaired – 685 ft. (Ponds E1 and E2 share a fence)





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Calls for Service

	April 2023	May 2023	May 2022
Snoqualmie	517	727	518
North Bend	363	511	435

Average Response Times (in minutes & seconds)

May	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Snoqualmie	4:09	1:50	8:31
North Bend	0:49	1:18	7:14
April			
Snoqualmie	4:16	3:48	8:35
North Bend	6:13	1:39	6:42

Priority 1: Weapons Offense

Priority 2: Calls that require immediate response that could result in death if not responded to.

Priority 3: High priority but not an immediate threat.

May	Thefts	Vehicle Prowls	Vehicle Thefts
Snoqualmie	9	10	0
North Bend	29	12	1
April	Thefts	Vehicle Prowls	Vehicle Thefts
Snoqualmie	12	5	1
North Bend	16	5	2

Year to Date Theft Comparison

May 1 - 31

Snoqualmie 2023 2022

Thefts	9	12
Vehicle Prowls	10	19
Vehicle Thefts	0	2

North Bend 2023 2022

Thefts	29	16
Vehicle Prowls	12	8
Vehicle Thefts	1	3

Crisis Intervention Contacts

April 1 - 30

	2023	2022
Snoqualmie	59	9
North Bend	5	12

Items of Importance

Hiring – 5 openings - 2 officer recruits currently at the academy, 1 officer recruit will start in July, and 1 potential hire in background process.

License Plate Reader - Researching grant for possible use in the future.

Permit Parking – To be presented again at the Public Safety Meeting scheduled for June 20th.

Community Events

August 1 – National Night Out

Boeing Classic Golf Tournament – August 7 – 13