

Community and Economic Development Newsletter – February 2023

PLANNING ACTIVITY

Review and issuance of Determination of Non-Significance for SEPA review of Maplewood Drive landslide repairs (City project)

Review and issuance of Critical Areas Permit for the Maplewood Dr landslide repairs (City project)

Review and issuance of Determination of Non-Significance for SEPA review of R.A. Long Memorial Stadium Improvements

17 new Home Occupation business licenses reviewed and approved

3 new Business Licenses reviewed and approved

3 Planning related code enforcements closed

4 Planning reviews and approvals on Sign Code for permits

Received an application for Critical Areas review of the Sunrise Village project w/HOSWWA (first step in process)

1 new Land Use Application for Boundary Line Adjustment

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

- Building and Planning issued 149 permits in February, an additional 28 permits were issued in tandem with Public Works.
- Application materials were submitted for more Security and Vestibule upgrades to several of our Longview schools, these submittals have already completed review and were also issued in February. Phase 2 is estimated around \$423,000. Six schools have completed upgrades to their entry security
- Permits were issued for a remodel to the Veteran's Housing building owned by HOSWWA at 1052 HEMLOCK ST for upgrades to the existing apartments. The scope includes converting two ground-floor units into 2 bed/2 bath ADA units.
- Application materials were accepted for the new Campus Towers expansion project at 2004 OLYMPIA WAY. This project includes 8 new 1 bedroom senior housing apartment units, and is valued at \$518,400.
- Longview Memorial Stadium track and field upgrade permit has been approved by Building and Fire.
- Nearing a solution for towing, storing, and disposing of abandoned RV's.
- Clary Hyundai showroom renovation is nearly complete
- Clary Ford showroom renovation plans have been approved and permit is ready to issue.
- Final phase of PUD main office remodel is in the sheetrock stage.
- Cowlitz 911 Center final inspection walk-through is scheduled for Monday March 6th.
- St John Eighth floor renovation is nearing completion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

24 new cases were opened in February

Of the 51 cases created in 2023, 24 have already been resolved.

There are currently 99 active cases. (This number includes cases from late last year and chronic, ongoing cases which are working their way through the legal process.)



Highlights and News

HIGHLANDS UPDATE —

As the new year is in full swing, the Highlands Neighborhood Association is sizing up the community events for the year and expressing gratitude that each event they hold is bigger than the last. To add to a growing list of Community Engagement events organized by the HNA each year, they are planning to add Summer Camps to the agenda this year and have already added a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat with a Family Dinner, and Christmas From The Heart where children can go to select Christmas gifts for their families and have them wrapped. In addition they have organized a Yarn Club, offer Self-Defense classes for all skill/knowledge levels, and are continuing to strive to connect people to new work opportunities.



BUD CLARY HYUNDAI BUILDING UPDATES AND SHOWROOM RENOVATION NEARING COMPLETION.