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Cashmere expects nearly 400 new residents by 2045, no need to expand Urban Growth Area

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE — The city of Cashmere is projected to grow by approximately 386 residents over the next 20 years, according to Chelan County population data presented at a recent Planning Commission meeting.

Christina Wollman, a planning consultant with Perteeet, Inc., detailed these projections to commissioners on March 3, guiding them through the initial steps of a land capacity analysis that will help the city prepare for anticipated growth through 2045.

“Washington’s Growth Management Act requires local governments

to ‘plan for and accommodate’ housing affordable to all income levels,” Wollman explained, referencing state requirements that guide the planning process.

The analysis revealed that Cashmere will need approximately 340 additional housing units by 2046 to accommodate the projected population increase. These units would need to serve residents across seven income categories, ranging from those with no income to individuals earning more than 120% of the area’s median income.

Wollman emphasized to commissioners that the city isn’t required to force specific housing

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Exhibit A: An estimated 340 additional housing units will be required in Cashmere by 2046. The chart shows the number of types of housing the City should plan for by income level.
Exhibit B: Population growth estimates for areas and towns within Chelan County. Indicate an estimated population increase of 386 residents in Cashmere in 20 years.

EXHIBIT A HOUSING NEED ALLOCATIONS BY INCOME LEVEL AND TYPE

Urban Growth Area	Adjusted Population Allocation	Total	Permanent Housing Needs by Income Level (% of Area Median Income)							Emergency Housing Needs (Temporary)
			0-30%		>30-50%	>50-80%	>80-100%	>100-120%	>120%	
			Non-PSH	PSH						
Manson UGA	3.37%	355	43	31	60	59	29	26	107	10
Chelan UGA	3.43%	361	43	32	61	60	29	27	109	10
Entiat UGA	2.23%	235	28	21	40	39	19	17	71	7
Leavenworth UGA	3.43%	361	43	32	61	60	29	27	109	10
Peshastin UGA	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cashmere UGA	3.23%	340	41	30	57	57	28	25	103	10
Wenatchee UGA	59.59%	6,275	752	548	1,057	1,048	509	466	1,895	180
Urban Total	75.28%	7,928	950	693	1,335	1,323	644	589	2,394	227
Rural	24.72%	2,603	312	227	439	435	211	193	786	75
Total	100%	10,531	1,262	920	1,774	1,758	855	782	3,180	302

The table above uses the same calculation method utilized in the “Method A” option provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce in the Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT). The listed values are for the period 2020-2046. The UGAs listed above include incorporated areas located within them, if any.

EXHIBIT B POPULATION ALLOCATIONS

Urban Growth Area	Share of 2000-2020 Population Growth	Adjusted Population Allocation	2022 OFM Estimate	2026 Projection	2030 Projection	2035 Projection	2040 Projection	2045 Projection	2046 Projection	2026-2046 20 year change
Manson UGA	3.37%	3.37%	2,103	2,189	2,280	2,385	2,483	2,574	2,592	403
Chelan UGA	3.43%	3.43%	4,704	4,791	4,884	4,991	5,090	5,183	5,201	410
Entiat UGA	2.23%	2.23%	1,361	1,418	1,478	1,548	1,612	1,673	1,684	267
Leavenworth UGA	3.43%	3.43%	3,041	3,128	3,221	3,329	3,428	3,521	3,539	410
Peshastin UGA	-0.43%	0.00%	655	655	655	655	655	655	655	-
Cashmere UGA	3.23%	3.23%	4,153	4,235	4,322	4,423	4,517	4,604	4,621	386
Wenatchee UGA	59.59%	59.59%	41,019	42,530	44,141	46,008	47,731	49,347	49,660	7,130
Urban	74.86%	75.28%	57,036	58,945	60,980	63,339	65,516	67,557	67,953	9,007
Rural	25.14%	24.72%	23,614	24,241	24,909	25,683	26,398	27,069	27,198	2,958
Total	100.00%	100.00%	80,650	83,186	85,889	89,022	91,914	94,626	95,151	11,965

The share of population growth prepresented in the above table was calculated using the same methodology as the population allocations adopted under Chelan County Resolution 2015-112 for the last periodic update cycle. The UGAs listed above include incorporated areas located within them, if any.

