



Summer, 2021

GRANITE FALLS WASHINGTON

GATEWAY TO THE MOUNTAIN LOOP

NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING OPEN!

The new Granite Falls Police Department building was completed and is now open next door to City Hall. The old building was a dilapidated former video store and was demolished to make way for the new pre-fab facility. Police Chief Tom Dalton said the new interior design has superior security and allows for contact-free services.

The building also serves as a substation for Snohomish County Sheriff's Department deputies who are assigned to areas outside our city limits.

Most of the furnishings were purchased at a government surplus sale or donated by area businesses, including the new state-of-the-art refrigerator.



The lobby waiting area features area photos provided by the Granite Falls Historical Museum.



The new door is four inches thick with bulletproof glass.



Canine Deputy Luke takes a break from duty by visiting the front office for a treat from Law Enforcement Secretary Cynthia Jurado.



Contact-free concealed weapons permit license station.



Work stations for deputies serving in and around the City.

JIM HOLM PARK UPGRADES COMING SOON

The Public Works Department will be improving areas of Jim Holm Park starting in August, thanks to approval from the City Council. The basketball court will be resurface and repainted, and have a ten foot fence along the east and west sides of the court. There will also be a four foot fence installed along the southside of the court.

The skate park will be undergoing major improvements as shown in the illustration, with construction slated to start this Fall.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

At the time of this publication, we expect to resume at least three of our usual annual events. If you are new to the area, be sure to check them out!



SUMMER FARMER'S MARKET

Sundays, noon to 4:00pm next to Hanky Pies Restaurant at 106 S. Cascade. Sponsored by the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce. Vendors are welcome to contact GraniteFallsFarmerMarket@gmail.com for more information.



First Tuesday in August (August 3): National Night Out 2021 from 4:00pm—7:00pm at and around City Hall. Free food, games, local booths, and more. Sponsored by the Granite Falls Police Department with the Granite Falls Fire District #17.



First Saturday in October (October 2): Granite Falls Railroad and Reunion Days celebrating our town's history and high school alumni. All day downtown on S. Granite Ave. Children's parade at 11:30am, main parade at noon, carnival, food, booths, music and more!

SEVERAL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2021 was the deadline for interested Granite Falls citizens to file for one of the three City Council seats up for election. Two of the incumbents filed for reelection, and four newcomers also filed. The primary election will be held August 3. The general election will be held November 2. You can register to vote online or at City Hall. We asked the candidates to submit a brief statement:

Position 1: Two candidates filed, so they will only appear on the General Election ballot.

- **Steven Glenn** (incumbent) *"I'm a long time resident of Granite Falls and I look forward to continuing to work with the City staff and residents to improve and maintain our small city."*
- **Deanna Jones** *"I am a 20 year resident of Granite Falls and I work for the State of Washington."*

***Position 2: Three candidates filed, so they will all appear on the primary ballot. The two with the most votes will be on the general election ballot.**

- **Dave Griggs** *"Served 30 years in the Navy, live and work locally, and have an MBA in Human Resources Management."*
- **Michael Hagglund** *"Eagle Scout from Troop 28."*
- **Scott Morrison** *"I am a 7 year resident of Granite Falls with 6 years on the Granite Falls Planning Commission and 3 years as a Granite Falls School District employee; I care a lot about Granite Falls."*

Position 3: The incumbent filed for reelection unopposed.

- **Tom FitzGerald** (incumbent) *"Continuing to serve my community every way I can; thank you for the last 14 years—wanna know, just ask!"*

**Position 2 was held by Bruce Straughn, who resigned in March for personal reasons. The remaining Councilmembers did not want to show favoritism by selecting one of the three candidates to temporarily fill the seat, so local citizen Catherine Anderson was appointed to serve until the general election is certified in late November. She was sworn in on June 16, 2021.*

GRANITE FALLS FOOD BANK OFFICES AND STORAGE MOVED

The Granite Falls Food Bank offices and storage moved into a building on Granite Falls School District property on N. Alder, but will continue to distribute food from their two locations. This is part of a cooperative agreement between the Granite Falls Community Coalition and the Granite Falls School District.

Food assistance is available to anyone living in the Granite Falls area. The food bank is open as follows:

- 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month, from 11:30am—1:30pm at Wind of Joy Christian Fellowship, 20721 Canyon Drive.
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 4:00pm—6:00pm (Summer hours) at 307 S. Granite Avenue.

Volunteers are always welcome!



NEW GYMNASIUM AT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Granite Falls Boys and Girls Club in conjunction with the City completed a long awaited project—a new gymnasium. The building is adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club on the corner of E. Stanley and Alder.

This new facility will be shared with the community..... (HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT! :))



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Stop by to register to vote, pick up community information, a map of Granite Falls, pay your water bill, or just say hello!

- Open 8:30am—5:00pm Mondays thru Thursdays
- Open 8:30am—noon Fridays
- Closed on legal holidays

Visit our website

www.GraniteFallsWA.gov

GRANITE FALLS CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. City Council work sessions are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

- Mayor Matt Hartman *term expires 2024*
- Councilmember Tom FitzGerald *term expires 2021*
- Councilmember Steven Glenn *term expires 2021*
- Councilmember Erin Hogan *term expires 2024*
- Councilmember Catherine Anderson *(appointed to serve until 2021 general election is certified.)*

GRANITE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Seat 1 – Julie Cory-Wyman
Seat 2 – Ronald Stephenson
Seat 3 – Frederick Cruger (Chair)
Seat 4 – Removed by Ordinance
Seat 5 – Monica Hoersting
Seat 6 – Scott Morrison

- For after hours water or sewer emergencies call Public Works at 425-583-1781 or call 9-1-1
- For police or fire emergencies call 9-1-1
- For non-emergency dispatch call 425-407-3999