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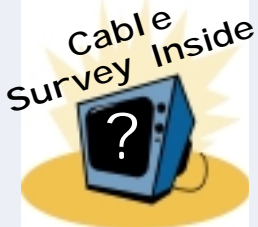
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New Marysville utility rates take effect Jan. 1

RATES SHOWN ARE BIMONTHLY	INSIDE CITY LIMITS	RURAL	*OUTSIDE CWSP/UGA
WATER <i>Overage charge per 1,000 gals.</i>	\$17.80 \$1.89	\$26.45 \$2.43	\$ 35.65 \$3.78
SEWER <i>Flat rate only</i>	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
GARBAGE <i>1 32-gal. weekly can</i>	\$33.80	n/a	n/a

For a more complete look at all the utility rate adjustments and to compare with older rates, watch for a Rate Letter in your utility billing statement, or if you have Internet access, visit the City web site at http://ci.marysville.wa.us/utility_new.htm.

*Coordinated Water Study Plan/
Urban Growth Area

Beginning in February, Marysville-area utility customers will begin seeing the new utility rates for garbage collection, water and sewer services that took effect Jan. 1.

The rates were approved by the City Council in August. They are based on recommendations from the City of Marysville management team and rate consultant Economic and Engineering Services, Inc. after an intensive months-long review. Utility customers' service needs, mandated programs, capital improvements, and operational and maintenance service needs were examined. Additional revenues are needed to provide funding for these services and programs, which these rate adjustments will cover.

"Rate adjustments are never desirable from the City's or customer's perspective, but they are necessary in order to keep pace with increasing costs, and at the same time, provide the infrastructure and services necessary to meet our customers' needs, now and into the future," Public Works Director Ken Winckler says.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE

Garbage fees are collected to fund the activities of waste reduction, recycling, and collecting and disposing of garbage. The rates will increase in 2002 by 7%, followed by another 7% increase in 2004. Revenue See RATES, Page 7

Motorcycle patrol rides into Marysville

A new brand of law enforcement just rode into town. The Marysville Police Department as part of its new traffic enforcement division is leasing two 2002 Harley-Davidson police motorcycles for \$500 each per year.

Police deployed the first motorcycle in December with 12-year veteran Sgt. Doug Lee in the driver's seat.

"I'm really enjoying it, being outside and on the open road," says Lee, who underwent months of motorcycle training to prepare him for his new duties. "The bike's an attention-getter; everybody wants to look it over."

The highly mobile, fuel-efficient motorcycles will deploy to provide traffic and radar enforcement in high traffic and high collision rate areas around Marysville where speeding or intersection blockage are a problem. Issuing tickets and warnings are part of educating the public about being safe drivers. The motorcycles are equipped with emergency flashers, siren, specialized communications equipment, storage for ticket books, and will be marked with the department's new graphic design. A second officer is currently undergoing training and will join Lee this year.



Photos by Doug Buell

Traffic Patrol Sgt. Doug Lee



City Directory

Your City government functions best when citizens, through public input and civic involvement, share in the responsibility of how local government performs. Please call the Mayor, City Councilmembers or City staff anytime with comments, concerns & viewpoints.

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Web: ci.marysville.wa.us

FROM THE MAYOR

Thanks, Citizens, for your spirit & empathy after Sept. 11

As we enter the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the citizens of Marysville for the community spirit and empathy you displayed in the aftermath of the September terrorist attacks.

The crisis, which still seems like only yesterday in the minds of many of us, portends a future of uncertainty that will test our resolve as Americans in the new year, and may impact our economy, and delivery of public safety and other vital services, in ways yet unforeseen.

As Mayor, I want to assure you that your City Council, City Administration and I stand ready to lead should this crisis, a natural disaster, or other circumstances threaten to disrupt or undermine our service to the Citizens of Marysville.



Mayor Weiser

Terrorism's arrival on American soil, and bio-terrorism as we've seen in the recent anthrax outbreaks, demand that we become much more informed on these issues, and develop emergency preparedness measures that reduce panic and anxiety.

The City has compiled information and tips about terrorism and bio-terrorism response, which can be found on the City's web site. Just type ci.marysville.wa.us. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

On behalf of your City employees and elected officials, I wish you and your family a safe new year.

Council approves \$13,900 in human services funding

The City Council on Oct. 22 approved \$13,900 in human services funding that will help fund food bank services, an after-school program, late-night teen activities, low-income transitional housing and other local social service needs.

Among the recipients who will share in the grants are:

- ◆ \$3,000 to Marysville Community Food Bank for utilities
- ◆ \$4,000 to the Marysville/North County YMCA, including \$2,500 for its after-school program and \$1,500 for the Y-Zone late night program for teens
- ◆ \$2,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County
- ◆ \$2,000 to Evergreen Gleaning Association
- ◆ \$2,000 to Housing Hope
- ◆ \$900 for Kids on the Block.

