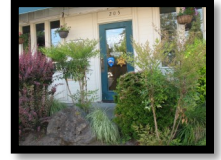




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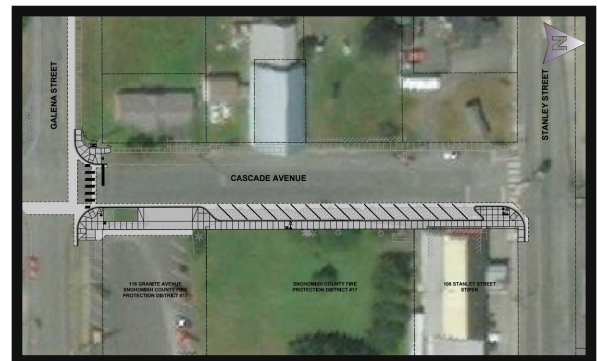
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No More Cascade Confusion

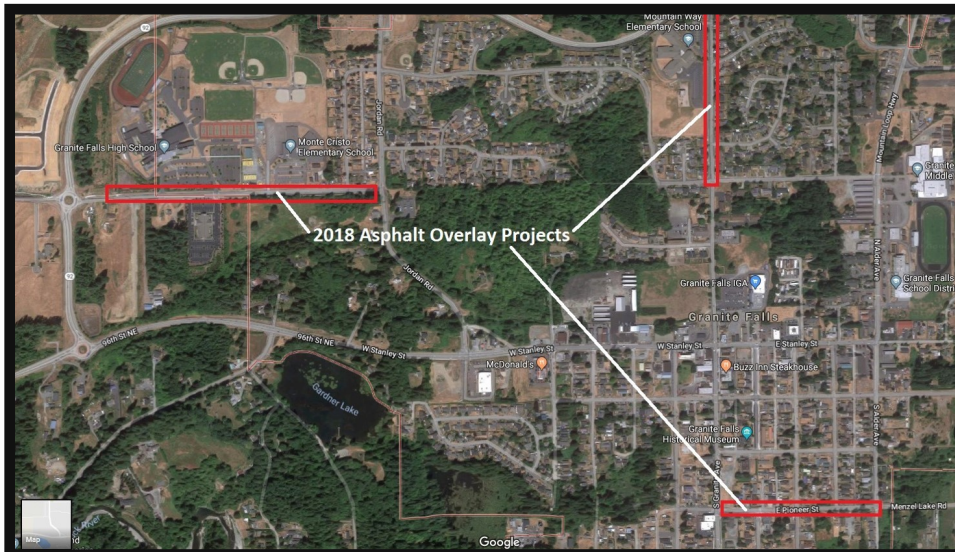
The corner of Stanley and Cascade has had people scratching their heads for decades and asking, "Where do I stop?" And for those driving north on Cascade who want to stop at a business in the newly built complex, the question is, "Where do I park?"

The answers are about to get simplified, because the corner and first block are on the list of City Council approved projects this summer, with a handful of other city improvements, all funded by state and federal grants.



The redesigned corner and street will include paved angle parking on the west side of Cascade, and a new sidewalk from Galena Street North to Stanley Street with compliant ADA ramp, and crosswalk/stop bar at the intersection of Cascade and Stanley. Work is expected to begin in mid-summer.

Kentucky and Union Upgrades



Thanks to a grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, much needed pavement overlays will be done this summer on sections of 100th Street, North Granite Avenue, and Pioneer Street, which will include ADA Ramp upgrades as well.

The photo to the left shows the areas in the City where roads will be resurfaced with new pavement, providing a smoother ride for drivers, particularly in school zone areas, and safer sidewalk ramps at crossroads for pedestrians.

Meet your 2018 Mayor and City Council

Currently, the City of Granite Falls has a 5 person elected city council, including a mayor. Because we are designated as a code city, once the population reaches 5,000 the council will grow to 7 members. As of 2017, the population was 3,485. It is likely that with the incoming housing and condominium developments, we will reach 5,000 by 2020 or sooner.



Mayor Matt Hartman has served as a councilmember for 19 years total. He has lived in Granite Falls for 25 years, and came here to raise his sons. Along the way, he met the love of his life, Dori Murry. Matt says, "I believe in service, and I believe that the only way to get things done is on a local level. I love the city of Granite Falls and I love serving its people. I believe that a councilmember's job is to have a vision of the future of the city, then map out a way to get to that future."

Mayor Pro-Tem Tom FitzGerald is another long time councilmember, serving since 2003. He volunteers much of his time with youth athletics in the community.



Erin Hogan's term expires at the end of 2019 as a City Councilmember. She is married with two children, and says "I graduated from Granite Falls High School and I love living here. I love giving back to the community. I've learned so much serving on this council."

Steven Glenn works for a Boeing subcontractor. He is married, and he and his wife welcomed their fourth child in March. He has served on the City Council for 3 years.



Bruce Straughn is the newest councilmember, appointed in the Spring of 2017. He has lived his whole life in Washington, in Snohomish County for 28 years, and as a Granite Falls resident for 4 years. He works at the Snohomish Health District as Assistant Environmental Health Director. He and his wife have a total of 4 children.

In 2016, citizens elected to have a full-time City Manager take care of day to day operations and administration for the city's departments and employees. Policy and direction are completely in the hands of the Mayor and City Council. They decided to hire Brent Kirk as City Manager, promoting him from Public Works Director/City Administrator.



The City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. There is a public comment period at these meetings where citizens are welcome to speak. The meetings start at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers upstairs at City Hall. Special accommodation needs must be requested at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

CIVIC CENTER UPDATE

Requests for bids for the new Granite Falls Civic Center complex went out on **March 16** with a deadline of **April 18**. The Mayor and City Council are expected to make a final decision by **May 1** so that construction can begin in June. Phase I of the new complex will be built across the street from the existing city hall building, with an anticipated completion in **early 2019**.



COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

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

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!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

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NEW IN TOWN?

New residents can pick up a Welcome brochure with map at City Hall, register to vote, and sign up for water (as well as pay a water bill.)

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