



City of Covington Street Projects for the Next Four Years



- A.** Cascade Water Alliance Water Main
- B.** S.E. 256th St. / 164th Ave. S.E.
- C.** 2006 Street Overlay
- D.** S.E. 256th St. / 180 Ave. S.E.
- E.** SR 516 / 168th Ave. S.E. / 165th Pl. S.E. / Covington Way S.E.
- F.** S.E. 275th St.
- G.** SR 516 (S.E. Wax Rd. to Jenkins Creek)
- H.** SR 516 (Jenkins Creek to 198th Ave. S.E.)
- I.** S.E. Wax Road / 180th Ave. S.E.



Roundabout design for S.E. 256th Street and 164th Ave. S.E.



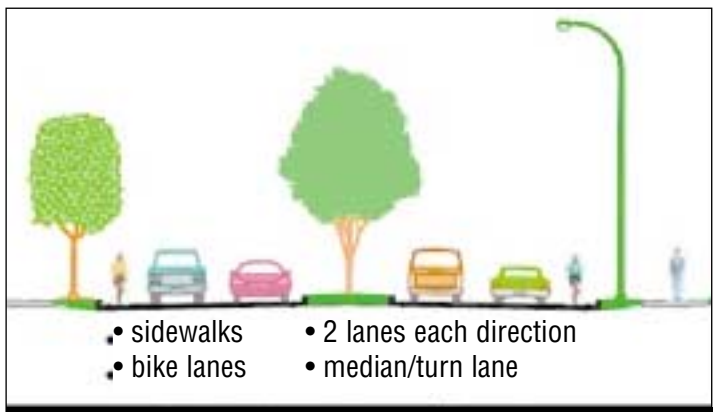
C. 2006 Street Overlay project on S.E. 267th between S.E. 268th St. and 173rd Ave. S.E. We overlay streets to extend their useful life and keep the cost of street maintenance down while improving the vehicle ride and lowering street noise.

A. Cascade Water Alliance will install a new 42 inch water main in 156th Ave. S.E. from S.E. 272nd Street to the northern city limits. The City will take this opportunity to improve the street and drainage at this time.



164th Ave S.E. Cross Section

B. S.E. 256th Street, 164th Ave. S.E. and a portion of 156th Ave. S.E. are slated for widening, three new signals, a roundabout, separated sidewalks, added travel lanes and street illumination.



S.E. 256th Street Cross Section

D. S.E. 256th Street and 180th Ave. S.E. will be expanded to the north and west to add lanes, separated sidewalks, storm drainage and street illumination. These improvements are tied to the new Fire Station on S.E. 256th Street west of 180th Ave. S.E.

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E. Access control project on SR 516, new street on 168th Ave S.E. and 165th Place S.E. to include a new signal at 165th Place S.E. and Covington Way S.E., and two roundabouts. Widening of Covington Way S.E. will also occur as a part of this project.

F. Creation of a new three lane street – S.E. 275th Street – with separated sidewalks, landscaping and street illumination extending between the new segment of 168th Ave. S.E. and S.E. Wax Road.



G. Access control, added lanes and separated sidewalks, street landscaping, street illumination, installation of U-turn capabilities, revision to traffic signal on SR 516 at S.E. Wax Road and extending east to Jenkins Creek.



H. New Jenkins Creek crossing and added lanes on SR 516 plus a new signal at the intersection of SR 516 and 198th Ave. S.E. This project will provide access to new commercial development on SR 516, safer access to SR 516 for Jenkins Creek Elementary School and enhanced fish passage for Jenkins Creek salmon runs.



I. Widening of S.E. Wax Road and 180th Ave. S.E. from SR 516 to S.E. 262nd Street, installation of a roundabout, street illumination, separated sidewalks and access control.