Applications were reviewed and interviews conducted by the Human Services Committee. The Committee was composed of Mayor and Chairman Dave Weiser, Council-member NormaJean Dierck, Deputy City Clerk Lillie Lein and citizens Lee Cundiff, a former City Councilmember; and Terry

Nies.

"After reviewing the applications the Committee agreed, and the Council concurred, that these groups exhibit a commitment to helping promote self-sufficiency in our community, and they are helping fill basic service needs that benefit a true cross-section of our citizens," Swenson says.





The 2001 budget allocated \$10,000 for human services. At the Oct. 8 City Council meeting the members reviewed the Committee's recommendation, agreed to increase the amount to \$15,000, then asked for further discussion by the Committee. A final Committee meeting was held on Oct. 9, where the final recommendations were made.

Mayor Weiser established the Human Services Fund in 1992 to allocate funding for charitable organizations who help promote self-sufficiency and independent living, and to assist people with special needs in Marysville.

Please remember to recycle, and use recycled materials!



MEET THE NEWEST CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

P O S 1		<p>Tom Grady Years in Marysville: 10</p> <p>Occupation: 30 yrs. in retail supermarket industry</p> <p>Family: Not married, no children</p>	<p>Tom Grady has for several years contributed time in myriad ways and donated to neighbors and local organizations, but it wasn't until 2001 that he decided to run for political office, and was subsequently elected. His issues: bring teamwork, respect and professionalism back to the Council; develop ballfields and open spaces; expand emergency services such as police and fire protection; and focus more energy on economic development and business retention efforts that will benefit Marysville and provide reliable revenue sources. He has served as an officer with the Marysville Strawberry Festival (Maryfest, Inc.), Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce, several Rotary Clubs and many Marysville School District committees.</p>
P O S 2		<p>Donna Wright Years in Marysville: 33</p> <p>Occupation: Manager; real estate; Gary Wright Realty</p> <p>Family: married, 5 grown children</p>	<p>2002 marks the return of former City Councilmember Donna Wright, who originally was elected to the Council in January 1990 and served two four-year terms. Her issues: public safety, managing growth, traffic congestion and parks & recreation without over-taxing ourselves. She brings leadership, experience and a commitment to be a thoughtful decision-maker. Wright is a former Mayor Pro Tem, Planning Commissioner and Past President of the Sno. Cty. Assoc. of Cities and Towns. She served on the Marysville Fire Board, Human Services Committee & Citizenship Award Committee. She was instrumental in the creation of Marysville University.</p>
P O S 3		<p>Jeff Seibert Years in Marysville: 14</p> <p>Occupation: Electrician</p> <p>Family: married, 2 daughters</p>	<p>Since 1998, perhaps no single citizen has spent more time attending City Council meetings as an observer/participant than new Council member Jeff Seibert. His issues: public safety, education, development standards and more responsiveness by government to citizens. Through citizen involvement, Seibert hopes to see that police & fire services, schools & City services keep pace with growth. Seibert served on the Graffiti Abatement Committee & worked with citizens to oppose a comp plan amendment that would have allowed apartments to be built at Grove Street & 67th Avenue NE. He is a 13-year member of the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 191.</p>
P O S 4		<p>Jon Nehring Years in Marysville: 8-1/2</p> <p>Occupation: Regional Sales Manager, Starline</p> <p>Family: married, 3 children</p>	<p>Jon Nehring worked on many political campaigns before becoming elected to the City Council. His priorities: public safety; improved traffic circulation through better east-west flow, as well as more four-lane roadways; and developing parks on property that the City already owns; protecting Marysville's streams and water resources without putting undue burdens on citizens; restoring accountability in City government; and expanding economic development efforts to broaden the tax base. He counts his bachelor's degree-level education, business experience and communications skills as assets to help build problem-solving coalitions. Nehring volunteers time with youth sports programs.</p>

NEWS NOTES & NEWSMAKERS

City hires new Human Resources Manager

The City of Marysville is pleased to announce the hiring of new Human Resources Manager Kristie Guy. She started Dec. 3. Guy arrives with 12 years of experience in human resources that she gained in various positions with the City of Everett.

"I look forward to being a strategic partner with the City of Marysville in my role as Human Resources Manager," Guy says. "It will be exciting to help the City balance the people side of the organization with the constantly changing rules that regulate Human Resources. I'm also looking forward to working in the community where I live, and being a part of Marysville's growth."



Guy lives in Marysville and has two daughters, Julie, 26 and Katie, 23.

She became employed by the City of Everett in the Public Works Department as an Office Assistant in 1986, then moved to the Parks and Recreation Department to serve as an Administrative Secretary and Personnel Coordinator. In 1991, she took a position as Assistant in the Human Resources Department, then was promoted to Analyst.

Marysville Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson says "I am confident that Kristie will prove to be a valuable asset to our employees, management and citizens of Marysville."