Fire District #6 raises alarm bells on funding deficit



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The Fire District #6 addressed its financial situation with the public inside the Dryden Station community meeting room on March 6.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

DRYDEN – Chelan County Fire District #6 has not updated its levy rate, which funds 99 percent of its operations, since 1955. Now, it’s facing a \$10.7 million funding gap that threatens its emergency response capabilities and puts homeowners at risk of losing wildfire coverage.

The district’s levy rate is the lowest among fire districts in Chelan and Douglas Counties, collecting 31.5 cents per \$1,000 in assessed property value. Under this rate, the district currently relies on an annual budget of \$425,000 to oversee a coverage area that spans from Blewett Pass to Monitor, and includes areas of Cashmere that sit outside of city limits. It consists of one paid fire chief and 60 volunteers that



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Fire Chief Andy Lee holds an outdated Jaws of Life tool, demonstrating the risks of 30 to 40 year old equipment his district uses to remain within budget.

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12th District Lawmakers to host virtual Town Hall Meeting on March 20



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OLYMPIA — State legislators representing the 12th Legislative District have announced plans to conduct a virtual town hall meeting later this month to address constituent concerns and discuss key policy issues facing the region.

Sen. Keith Goehner, Rep. Mike Steele, and Rep. Brian Burnett will host the one-hour virtual session on Thursday, March 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted using the Zoom platform, allowing participants to join from computers, tablets, or smartphones. Advance registration is required for all who

wish to attend.

The event provides an opportunity for 12th District constituents to engage directly with their elected representatives without needing to travel to an in-person meeting.

Officials plan to discuss several pressing issues during the hour-long meeting, including the state’s budget deficit, rising cost of living, transportation infrastructure improvements, and wildfire prevention strategies. Additional priorities for the 2025 legislative session will also be addressed.

Residents can register for the March 20 event, scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at <https://tinyurl.com/ymu948sp>

Stevens Pass launches sales for 2025-2026 season, announces parking changes

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

SKYKOMISH – As spring nears, Stevens Pass is looking towards the 2025-2026 winter season. The ski resort recently launched ticket sales and announced significant changes to its parking program for the 2025-2026 season.

The 2025-2026 passes to Vail Resorts are currently at their lowest price of the year. For skiing and riding specific to Stevens, the Steven’s Pass

Select Pass is on sale for \$430, offering unlimited access on off-peak days. Epic Day Passes to Stevens start from \$76 per day, with its Epic 1-Day Pass starting at \$91.

The Epic Pass, which provide unlimited access to Vail Resorts’ 42 owned and operated mountain resorts, is priced at \$1,051 for adults, and \$537 for children. The Epic Local Pass, which provides unlimited, unrestricted access to 29 resorts and

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Sugar and Spice Romance Book Club

This club is a space for romance enthusiasts to gather and engage in uplifting discussions about romance novels, encouraging more people to read and appreciate them. The book club will meet on the first Wednesday of every month. March 18 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Cashmere Library. Some of the books read and discussed in this group may include mature or explicit content. They will explore both open and closed-door romances, aiming to create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment to discuss all kinds of romance novels.

If you're interested in joining this book club, please contact the Cashmere Public Library at (509) 782-3314 or cashmere@nculibraries.org.

My Girlfriend's Closet

12 p.m.–2 p.m. at the Red Barn at the Wenatchee River Institute in Leavenworth for an interactive workshop on growing mushrooms at home! Led by Seth Beu, an experienced mushroom grower from Primordia Farms, you'll learn how to grow mushrooms in logs, containers, and garden beds. Topics covered include three ways to grow mushrooms, cloning fungi from the forest, and much more! All supplies provided. Feel free to bring a reusable container for your grow kit. The workshop will take place in the heated Red Barn, with accessible paths and bathrooms available.

For more information, please visit: www.Wenatcheeriverinstitute.Org/Event-Calendar.Html/Event/2025/03/15/Grow-Your-Own-Mushrooms-Workshop/514336

My Girlfriend's Closet

Because My Girlfriend's Closet is back March 14–16 in Wenatchee! This fundraising event will have new and gently used women's clothing, bags, shoes, and so much more. They sort and merchandise the clothes into a department store that is open for three days. They are known for featuring high-quality, brand-name items. Most of the funds raised go to nonprofits in our community and help at-risk women with an immediate need for clothing shop for free.

For more information, please visit "My Girlfriend's Closet" on Facebook.

