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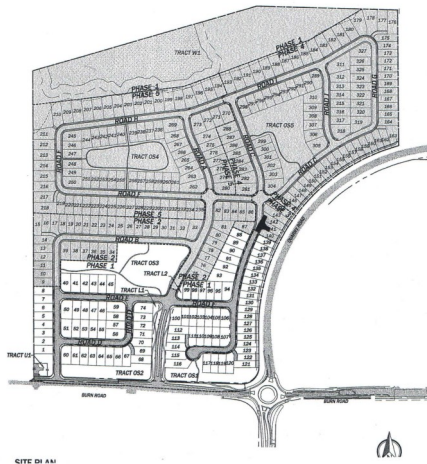


City of Granite Falls

Fall, 2017

## Growing Granite Falls

PTN. OF SEC. 34, TWP. 26N, R3E W.M.  
**SUNCREST FARMS**  
PHASE 1  
ROADWAY, GRADING AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS  
CITY OF GRANITE FALLS SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WA  
JUNE 22, 2017  
CONFORMED PLAN SET  
RECORD DRAWINGS



With northwestern Washington—and particularly the I-5 corridor—experiencing massive growth, the City of Granite Falls is well prepared to meet the challenges. Even before the Great Recession started in 2007, your City Council and Planning Commission have been discussing infrastructure growth, getting community input, and working with area builders like Westcott Homes and the D.R. Horton Company. Horton has begun building Phase 1 of the new Suncrest Farms subdivision on 82 acres near Granite Falls High School by the roundabout.

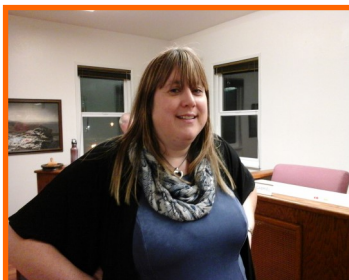
When completed, Suncrest Farms will be home to 327 families. The developer has agreed to improve or build needed infrastructure, including roads, gutters, water and sewer systems, and sidewalks. The subdivision also includes 4 acres of park area. Thank you to the many citizens and business owners who gave input to this planned development.



*“Exciting things are happening in our city with the planned new subdivisions over the next five years. We are preparing to welcome 2,000+ new residents!”*

*- Brent Kirk, City Manager*

Along with our expanding population, the Granite Falls business community continues to grow. We recently approved licenses for a new restaurant/coffee café, a bed and breakfast, and an event-retreat venue. FSX, the world leader in diesel engine particulate filters, just opened their newly remodeled facility on W. Stanley Street. In a highly competitive business market, the Suncrest Farms development and future planned subdivisions, make doing business in Granite Falls an attractive option.



Granite Falls Police Chief Ferreira accepted a dare from City Councilperson Erin Hogan to have his face painted at the August 2nd National Night Out, hosted by the Granite Falls Police and Granite Falls Fire District #17.



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Spotlight on Granite Falls Master City Clerk Darla Reese

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Granite Falls City Clerk Darla Reese** is one of only 41 Master City Clerks in Washington State. This distinguished title is awarded after extensive training and education.

Darla worked as the city planning consultant under the HBA Associates contract from 2007—2009. Before that, she served on the Granite Falls Planning Commission. In 2009, she was hired as the new City Clerk and began training for her Master Clerk certification, awarded to her in 2016. Mayor Matt Hartman says, "Granite Falls is lucky to have someone like Darla. She gives so much more than is expected."

*"I love my job. I love this community."*

In such a small community, Darla is responsible for more than the average City Clerk. Some of her duties include records management, scheduling inspections, building permits, business licensing, human resources, attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings (5x a month), drafting and posting legal notices, handling claims against the City, and assisting with the City's website — to name a few.

Darla grew up in Granite Falls, graduating from Granite Falls High School in 1992. She is married to Sean Reese, and has a 24 year-old son named Zack. She is also an avid Seahawks and Mariners fan.



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## COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

On the third Wednesday of each month, residents can meet with Police Chief Chris Ferreria to discuss public safety issues. The meetings start at 5:30pm at the Granite Falls Fire District #17 station, at 116 S. Granite Avenue.



## CITY PROJECTS

Between October and December, the Public Works Department will be focused on water meter change-outs in the Saratoga neighborhood, sewer line CCTV inspections, sewer line jetting, and now that Fall is here, residents will notice the City's street sweeper at work.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Granite Falls Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm upstairs at City Hall. Residents are welcome!

## Downtown Halloween Surprises



This Halloween, bring the kids to downtown Granite Falls for spooky fun! The Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce is again printing maps of local businesses giving treats, and events going on for Halloween. The downtown block of South Granite between Galena and Union will be closed to traffic, and decorated for the festivities!

### Highlights include:

- Hot cocoa at the fire station, and hot dogs at the police station
- The 'Haunted Lot' by the police station will have spooky fun for the little ones, and scary thrills for older kids, including a haunted tunnel!
- High school youth will be costumed as characters
- Pumpkin carving
- Treats and games at the Granite Falls Historical Museum
- Photo opportunities, including the police station Halloween 'jail'
- The Father's House will open to all, with special Halloween activities



**MORE SURPRISES TO BE REVEALED!**

## CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!

Local government works best when citizens are involved. The Granite Falls City Council meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month with a public comment period, and in a workshop session the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held upstairs at City Hall. Special accommodation needs must be requested at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

- Matt Hartman (Mayor)
- Tom FitzGerald
- Steve Glenn
- Erin Hogan
- Bruce Straughn