Guy succeeds Dr. Romero Protacio, who had served in the position since February 1999.

Some seniors, disabled eligible for utility tax rebate

If you're a low-income senior citizen or disabled resident living inside City limits, you may be eligible for a rebate on your utility taxes. Seniors must be 62 or older, with a total combined household income of \$24,000 or less. Low-income disabled residents also qualify if they possess special parking status, are declared legally blind, or are disabled, handicapped or incapacitated as defined by state and federal programs.

Applicants must present proof of utility bills (excluding water, sewer or garbage) paid to City Hall, 4822 Grove St. Ongoing participants must reapply annually to continue enrollment. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, March 1. Forms are available at City Hall. For more information call (360) 651-5000.

Creative citizens needed to form Arts Commission

The City of Marysville is seeking citizens with an appreciation for the arts to bring their creativity to the table and serve on a Marysville Arts Commission now being formed by Mayor David Weiser. Only a couple of people have applied so far; you can, too.

The Commission's specific goals and responsibilities will likely be an early discussion topic, Weiser says. In general, the Commission will advise the Mayor on public art acquisitions, historic landmarks and citywide art issues, and make recommendations related to artistic and cultural development within the City. Individuals are asked to provide a brief letter of interest in care of Mayor Weiser, Marysville Arts Commission, 4822 Grove St., Marysville, WA 98270. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31. For more information please contact City Hall at 651-5000.



CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL PROCESS

Cable Community Survey

January 2002

The City of Marysville is assessing the community's cable-related needs and interests and evaluating the performance of our cable operator, namely AT&T Broadband. The City developed this survey in an effort to gather information about residents' attitudes toward the cable television service they receive in Marysville from AT&T Broadband.

Instructions for Completing this Survey:

- Mark an "X" on the line or in the box as necessary. Unless multiple responses are asked for, choose the one response that best represents your views. If you are undecided, choose "Don't Know."
- Written responses should be brief and legible.
- If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Doug Buell at (360) 651-5021 or dbuell@ci.marysville.wa.us.
- If you have received this survey in the City's newsletter, please complete it and return it to the City either by placing it in the return envelope, or by dropping it off at City Hall.
- If you have downloaded this survey off the City's web site, please complete it and return it to the City either by placing it in an envelope and mailing it to the address below, or by dropping it off at City Hall.

Mail To: Marysville City Hall
Cable Community Survey
Attn: Doug Buell - Community Information Officer
4822 Grove St.
Marysville, WA 98270

Drop Off: Marysville City Hall
4822 Grove St.
Marysville
Attention: Doug Buell - Community Information Officer

Thanks for your time. Please return the completed survey to us by Thursday, **Feb. 7, 2002**. In order to ensure the validity and reliability of this study, only return one completed survey to the City.

Cable Community Survey

1. Does your household currently subscribe to cable TV from AT&T Broadband?

- Yes (Skip to Q. 4)
 No (Continue)

2. For what reasons have you never subscribed to cable TV in the City?

- Not available
 Cost
 Satellite dish
 Don't want cable TV
 Lack of choice of cable companies
 Don't watch TV
 Other: _____

3. Why did you stop subscribing to cable TV? (After completing, go to Q. 14)

- Don't like the channels
 Cost
 Service issue(s)
 Satellite dish
 Moved
 Other: _____

4. What services do you currently receive from AT&T Broadband? (Mark all that apply)

- Only** basic cable television (such as KOMO, KIRO, KING, etc.)
 Expanded basic (CNN, ESPN, etc.)
 Premium channels (HBO, Showtime, etc.)
 Digital service
 Pay-per-view channels

5. Are there any cable programs or types of programs that are not available that you would like AT&T Broadband to add?

- Yes
 No
 If "Yes," please indicate: _____

6. Taken as a whole, do you believe that the prices for the cable TV service you receive from AT&T Broadband are:

- Lower than expected
 Right amount
 Too expensive
 Don't know

7. Do you feel special discounts for cable television should be made available to senior citizens?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Customer Service

8. For each of the following, how satisfied have you been with AT&T Broadband over the last year?

(Indicate "N/A" if you have not experienced the matter in question in the last year.)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know	Not applic.
Ability to contact by phone						
Ability to restore service when outages occur						
Response to service requests						
Friendliness & courtesy of personnel who handle your questions & service requests						
Promptness of service technicians in keeping scheduled appointments						
Information provided about changes in your service						
Making monthly bill understandable						
Cost of cable TV service						
The accuracy of your monthly bill						
Bringing disputes to a fair resolution						
Quality of the picture						
Quality of the sound						
Quality of cable programming						
Variety of cable programming						

9. **How important is it to you that AT&T Broadband operate a full service local office in Marysville?**

- Very important
- Important
- Not that important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

10. **What types of services should be offered in a local office by AT&T Broadband in Marysville?**

