



## Community Development Department

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### October 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	October 2023	YTD
Permit Applications	47	477
Permits Issued	41	446
Total Inspections	72	755

Planning	October, 2023	YTD
Business Licenses	24	65
Pre Applications	3	9
Sign Permits	2	7

#### Boards and Commissions:

- Planning Commission 10/2 and 10/16 – completed work on the Housing and Economic Development element, goals and policies. A recommendation will be forward to the CD Committee for their review. Began review of the Transportation element.
- Community Development Committee, 10/2 and 10/16 - Review of Land Use, Housing and Economic Development element and recommendations to Council.
- Arts Commission held an annual retreat special meeting, reviewing and evaluating accomplishments and programming.

#### Land Use Planning Projects:

NWRM: The applicant would like to clear and grade the property to expand the existing museum to include a roundhouse.

Timber Trails (Plat 30): Clearing and Grading permit was submitted to be preparing the parcel for a 46 single-family residential (duplexes and townhomes) lots.

Model Train Museum/Park: 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 City Council met in August with representatives of model train and approved an extension to the timeline of project of three months before moving forward with an approval of the draft lease and development agreement.

The Rails: City Staff 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 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.

Crabb Commerical: City Staff are reviewing a building permit for a new commerical building on Railroad Avenue. The proposed development is a 2 story building , 2632 square feet.

Mixed-Use Final Plan: Prep for the 1<sup>st</sup> segment of this was done for presentation to the Planning Commission on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This involves amending the SR-I Mixed Use Final Plan to remove or amend conditions as needed, to allow for more retail.

Flood Report Mailing: The Annual Flood Report was prepared and mailed out to property owners within the Flood Plain in October. This is part of the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS) program.

Comp Plan Open House: After the successful April open house at City Hall to get public input on the Comprehensive Plan Update, a second one occurred at the Snoqualmie Public Library on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. There were twenty-five sign-ins on the register, with total attendemnce of approximately thirty-five, including staff and consultants.

Comprehensive Plan Outreach: Over 350 total public comments have been recieved from open houses, business roundtables, surveys, the Ridge Business Owners and the Snoqualmie Tribe. The Planning Commission has made recommendations to the Community Developent Committee on the land use element. The Economic Development and Housing elements are moving through the Planning Commission. A second open house is schedule in mid-October for additional public participation.

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**Commented [EA2]:** @Jonathan Kesler please update as needed with brief update on open house.

#### Events, Engagement, Marketing and Tourism:

- Halloween Events: City-wide, October 28, Ridge District/Center Blvd., 1-3pm, and Downtown District, 2-4pm. Marketing and advertising (425 Magazine ad buy). City was busy with trick-or-treaters all afternoon. Provided marketing and candy support to both Ridge and Downtown merchants.
- Marketing Conception and Coordination: Snoqualmie Winter Lights Tree Lighting, Snoqualmie Winter Lights Month Long Lighting Displays, Snoqualmie Inn and City of Snoqualmie Partnership for Snoqualmie Winter Lights Room Package, and Historic Downtown Merchants Association, month long December event programming partnership. Advertising buys with 425 Magazine and Seattle's Childs.
- Project management of the holiday lighting program installations, by City Parks Department and outside vendor.
- Attended SnoValley Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon.
- Attended Historic Downtown Merchants Association meeting.
- Special Events Permits:
  - Halloween Festival 10/30/23
  - Egg Hunt 3/29/24
  - Daddy Dash 4/19/24
  - Graduation and Carnival 6/5/24