



# Community Development Department

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## February 2023

### 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	February 2023	YTD
Permit Applications	43	80
Permits Issued	46	76
Total Inspections	62	140

Planning	January 2023	February 2023
Business Applications	Forthcoming	2
Pre Applications	1	1
Sign Permits	0	1

### Boards and Commissions:

The Planning Commission met on January 17, 2023 to consider a draft Work Program for 2023/24.

The Economic Development Commission met February 15. Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation presented to the commission.

The Arts Commission met February 13, finalized a mission statement and questions for a community survey regarding arts.

### 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 February 2023 to determine next steps for moving the project forward. In December 2022 the Council authorized the Mayor to approve 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 the project will be submitted for permit review in 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 will provide overnight accommodations.

Comprehensive Plan: City Staff kicked off 2024 Comprehensive Plan with a presentation outlining the update process at a monthly management team meeting. Comments on the project were solicited at the meeting to employees. Staff is developing a public involvement program for broad and on-going engagement efforts over the next two years. Staff completed the State Department of Commerce checklist. Additional checklists will be completed in the first quarter of 2023 for the major update.

**Events, Engagement, Marketing and Tourism:**

- Working on coordination of all 2023 events, marketing and outreach
- Blood Drive Pop-Up in City Hall, February 17, 2023
- Attended Sno Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon, presentation by the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

**Staffing:** The Département has not filled vacancies for Associate and Senior Planner. Screening for senior planner candidates were completed in January 2023.