- Talk face-to-face with cable customer service representative
- Return equipment
- Pay bills
- Access to technical assistance
- Other: _____

11. **Have you called AT&T Broadband in the last two years?**

- Yes. If so, estimate how many times: _____
(Continue to Q. 12)
- No (Skip to Q. 14)

12. **What was the longest time you have had to wait listening to a recording before talking to a live AT&T Broadband customer service representative?**

- Up to 30 seconds
- Up to 2 minutes
- Up to 5 minutes
- Up to 10 minutes
- Over 10 minutes
- If over 10 minutes, estimate how long it was before your call was answered: _____
- Don't know

13. **In your opinion, what is a reasonable amount of time to wait listening to a recording before talking to a live AT&T Broadband customer service representative?**

- Up to 30 seconds
- Up to 2 minutes
- Up to 5 minutes
- Up to 10 minutes
- Over 10 minutes
- Don't know

Computer Use and Online Access

14. **Do you have a personal computer in your home?**

- Yes (Continue)
- No (Skip to Q. 18)

15. **Do you currently subscribe to a service for Internet access in your home?**

- Yes (Continue)
- No (Skip to Q. 17)

16. **What is the average number of hours per week your household spends using the Internet (for all purposes)?**

- Less than 1 hour
- 1-4 hours
- 5-8 hours
- 9-12 hours
- More than 12 hours

17. **When cable modem high-speed Internet service is introduced in Marysville, do you:**

- Plan to subscribe right away
- Plan to subscribe within 6 to 12 months
- Probably will subscribe eventually, if terms are acceptable
- Don't plan to subscribe
- Undecided

Educational/Government/Community Matters

18. **A type of cable often used by cable and telephone companies is fiber optic cable. Fiber optic cable can deliver a variety of services such as voice communication, data and video. How important do you think it is for the City to have access to fiber optic networks for educational and governmental uses?**

- Very important
- Important
- Not that important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

19a. **Do you watch Marysville's government access television channel, namely Channel 29?**

- Yes
- No

19b. **If Yes, how often?**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Never
- I/We do not receive Marysville's government access Channel 29.

20. **Rate the importance of your cable service having the following programming. Indicate either high interest, medium interest, or low interest.**

	High	Medium	Low
Community events and announcements			
Government meetings (City Council, etc.)			
Educational programming			
School sporting events			
Area performing arts events			
News and event updates			

21. Rate the importance of the following types of local community events being offered live. Indicate either high interest, medium interest or low interest.

	High	Medium	Low
High school sports			
Area performing arts events (schools, etc)			
Neighborhood public meetings			
Parades and festivals			
Interactive community meetings			
Election results			
Real time local traffic cameras			

22. Many communities help support the capital costs for their governmental and educational access programming (such as cameras, a studio and fiber optic connections) through subscriber charges. How important is it to you that a portion of your cable bill be used to support governmental and educational access?

- Very important
- Important
- Not too important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

Renewal Priorities

23. Rate the following in order of importance to you in considering the renewal of the cable television franchise(s) in the City.

	High	Medium	Low
Customer service			
Signal quality			
Community programming			
Expanded channel capacity			
Programming variety			
Improved technologies			

Overall Performance

24. Overall, how would you rate AT&T Broadband's performance?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Demographics

25. What is your age range?

- 18 - 25
- 26 - 35
- 36 - 45
- 46 - 65
- 66 and older

26. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

27. Which best describes your home?

- Single-family home
- Multi-family residence (for example, an apartment)

28. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

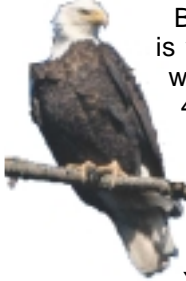
Other Comments

29. Please provide any other comments you may have regarding AT&T Broadband's cable service in Marysville:

SPECIAL EVENTS

Day Tripper features bald eagle adventure

Experience the awesome beauty of watching bald eagles in the wild when you join a special Bald Eagle Float Trip on the Skagit River on Jan. 12, sponsored by the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department.



Between December and March, Washington state is visited by one of the largest concentrations of wintering bald eagles found anywhere in the lower 48 states. They migrate from Canada and Alaska in search of plentiful food and clean water. This float trip offers a first-hand look at bald eagles in their natural habitat, perched in Maple and Cottonwood trees along the Skagit banks as they eye and descend on spawned-out salmon. Your guide will be a professional naturalist and river boat professional. Cost includes bus ride from and to Marysville, and guided tour. Bring a sack lunch to eat at riverside.

Date	Depart	Time	Fee
Saturday, Jan. 12	From Jennings Park	Leave 7:30 a.m. Return 4 p.m.	\$42 (adults) \$37 (under 16)

Look for information about a special Day Tripper White Water Raft Trip in July and group Mariner games in the Spring/Summer 2002 edition of the *Marysville Messenger*.