Public Service Commitment - Covington's Master Transportation Plan

To The Greatest Extent Possible:

1. Perform street work with minimum disruption to traffic flow.
2. Coordinate with impacted commercial and residential property owners before and during actual street work.
3. Perform street work during non-peak hours.
4. Coordinate other public works projects in conjunction with street projects to minimize cost and increase speed of completion.
5. Coordinate with other public works projects to avoid subsequent additional work along newly completed road projects.
6. Maximize funding options by pursuing federal and state funds, bonding, joint venture, developer agreements, and other forms of financing to expedite street project completion.
7. Inform the public in advance of pending street work and inform the public of work status, anticipated completion dates, and other important information on street projects throughout the life of the projects.
8. Coordinate planning and plan implementation to address overall transportation needs, including but not limited to surface access improvements and mass transit demand.
9. Act as responsible partners with the local community in providing adequate, well-planned transportation facilities, infrastructure and services.
10. Address quality of life issues in transportation planning, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, access to public services, convenience and cost of public transportation, esthetics, managed growth and economic stability.

Common problems currently experienced by neighbors, citizens, businesses and visitors in the City are: traffic delays, congestion, business access problems, lack of pedestrian walking areas and dark streets. While these delays may be somewhat frustrating, they are easier to accept knowing that the end result will be a vastly improved City wide transportation system. City staff appreciates these sacrifices and have therefore developed a set of ten Public Service Commitments for Covington's Master Transportation Plan.

The projects above illustrate projects that begin in the summer of 2006 and end in the winter of 2009. Fourteen street segments will be expanded or added, five new traffic signals will be installed, five new roundabouts will be constructed and miles of sidewalks and travel lanes will be built. Thousands of feet of overhead utilities will be placed underground and hundreds of new street lights will illuminate the sidewalks and streets.

The residents have indicated they want safe walking areas, better traffic movement, more businesses and enhanced access to businesses. These capital investment projects will provide a starting point for these improvements.

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Youth Athletic Program Sponsorship

Youth athletics are one of the greatest tools that exist in today's society to help children develop positive character traits and life values. Early adolescence is a time when children are looking for basic values that they can count on in their lives. Under the right conditions, many youth sport experiences can be enormously beneficial, teaching the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and hard work, among many other qualities. In spite of this enormous potential for good, many youth sports experiences stray from the focus on what's truly best for children and can be emotionally damaging. This damage can last a lifetime.

During the years in which most children are involved in organized sports they are learning about themselves psychologically, physically, emotionally, and socially. During this juncture their personalities are being molded, their bodies are going through all sorts of changes, and their minds are forming lasting impressions on the importance of sports in their lives. It is at this level that parents, coaches and administrators play the greatest role in making the sports experience positive, healthy, and safe. The results of a child's experience during these years are crucial, especially when we consider the positive role sports can play in their overall development.

Children learn a multitude of important lessons through sports that are basic to leading productive adult lives in our society. Sports provide an ideal forum to teach such fundamental values as ethics, abiding by the rules, winning and losing with grace, coping with success and failure, respecting authority figures, striving to do your best, etc. These traits provide the building blocks that help young citizens in our community become well-balanced adults, which then translate into leading productive lives. A study conducted by Hardiness Research of Wyoming found that by a 2:1 ratio for boys and a 3:1 ratio for girls, those who participate in sports perform better in school, do not drop out, and have a better chance to attend and graduate from college.

The foundation for human development occurs during the early years of life. Individuals are exposed to many dif-

ferent learning situations that contribute to their potential for successful development in future endeavors. Activities at home, schools and clubs play a role in a child's growth and development. Organized sports are near the top of that list. Regardless of which sports they choose to pursue, children will reap the positive benefits from participation, as regular physical activity is the basis for a healthy and active lifestyle.

The City of Covington Parks and Community Services Department currently coordinates youth athletic leagues and programs in Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Tennis. Over 3,000 Covington area youth participate in these programs annually on 350 different teams. Participants pay registration fees to play. The registration fees help to cover the costs associated with providing the program including gym rental, insurance, umpires and referees, equipment, uniforms, and other costs.

Each team that participates also has a team sponsor. Team sponsorships are critical to keeping registration fees affordable to the participants and allow programs to be offered. Without sponsors, many youth would not be able to participate and programs would face cancellation. Without the programs, the youth may have much more free time on their hands.