Storytime at the Cashmere Public Library

Looking for something to do with your kids? Come join the fun with stories, fingerplays, action songs, and games! Everyone will leave with a smile. March 13 at 10:30 a.m., just in time to get the wiggles out before nap time.

For more information, please visit The Cashmere Public Library website.

Bingo Night

17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Head down to the taproom on the brew floor (downstairs bar) and get ready for a lively night filled with fun, laughter, and the thrill of winning prizes. No entry fee—just bring your game face and enjoy a fantastic time with friends, great beer, and plenty of chances to score some awesome goodies. Don't miss out on the fun!

For more information, please visit info@iciclebrewing.com.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Camp Fire to host annual auction fundraiser on March 29

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — Camp Fire North Central Washington Council will hold its annual auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 29, at the Wenatchee Convention Center, with proceeds benefiting Camp Zanika scholarships and youth programs.

The “Enchanted Forest” themed event will run from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featuring both silent and live auctions with a variety of items available for bidding. Attendees can check in beginning at 5:00 p.m., with dinner service starting at 5:30 p.m.

The event will include a no-host bar, dinner, both silent and live auction events featuring a wide variety of items, decorated tables, photo booths, games, and networking opportunities.

Tickets are available at \$60 per person for single entry, which includes dinner and one raffle ticket. Other ticket

options include the “Fabled Pair” at \$110, which provides entry and dinner for two people with three raffle tickets, and the “Mystic Grove Table” for \$550, accommodating groups of 10 with 15 raffle tickets included.

The fundraiser has attracted several sponsors, including Downtown Kiwanis, Mitchell Reed & Schmitten, Smithson Insurance Services, Adobe, Gesa Credit Union, Zenbusiness, and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group, which is designated as a “Trailblazer Sponsor.”

Interested individuals can purchase tickets through the Camp Fire website at campfirencw.org or by calling the Wenatchee office at 509-663-1609. The organization is also seeking additional auction item donations and sponsors to support the event.

Camp Fire USA North Central Washington Council supports Camp Zanika and various youth development programs throughout the region.

Leadership Institute of North Central Washington graduates inaugural class

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — The Leadership Institute of North Central Washington celebrated the graduation of its inaugural cohort on February 27, with 26 students from four counties completing an intensive civic leadership program.

The City of Wenatchee formally recognized the occasion by proclaiming February 27 as Leadership Institute of NCW Day during a city council meeting, followed by a graduation ceremony at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

“Strong leaders, with the tools and passion to participate fully in society, are key to strong communities,” said Beth Stipe, executive director for the Community Foundation. “We spent over two years researching and evaluating program curriculum from all over the country to ensure that anyone who had the commitment and passion to get more involved in strengthening the social fabric of our communities would have an opportunity to enhance their skills.”

The 20-session training program, held at Wenatchee Valley College, uses curriculum developed by the Parent Leadership Training Institute, a national program founded 30 years ago to build civic capacity among community members. The program follows a structured approach beginning with

a retreat, followed by ten sessions on personal leadership development and another ten sessions examining civics, public policy, government structures, budgets, and media studies.

The event featured a keynote address from Zulema Gomez, Director of Capacity Building at the National Parent Leadership Institute, speeches from graduates, and remarks from District 12 Representative Mike Steele.

As part of program requirements, graduates designed and implemented community projects addressing various needs, including emotional well-being resources, inclusive 4-H clubs, veteran services, after-school programs, community gardens, and civic participation strategies.

“This program didn't just give me tools to help climb proverbial mountains – it gave me a crew and network to do it with, including the safety net of supportive people at the base,” one participant shared.

Another graduate reflected, “My whole life would not be the same without this program. It changed the way I think, and now I know how to use my voice without being afraid.”

The program originated from Our Valley, Our Future's Action Plan “Game Changer” initiative, developed with feedback from over 2,500 local residents seeking more representative civic leadership. A Civic Design

New tariffs could threaten local journalism

The recent decision by the Trump administration to impose tariffs on Canadian imports may seem like a distant policy move, but for those of us in the newspaper industry, it hits close to home - both figuratively and literally. At Ward Media, we are deeply concerned about the ripple effects these tariffs will have on our ability to continue delivering high-quality local journalism to the communities we serve.