Easter Bunny is on his way March 30

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department, Marysville Afternoon Rotary Club and north and south Marysville Albertson's stores are pleased to sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt coming March 30 in Jennings Memorial Park, 6915 Armar Road.



This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 30, and is open to children ages 8 years and under. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and continue until 11:15 a.m. All activities will occur in the area around the Rotary Ranch Petting Zoo. Over 7,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes will be distributed in the various hunting areas. A six egg

limit will be enforced. Parents will be able to view all participant activities. Participants are asked to bring a canned food item for the Marysville Food Bank. For more information please contact the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 651-5085.

2002 Youth Sports Forum

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to present their 2nd Annual Youth Sports Forum. This series of six **FREE** informational discussions will take place in early Spring and are designed to provide insight into the world of playing and coaching Youth Sports. A wide variety of topics will be covered. All topics are suitable for players of all ages, coaches and parents, and favorite sport. Each evening discussion will cover two different topics. Each topic will include a 40-minute discussion with a question and answer period at the conclusion.

Treat your child to a barnyard birthday party

If you're looking for a special way to throw a birthday party that your child will never forget, the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department offers an affordable party package that's hard to beat.

For only \$75 for the first 15 kids (\$5 each additional child and a \$25 deposit), you get a 90-minute party that includes staff to supervise games, cleanup, decorations, treat bags, cupcakes, juice and a group photo.

For registration forms or info call (360) 651-5085.

DATES: Saturdays - Feb. 9, Mar. 16, April 13, May 11
TIMES: 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

KIDS CLASSES

Kindermusik
Winter 2002

With Kindermusik, a good beginning never ends
Join Instructor Chris Floyd

Winter 2002 Kindermusik classes get under way Jan. 28 for Marysville's youngest citizens and their families. Classes are designed for children up to 7 years old. A variety of class days and times are available to introduce the joy of music into your child's life through interactive participation. Here are the programs being offered beginning in January:

Our Time: Away We Go
Ages 18 mos.-3 1/2 years

Imagine That: Toys I Make - Trips I Take
Ages 3 1/2 - 5

Kindermusik for the Young Child
Ages 5 - 6

Kindermusik for the Young Child
Ages 6 - 7

Classes last for 15 weeks with all sessions held in the Marysville Public Library, 6120 Grove St. If you have questions about class content, please call Certified Instructor Chris Floyd at (360) 659-1810. Flyers with complete details including class times, dates and cost are available at the Parks Office in Jennings Park, 6915 Armar Road, or all (360) 651-5085.

YOUTH CLASSES

Babysitting Basics

Marysville Parks and Recreation and Camp Fire USA present another session of the popular Babysitting Basics class offering the "how to's" of babysitting. Topics to be shared in the two four-hour classes include the proper way to hold a child, what to do in an emergency, infant and toddler care, play ideas, beginning behavior management, working with parents and how to find sitting jobs.



Date	Place	Time	Fee
Jan. 26 & Feb. 2	Library	12:45-4:45 p.m.	\$30

Inclement winter weather policy

The City of Marysville values our citizens' safety. In the event that the Marysville School District announces limited bus transportation or cancels classes due to poor weather, the City will

close the Ken Baxter Senior/Community Center, and all City recreational/athletic programs will be cancelled. For weekend youth basketball game status call (360) 651-5083.

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

Sign up for Spring 7-A-Side Youth Soccer

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for their 2002 Spring Outdoor 7-A-Side Soccer League. This recreational soccer program is offered to boys and girls ages 7-14 years in cooperation with the Marysville Youth Soccer Club. Registration will be accepted 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Signups start Monday, Jan. 21 at the Parks Office in Jennings Park. Registration will continue until Saturday, March 2.

Special weekend/weeknight registration		
Wednesday	Feb. 27	6- 8 p.m.
Saturday	March 2	12-4 p.m.

Coaches of established North County Youth Soccer teams may register players from their 2001 fall roster as a team. All other players must go through open registration. Rosters must comply with Marysville Youth Soccer Club bylaws. Individual players will be assigned to a team. **Cost to participate: \$40 for the first family member, \$35 for each extra family member.** For more info or to get registration forms call the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085.

ADULT SPORTS

Spring softball registration to begin Feb. 25

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for its upcoming 2002 Spring Softball Leagues on Monday, Feb. 25.

Register 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Parks and Recreation Office in Jennings Memorial Park. Registration will continue on a space available basis until 5 p.m. Friday, March 29.

Divisions are available for Men's, Men's Church & Co-ed teams. Men's & Men's Church teams will receive 18 games, plus a double elimination playoff for a league fee of \$610. Co-ed teams will receive 14 games, plus a double elimination playoff for a league fee of \$485.

Games begin the week of April 15. Several different levels will be available to ensure that all teams regardless of ability or experience have an enjoyable season. For more info or to have a brochure mailed call the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085.