The City of Covington Youth Athletic Team Sponsorship Program provides benefits to not only the participants, but also the sponsors. For \$145 per team per season, sponsors receive their business name and logo on uniforms, an 8" x 10" team photo plaque and pride in knowing that they supported the youth of Covington.

"It's time to turn the corner on how we invest in kids. We can either build more jails or detention facilities for your people or we can invest more in the prevention side. For a relatively modest investment in what we generally term preventative programs (youth athletics), the return is extraordinary." -Barry Tindall, Director of Public Policy, NRPA.

Youth Athletic Team Sponsorship forms are available at the Covington Aquatic Center or online at www.ci.covington.wa.us.



Covington Citizens of the Year

The City Council initiated the Citizen of the Year Award to heighten awareness of the many residents who demonstrate commitment to the Vision of the City and work to make the City of Covington a better place to live, work, and play. The award was initiated to promote the understanding that the strength of the community is dependent upon a network of residents who voluntarily make the effort and take the necessary time to improve the quality of life in Covington. Often these citizens neither expect nor receive recognition for their efforts to protect our environment, provide opportunities for youth, fundraise, or many other means of exemplifying good citizenship. The City Council has established this award as a way of thanking citizens in our community.

In years past, the City has recognized the following individuals for their contributions to the community of Covington. Previous Citizen of the Year recipients include: Steve Delvo, Mary Pritchard, Gerry Crick, Don Henning, Jim

Ramseth, Larry Clements, Eric Doan, Margaret Harto, Phil Christopherson, Sharon Clements, William Modglin Jr., Virginia Levack, Greg Wingard, Shar Wagers and Rob McDonald.

Recipients of the award were recognized at local community events and by the City Council.

To nominate someone for this award, pick up a nomination form beginning the second week of April at City Hall, the Covington Aquatic Center and Covington Library. To be eligible for this award, nominees must have contributed to the community in a positive manner over the past twelve month in activities supporting the City's Vision Statement and lived within the City of Covington. The award is open to residents of all ages. Nominations must be returned to the Parks and Recreation Department no later than the first Monday in June.

Please take a moment to recognize those individuals that make our community a better place to live!



Steve Delvo – 2003 Citizen of the Year and Bob Nelson – Honorary Citizen of the Year



Pat Sullivan – 2004 Citizen of the Year



Rob McDonald – 2005 Citizen of the Year

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April Pools Day, a Swimmingly Good Time

For the second year, April Pools Day was held on April 22nd at the Covington Aquatic Center. The City of Covington hosted the free, fun and informative, statewide event that allows entire families to learn about the importance of water safety and prepare for seasonal water related activities. Aquatic staff used water games, safety events and contests to help teach about the importance of being safe in and around water. Aquatic Supervisor Pat Patterson was pleased that so many people attended the event and took the time to come out and learn about water safety so they and their children could be safe in and around the water. April Pools Day at the Aquatic Center reinforces the benefits of having a thriving Aquatic Center and programs that help increase awareness of water safety and swimming skills. These fun learning opportunities help families and individuals take measures to keep their loved ones safe around the water. The Covington Aquatic Center offers a variety of American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" programs for all ages that place emphasis on water safety as well as swimming instruction. Some of these programs were showcased during the open house that immediately followed the April Pools Day activities.



Deep Water Aerobics is a fun, low impact workout.

The City of Covington was also proud to have been selected to host the state press conference announcing April Pools Day. The Aquatic Center was chosen to host the event because of its operational success since being transferred from King County to the City. The press conference featured King County Executive Ron Sims, Covington Mayor Pro Tem Bud Sizemore and representatives from the American Red Cross. Several community members were recognized for their heroic efforts to save lives while responding to water related incidents over the past year.



Aquatic Supervisor Pat Patterson teaching proper diving form.

Please make sure you and your family takes the time to learn about water safety. Knowing how and where children drown, as well as the simple steps you can take to avoid danger, may make a life-and-death difference for your family. For more information on aquatic programs, please contact the Covington Aquatic Center at (425) 413-7665 (POOL) or online at www.ci.covington.wa.us under Recreation Programs in the Parks Department Section.



Reach and throw, don't go!

Come visit us at the Covington Aquatic Center - 18230 SE 240th Street, Covington.