One of the largest imports affected by these tariffs is newsprint. Canada supplies the majority of the paper used by newspapers in the United States, and as production costs rise, the financial burden will inevitably fall on local publications like ours. Unlike large national media companies with deep pockets, small and independent

newspapers operate on tight margins. Every dollar matters. For Ward Media, which publishes multiple newspapers across North Central Washington, this could mean difficult choices ahead. Newsprint is one of our biggest expenses, and any significant increase in costs may force us to consider options we don't want to - reducing the number of pages we print, reducing frequency of publication, increasing subscription rates and advertising rates, or even cutting staff. None of these options serve our mission to provide essential local news to our readers.

Beyond our company, this tariff threatens the future of independent journalism across the country. When small-town newspapers struggle or shut

down, entire communities lose access to the vital reporting that keeps them informed—about city government, school board decisions, local businesses, and even the high school sports scores so many of us look forward to reading each week.

This is not just about an industry—it's about the communities we serve. The strength of our democracy depends on a free and thriving press, and policies that increase costs for local newspapers only make it harder for us to do our job.

At Ward Media, we remain committed to serving our readers and fighting for the sustainability of local journalism. We will continue to adapt, innovate, and advocate for policies that recognize the importance of a strong, independent press.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these challenges together.

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Team was formed with representatives from multiple community organizations to develop the institute.

The Leadership Institute will expand to Grant County in 2025 and Okanogan County in 2026. The program is open to all adults with a passion for community improvement, regardless of prior leadership experience or education.

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington, established in 1986, manages

\$163 million in assets through more than 690 individual funds and has awarded over \$63 million in grants and scholarships throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

Those interested in joining a future cohort or learning more about the program can visit <https://cfncw.org/leadershipinstituteofncw/> for updates and application details.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314
You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2.
Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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Stevens Pass

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restricted access to destination resorts, is currently \$783 adults and \$407 children. The Epic Local Pass excludes peak days at Stevens.
For a limited time, skiers and riders who buy an Epic Pass now will also receive 10 Buddy Tickets and six Ski With a Friend Tickets. A Buddy Ticket offers 45 percent savings on a lift ticket. Ski With a Friend Ticket discount varies according to the daily rate at each resort.
Starting next season, Epic passholders will have expanded access to Verbier 4 Vallées, Switzerland’s largest ski area. Located in Switzerland’s Valais Canton, Verbier 4 Vallées includes six ski resorts spanning four valleys, with views of the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc.

Parking Changes

Next season, Stevens Pass plans to expand its reservation-based parking program to include 100 percent of its lots on weekends and peak periods until 10 a.m., offering a mix of paid and free carpool options.
The reservation-based parking program was introduced this season in order to improve parking management and reduce the amount of vehicles on the highway. Reservations were required in 33 percent of its lots until 10 a.m. on weekends and during peak periods. According to Stevens Pass, over half of the reservations in those lots have qualified for free parking as a result of carpooling with four or more passengers per vehicle.
“I’ve been on-site in our parking lots nearly every weekend helping manage traffic flow and have observed a reduction in congestion by spreading out arrival times, which has improved the guest experience. Parking has been a top priority throughout my tenure, and I am confident this change is another positive step forward,” said Ellen Galbraith, Stevens Pass General Manager and Vice President, in a press release.
Free parking will be available to guests carpooling with four or more people, a single adult with two kids aged 12 and under, or guests utilizing ADA parking. Guests who book a lesson will also be able to reserve a spot free of charge. Vehicles with fewer than four occupants, or those that don’t meet the exceptions, will be required to make a \$20 per vehicle reservation. Free parking without reservation will be available after 10 a.m., as space allows.

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Chelan County Sheriff’s Report

This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

Feb 28

07:06:21 Extra Patrol, 5689 Evergreen Dr, Cashmere
12:15:00 Traffic Offense, 329 Tigner Rd, Cashmere
16:50:44 Welfare Check, Johnson Rd & Deadman Hill, Cashmere
18:36:32 Civil, Stine Hill Rd & Johnson Rd, Cashmere

March 1

11:38:55 Harass/Threat, 916 Pioneer Ave# A, Cashmere
15:08:52 Vehicle Prowl, 207 Riverside Dr, Cashmere
15:58:14 Suspicious, 6700oblk Johnson Rd, Dryden
18:00:26 Traffic Offense, Monitor Bridge, Monito

18:36:58 Scam, 4900 Nahahum Canyon Rd, Cashmere
18:38:40 Accident No Inj, 130 Titchenal Way, Cashmere
20:18:12 Suspicious, Railroad Ave & S Division, Cashmere