Parks & Recreation offers many ways to pay

All classes and activities offered through the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department may be paid for by cash, check, money order or major credit card. Unless otherwise specified, please make checks or money order payable to City of Marysville. Visa and MasterCard users must pay in person at the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road.



Our parks are tobacco-free, and so are we!



Photo by Doug Bluel

Students from Middle School Students, Cedarcrest Middle School and Marysville Alternative High School with TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use), pictured above, joined City and Park Board officials, as well as Snohomish Health District representatives, for a Nov. 15 ceremony to unveil a new tobacco-free parks campaign.

The blue signs, promoting the message, "For Our Kids - Tobacco Free Parks," will be posted in Marysville's 17 park playgrounds, as part of an educational campaign to protect children from exposure to the harmful effects of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), or secondhand smoke.

"This not a law, but we can in our parks say, 'please don't (smoke)," Mayor Weiser told the audience in Jennings Park Barn. He thanked everyone for making the tobacco-free parks promotion a success. The Health District and Park Board worked together to develop the campaign.



Cedarcrest Golf Club opens new Pro Shop & Restaurant

Marysville's Cedarcrest Golf Course proudly announces the opening of its new Pro Shop, which was completed in mid-October.

The new restaurant, Chadwick's Grill, is expected to fire up its ovens the first week of February, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew says.

The long-awaited improvement project that started in June was designed by Architect Dan Jansen of CNJA and built by Allied Construction of Everett at a project cost of \$785,283 plus tax. The restaurant will be operated by Golf Northwest, featuring a varied full-

service menu for both golfers and visitors alike. The restaurant will be open seven days a week serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to the public, catering to families and small group gatherings anytime.

The course has operated without food and beverage service since 1997 when the former restaurant was razed due to age and structural problems.

"Cedarcrest Golf Club will now be a full-service facility providing individuals and large tournament patrons every opportunity to enjoy a great golf experience at an affordable price," Ballew says. "We are very

excited about the outdoor dining area, which will offer seating for 75 as well as our indoor seating for 65 patrons."

The pro-shop inventory is all new featuring logo clothing, shoes, clubs and any gear needed for the game. Several improvements have been made on the course this year by our maintenance staff giving golfers a great place to play year round.

It's time to consider Cedarcrest for reserving tournaments or social events. Please call Cedarcrest at 659-3566 for more information.

Council adopts lean City budget for 2002

With a receding economy and impacts from the voter-approved Initiative 747's limitations on property tax levy increases awaiting Marysville in the new year, the City Council on Nov. 26 approved the Mayor's \$14.6 million balanced budget for general government services in 2002, with a total budget across all funds of \$69.4 million.

"This spending package reflects the challenges that lie ahead in the approaching year, as we move from a time mixed with caution and optimism, into a period of economic uncertainty," Weiser says.

An already declining regional economy and I-747 were reasons enough for Marysville budget planners and the Council to proceed cautiously, Weiser says. The terrorist attacks in September cast an even larger shadow of uncertainty on the region's well-being, he adds. Within weeks, the region was dealt another blow when The Boeing Co. announced layoffs by year's end because of halted orders for new jets in the wake of terrorist attacks.

"The result is a lean budget, with some flexibility, that will focus on preserving the services we have, while keeping us on a sound fiscal course," Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson says.

During months of budget planning, City finance officials projected a shortfall of \$200,161 if passage of I-747 limited the Council to seek the maximum 1% property tax levy increase, and not the requested 6% that was deemed necessary to balance the budget. The initiative passed.

City leaders drafted a contingency plan to erase the shortfall that included options for the Council to consider, and set aside additional monies of about \$135,000 in a contingency fund that could be used later in 2002 if the economic picture brightens, Swenson says.



Photo by Doug Buell

QUICK FACTS

Police/Emergency response calls in 2000:

36,400

Fire response calls in 2000:

6,000

Emergency 911 Dispatch Communications Center remodeled, expanded for 800 MHz

If you didn't notice that the Marysville Emergency Dispatch Communications Center relocated in October, it's no surprise. Center operations moved downstairs from the original location upstairs in the Public Safety Building at 1635 Grove St., a transition made with no disruption in dispatch services.

"I'm pleased to report that the project was done under budget and on time," Cmdr. Steve Winters says.

The City Council approved \$130,000 for the remodel to provide additional space for the 11-member staff, which outgrew its quarters upstairs, and to prepare for the potential for providing contracted dispatch services to other local jurisdictions. Perhaps most importantly, the expansion will accommodate the new Snohomish County 800 MHz emergency radio system that is expected to go online in July 2002. Marysville committed \$1.3 million to the \$32 million countwide radio upgrade.

The remodel increased the work stations from 2.5 to 4, and added new state-of-the-art monitors, radio equipment and furniture. Dispatch also monitors video surveillance inside and outside the public safety building, and the doors to the jail, operations upgrades that were also budgeted.

