



GRANITE FALLS WASHINGTON

GATEWAY TO THE MOUNTAIN LOOP

Suncrest Farms Completed!

In 2017 the City of Granite Falls approved the start of construction in a newly designed 327 home subdivision called Suncrest Farms. D.R. Horton began the first phase on the 82 acre land located near the Granite Falls High School and roundabout.



By December 2020, all the homes were completed and sold by Westcott Homes. The project included the developer building new roads, stormwater facilities, water and sewer systems and sidewalks. The subdivision also includes four acres of park area. Welcome to our new residents!

The remaining housing developments that were approved prior to the existing moratorium on new City sewer connected homes include:

- Braidwood Village II (across from the high school) - 76 detached condo units (56 are complete and occupied) plus 20 attached townhomes to be completed in 2021
- Trinity Development—35 single family homes to be completed in 2021
- Highland Sunrise Development—15 single family homes to be completed in 2021, plus two existing homes to be remodeled on



Three homes on Suncrest Blvd.

Race, Bias & Dissonance Workshops

Between September and December representatives from the Granite Falls City Council, Planning Commission, City staff, Granite Falls Police Department, Fire District #17, and Granite Falls School District leaders engaged in online workshops presented by consultant Greg Taylor. The workshops combined written, oral, and video presentations with self assessments and group dialogues. Participants developed deeper insight into implicit bias, and discussed some action steps to address systemic oppression through policies, practices, and procedures.

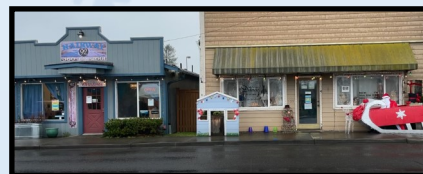
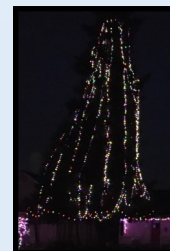
Mayor Matt Hartman said, "It (the training course) opened my mind to how much racial bias was pervasive in my upbringing, without me even knowing it. Now that I have become aware of my bias, it is up to me to change myself. I encourage everyone to

open their own minds to how they might have implicit bias in their lives, and decide to take action. It won't be easy, and will often be uncomfortable, but it will be worth doing."



The City of Granite Falls joined efforts with the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to 'deck the falls' downtown during the past holiday season. As a partner for 2020, the City contributed \$2,000 toward the Chamber's efforts to decorate the town in place of our traditional civic events. Décor included the 'Welcome to Granite Fa-la-la-lalls' sign in the first roundabout into town, and additional downtown banners and lights.

Even though the annual community Christmas Tree lighting and festivities at the Granite Falls Historical Museum were cancelled due to COVID19, the tree was still lit as usual on the first Saturday in December.



(Clockwise from top left)

City crew and Chamber volunteers wrapped lampposts with lights and hung wreaths. The Chamber of Commerce placed their sign in the first roundabout into town. Businesses like Hairway 99, the Granite Falls Dance Studio and Hanky Pies decorated windows and exteriors for the holidays.





City Water and Your Bill

The City of Granite Falls' drinking water is supplied from Snohomish County PUD. The water enters the Granite Falls water system through three points around the City. The water is first metered, then passed through pressure reducing valves to lower the pressure from 160PSI to between 60 and 90PSI. The water is then conveyed through a total of over 13 miles of various sized water lines that supply service to over 1,600 connections.

The City strives to provide safe drinking water to all of its customers. Your water is tested daily to ensure Chlorine is present and within the State allowable level. Coliform samples are analyzed every month to ensure safety. Bi-annual system flushing is performed to remove sediment from the lines, exercise and ensure fire hydrants are functioning properly, and to remove the potential for stagnate water. Flushing of the water system is performed by opening specifically mapped fire hydrants to optimize cleaning and reduce waste. Ultimately all 189 fire hydrants connected to the water system are operated.

The City of Granite Falls reads water meters every month. Any excess water usage for that month (over the amount allowed within the basic rate) is included in your utility bill. For instance, a single family house is allowed up to 500 cubic feet of water per month in the base rate for their water service. Currently, residents in Granite Falls pay less for their water than Lake Stevens, Marysville, Arlington and Snohomish.

If you have questions about your utility bill, call our Utility Clerk Becky Aiken.

Granite Falls Police News

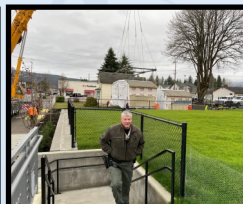


Welcome to Cynthia Jurado who recently joined the Granite Falls Police Department as the new Law Enforcement Secretary. She has been working for the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office for three years. Prior to that she lived in Colorado and worked in dispatch. Cynthia replaced Carol Bello who recently retired.

To the right are photos of one of the **newly acquired trucks** for the police department, whose services are contracted through the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. The trucks are branded with the City's name and slogan.



The **new police station building** was put in place on December 16 (photos below). The roof and exterior work is projected to be done by the end of January. The Granite Falls Police Department should be completely moved in and operating out of their new facility by the end of February, depending on weather for finishing construction.



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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

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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 Bruce Straughn *term expires 2021*

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