March 2

12:39:22 Animal Problem, 7030 Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere
13:09:36 Animal Problem, 5324 Binder Rd, Cashmere

March 3

08:28:25 Assist Public, 118 S Douglas St, Cashmere
09:47:06 Harass/Threat, 107 Evergreen Dr# 208, Cashmere

10:59:17 Trespass, 213 S Division St, Cashmere

March 5

10:59:04 Parking/Abandon, Us Hwy 2 & Red Apple Rd, Cashmere
14:37:07 Assist Agency, 5063 Mission Creek Rd, Cashmere

March 6

09:15:00 Harass/Threat, 3343 Allen Ln, Peshastin
15:21:54 Suspicious, 314 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
16:01:55 Rso, 100 S Cleveland Ave# 304, Cashmere



Conservation District announces March board meeting

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District has scheduled its Regular Board meeting for Friday, March 21, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the district office located at 1350 McKittrick St.,

Suite B, in Wenatchee. Members of the public have multiple attendance options, as the meeting will be conducted in both in-person and virtual formats through call-in and Zoom capabilities. Those wishing to attend in person are advised to contact the district office in advance

due to limited space availability. For additional details regarding the meeting, including virtual attendance instructions, interested parties can visit the district’s website at cascadiacd.org or call the district office directly at 509-436-1601.

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Fire District #6

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operate out of four stations: Peshastin, Monitor, Dryden, and Valley Hi, located up Blewett Pass.
At a March 6 community meeting, the fire district warned its constituents that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would be cut in January 2026 if the budget remained static. Medical emergencies, especially those on Blewett Pass, would put more responsibility on ambulance companies and surrounding districts.
“[Response will] take extra time, and if it requires an extrication, those ambulance companies don’t extricate. You’re trapped in your vehicle,” said Michelle Mazzola of Resource Solutions, who assisted the district with its strategic plan.
The district would also consider suspending all of its motor vehicle accident responses, which account for 17 percent of the district’s calls, as well as closing its Valley Hi and Peshastin stations. However, it would barely scratch the surface of the \$10.7 million funding gap in unmet, mission critical needs.
About 85 percent of firefighting response calls originate from the Dryden Station, which has seen significant repairs in recent years. Last fall, the water main broke for the second time in five years, losing about 40,000 gallons of water before it was discovered, and shutting the station down for three months, according to Fire District #6 Chief Andy Lee. In 2023, a structural beam snapped under snow load. The crew had to call Fire District #3 at 2 a.m. for help relocating its trucks and bracing the beam.

“Luckily...We just got back from a call. If we hadn’t been here, we would have lost the whole building and the trucks,” said Lee.
The other three stations were said to be in similar conditions, with A-frame beams no longer attached to the concrete pads at Valley Hi, sunlight coming through a hole in the Monitor station, and walls separating at Peshastin.
The district’s equipment is no better; most of it has over-extended its lifetime by 20 to 30 years. While Lee’s trucks require maintenance after nearly every trip, some of his tools don’t even make it through the response.
“We do a lot of car wrecks up on Blewett Pass. And for a long time, this is what we were using: an old, hand-pump extrication tool. I don’t know that I’ve ever seen this tool get anybody out of a car,” said Lee.
The district has relied on hand-me-downs from other stations. Lee obtained a secondhand two-cycle pump from another district, which has also been unreliable on scene. When other stations replace their fire hose at 10 years, Lee takes it to replace his 30-year-old hose with pinholes.
The volunteers, who receive a \$10 stipend for each call, are also working in aged out gear. Lee said by law, he needs to replace it every 10 years, or when he brings a new member on. However, unable to afford \$2,000 to \$7,000 a set, firefighters are outfitted in 20-year-old jackets and pants.
“This helmet looks fairly new, but it’s from 2013. By law, I have to replace it. This helmet costs 500 bucks,” said Lee. “So it’s a toss up...Can I put this guy in this old gear? Yeah, but the second he gets hurt, L&I is going to hang me.”