Winters says "everything is working superbly."

City sets out to guide cable TV's future

If you've completed the Cable Community Survey inserted in this City newsletter, thank you for your time and comments shared.

You've helped the City take the first step in cable franchise negotiations with Marysville's cable provider, AT&T Broadband. Your answers are very important in helping City government form a more complete picture of our current and projected future cable-related needs and interests, especially of the needs of consumers such as yourselves, the public sector and educational entities.

The City in December hired River Oaks Communications Corp. of Englewood, Colo. The firm will assist the City in ascertaining cable community needs and negotiating the new franchise agreement with AT&T.

Community involvement will be essential to assessing future cable needs and interests, says Community Information Officer Doug Buell. Citizens, businesses and organizations will be surveyed, and public meetings are planned to discuss cable issues.

Marysville's new cable ordinance and negotiated franchise will lay a course for cable operations and services for years to come. In addition to setting standards for channel capacity and the quality of customer service for cable subscribers, the City will explore the increasing possibilities for public, educational, and governmental television channels (PEG), an institutional network (I-Net), and cable-based access to the Internet and other online services.

Happy Anniversary

**To these
City of Marysville
Employees:**

**15
YEARS**

Duane Morgison, Utility Locator, *February*

**10
YEARS**

Linda Russell, Communications Officer, *Jan.*
Lillie Lein, Conf. Secretary/Deputy City Clerk,
January

Allen Henninger, Custody Officer, *January*
Eric Thompson, Program Engineer - Land
Development, *February*

Cheryl Dungan, Senior Planner, *March*

**5
YEARS**

Suzi Larsen, Court Administrator, *January*
Jim Maples, Police Officer, *April*
Tim King, Equipment Operator, *April*

Library welcomes new Head Librarian

If those computer searches by book title or author at the library have you longing for a return to the days of thumbing through index card drawers, blame new Marysville Head Librarian Maggie Buckholz.

One of her early jobs after earning her master's degree in Library Sciences from the University of Washington in 1982 was to convert card catalogs to computer databases.

She can joke about it, because for most of the past 20 years, library services have been a pivotal part of Buckholz's life.

Her newest job brings her to the Marysville library. As temporary head librarian she succeeded

Dan Howard, then accepted the position permanently in November. Prior to working in Marysville, Buckholz served as Branch Manager at Arlington Public Library, which is also part of the Sno-Isle Regional Library System.



Photo by Doug Buell

Librarian Maggie Buckholz

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generated will pay for increased operations and maintenance costs, debt payments and energy.

WATER SERVICE

The City of Marysville provides water service 24 hours a day, currently supplying over 6.5 million gallons per day of quality drinking water to more than 15,300 connections inside the City (pop. 26,770) and within the Rural Utilities Service Area (RUSA) (pop. 45,000), as well as providing necessary fire flows, at rates that are competitive in the Puget Sound region.

The City Council approved a two-step rate increase of 8% in 2002 and 7% in 2003, generating revenue that will:

- Ensure a continued safe and reliable water supply for the community, and delivery of necessary fire flow for Fire District fire suppression.
- Rehabilitate and improve the aging Marysville water system to reliably meet municipal water supply needs and ensure compliance with present and future State and Federal water treatment regulations, for the system in general, and the important groundwater table.

SEWER SERVICE

Through its City-operated sewer collection system, Marysville treats and safely discharges wastewater at a current rate of about 5 million gallons per day for more than 12,000 connections inside the City and within Rural Utilities Service Area (RUSA) boundaries. The rate adjustments illustrated below will, for the years 2002-2005, provide funding:

- For treatment plant upgrades, and pursuing a regional solution for treating and discharging wastewater to meet requirements of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit with the state Department of Ecology. Estimates for the projects are

"I'm really excited about the new job," Buckholz says. "I like the people and the staff I've been getting to know, and the wide range of resources we have available."

Sno-Isle is really focused on public service; that's a key issue, adds Buckholz. "And they're very concerned about tax-paying patrons getting their money's worth."

Marysville-area residents support the library through an assessment on their property taxes of \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value on their home. The Marysville Library currently averages about 800-900 visitors a day.

Buckholz's goals mirror those of Sno-Isle's: Long-range planning, increased library presence in the community, and open access to information. "Access to information is as important as a roof over your head or food on your table, because it raises your quality of life," she says.

Buckholz says today's library is more than just a depository for books and other media materials. If you would like more information about the various programs that the Library proudly offers, such as infant/toddler and pre-school reading programs, the lap-sitting program for reading to babies, or adult program featuring guest lecturers, please call the library at (360) 658-5000.

about \$40 million, with upgrades or discharge alternatives required by June 2004.

- For major rehabilitation to our existing aging sewer system facilities.
- To pay for the increased costs of operations, maintenance, debt service and energy.

When will you see new rates in your bimonthly bill?

Although the City of Marysville's new water, sewer and garbage rates became effective Jan. 1, it may be a while before you actually see the increases reflected in your bill.

Much will depend on whether you receive your bill in an odd month (January, March, May, etc.) or an even month (February, April, June, etc.)

If you receive your bill in January for services for November and December 2001, you won't see any change in your bill rates until March. That billing period will cover the months of January & February, and will reflect all charges completely at the new rates. If you receive your bill in February for service in December & January, you will see a portion of your charges at the old rates & some at the new rate.

For more utility customer information

The City of Marysville is pleased to have you as a customer. We encourage you to call us any time during normal business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday if you have questions about your utility account or billing statement.

Questions about your utility account or statement:

(360) 651-5000 *(Please have your account number ready)*

Questions about the rate adjustments:

(360) 651-5021 or (360) 651-5112

Or on the web: http://ci.marysville.wa.us/utility_new.htm

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS IN REVIEW

SEPTEMBER

◆ Presented Vic Seaforth with a Certificate of Recognition for his countless volunteer hours with Marysville Seniors Against Crime.

◆ Approved a contract for utility main construction for Phase II of the Sunnyside Trunk "D" sewer extension.

◆ Passed a resolution amending the City's public facilities use policy to enable non-partisan political functions to be permitted in facilities, such as the Ken Baxter Senior Community Center. The main purpose was to make facilities available without regard to intended use.

◆ Okayed removal of netting and poles, and restoration of turf at the golf course driving range at Grove Street and 67th Ave. NE.

◆ Authorized staff to negotiate a supplemental professional services agreement with Hough, Beck & Baird to complete Phase I construction specifications for site development in 2002 of the Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex. The consultant will address issues such as roadway improvements, power poles and pipeline issues.

OCTOBER

◆ Awarded a \$98,200 contract (*Phase I only*) to Shoreline Const. to replace a sub-standard culvert on 84th Street NE across from Cedarcrest Golf Course

◆ Approved the 2001 Engineering Standards update.

◆ Adopted the Drought Response Plan to comply with Gov. Locke's order, as well as to manage available water resources and ensure sufficient water supplies in the event of drought conditions.

◆ Approved a police motorcycle lease agreement with Bears & Roses Harley-Davidson of Bend, Ore. for \$500 per year for each motorcycle (*story on Page 1.*)

◆ Approved \$13,900 in human services funding that will help fund food bank services, an after-school program, late-night teen activities, low-income transitional housing and other local social service needs. (*see story on Page 3*)

◆ Authorized Mayor to sign a \$9,600 contract with Gardner Johnson for a por-

tion of a City Economic Impact Analysis & Economic Development Strategy.

NOVEMBER

◆ Okayed a cost-saving interlocal correction/detention agreement between the City and Yakima County Department of Corrections. Marysville jail inmates sentenced beyond 30 days will be transferred to the Yakima County Jail for housing.

◆ Approved a consultant agreement with Dykeman Architects for a Capital Facilities Plan, with cost of the scope of work not to exceed \$50,000.

◆ Okayed a cable consultant agreement River Oaks Communications in Englewood, Colo. to guide and assist the City in franchise negotiations with local cable provider AT&T Broadband.

DECEMBER

◆ Approved Committee recommendations for the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Program.

◆ Okayed the 10% petition for the proposed 494-acre Vaness Annexation in the Lakewood area west of Interstate 5. Petitioners must next submit a 60% petition representing property owners in the area proposed for annexation.

◆ Authorized a Letter of Intent to be submitted to Kimberly-Clark Corp. reaffirming the City's commitment to purchase sewer treatment capacity as a partner with Kimberly-Clark and the City of Everett in developing a regional waste water treatment plant and deep water outfall for discharge.

The City Council meets for Work Sessions the 1st & 3rd Monday, and Regular meetings the 2nd & 4th Monday. Meetings (excluding holidays) are at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Public Safety Bldg, 1635 Grove St.



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REGISTER NOW FOR WINTER 2002 FREE CLASSES!

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION: Ken Baxter Senior/Community Ctr., 514 Delta Ave.

The City of Marysville invites you to the 4th year of Marysville University, a free, informal two-night, lively, entertaining public education designed to engage curious citizens & students. Diplomas awarded, refreshments served, questions answered!

Class I Wednesday, Feb. 20 7-9 p.m.
"&!?!@ Traffic! Speeding, Unsafe Traffic Activity & What Can Be Done in Your Neighborhood"

Class II Thursday, Feb. 21 7-9 p.m.
"Digital Marysville: A Community Forum on Your Cable TV Service & the Coming Digital Cable Revolution"

To reserve your seat call City Hall or e-mail:

Carol Mulligan at (360) 651-5020, cmulligan@ci.marysville.wa.us.
 Doug Buell at (360) 651-5021, dbuell@ci.marysville.wa.us.



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