During the March 6 meeting, the district proposed two new options to replace its 1955 levy rate for the August ballot: 80 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, and \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value.
“Very conservative commissioners, looking out for the public money, that’s how we got here. So everybody meant well...Now, we’re in a position that we have to say, okay, yeah, we want to be conservative... but we also have to look out for public safety,” said Fire Commissioner Ray Schmitt.
For a home valued at \$400,000, a homeowner would pay about \$10 per month at the current rate. At the 80 cent rate, they would pay an estimated \$27 monthly. At the \$1.40 rate, they would pay about \$47.
Each would provide the district with a \$750,000 annual operating budget. At 80 cents, it would have an estimated \$370,000 available annually to address critical needs. After 6 years, the district would still have \$8.56 million in unmet needs.
“Even 80 cents, there’s no guarantee EMS would come back,” said Mazzola.
At the \$1.40 rate, it would have \$1.21 million annually to address these needs, shrinking the deficit to an estimated \$3.52 million in six years. Comparatively, the annual funding would almost meet the \$2 million annual budget of Grant County Fire District #8, which is similar in size when considering call volume, assessed value of property, and population served.
The district is currently seeking public feedback. In April, commissioners will decide on a proposed rate for the August ballot.

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Controversial permit-to-purchase gun bill clears Washington House

By JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Democrats in the Washington state House on Saturday approved an overhaul of the state's system for buying guns.

House Bill 1163 would require a state permit to purchase firearms. Majority Democrats pushed the bill through without any Republican votes. It's a big step forward for the idea, which didn't advance out of committee last year. The bill has attracted stiff opposition from gun owners and others who argue their constitutional right shouldn't require a permit.

But supporters say that the permit system — which about a dozen other states have on the books — would make Washington safer.

"We know that this policy works," Rep. Liz Berry, D-Seattle, the bill's sponsor, said on the House floor ahead of the 58-38 vote. It will make sure guns don't get into the wrong hands and diverted into the black market where they could be used in crimes, she said.

Rep. Darya Farivar, D-Seattle, said the new requirements will bring a greater sense of safety to neighborhoods like hers, Lake City, where gunshots can be heard nightly.

"They keep us up. They confine us to our homes as an unofficial curfew," she said. "This legislation will lift that unofficial curfew and let us sleep."

This policy, she said, "will

ensure that everyone who decides to purchase a firearm understands the capabilities of the machinery. It will ensure people understand that this machinery can rob people of their safety, their freedom and their lives."

In a roughly four-hour debate that ran into the overnight hours Friday and resumed midday Saturday, Republican lawmakers proposed 27 amendments, all but one of which were rejected. Among those defeated by Democrats was a proposed exemption for veterans who received an honorable discharge from any branch of the U.S. armed forces.

Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, said the bill violates provisions of the state constitution that protect a person's right to due process, privacy and ability to defend themselves with a firearm.

"This may be the worst bad bill we've seen so far this session," said Walsh, who is also chair of the state Republican Party.

The legislation goes beyond the 10-day waiting period and background checks already enshrined in state law.

Under the legislation, prospective gun buyers would need to first apply for a five-year permit from the Washington State Patrol. To get the permit, applicants must have completed a certified firearms safety training program within the past five years, with exceptions for police officers and active military servicemembers.

The state patrol's Firearms

Background Check Program would issue the permit within 30 days, or 60 days if the applicant doesn't have a state ID.

If the applicant has completed the safety course, the state would have to issue the permit unless the person is barred from having guns, out of custody on bond awaiting trial or sentencing on felony charges, or the subject of an arrest warrant.

The bill also requires those seeking a concealed pistol license to similarly take firearms safety training.

Prospective buyers can challenge denied applications in court. And the state can revoke a permit if the person no longer meets the conditions. The state patrol would recheck eligibility for existing permit holders each year.

The agency estimates it would receive about 100,000 permit applications annually. Previously, the agency had projected double that.

In 2024, the state patrol got about 250,000 requests for firearm background checks. Of those, troopers denied about 3,400. Approximately half were

appealed. Two-thirds of those appeals were successful.

The state patrol says it will cost \$13.7 million in the next state budget to handle the new program. The amount rises to nearly \$20 million in the 2027-29 budget. Fees collected for fingerprinting and background checks would offset the cost of the new permit-to-purchase program, according to a fiscal analysis.

Rep. Cyndy Jacobsen, R-Puyallup, offered an amendment Friday night to delay the permit system until the state patrol has implemented a program to certify firearm safety courses.

Washington's bill now heads to the state Senate.

The legislation is the centerpiece in a suite of bills this year aimed at curbing gun violence. On Wednesday, lawmakers in the Senate moved to expand the list of places where Washingtonians can't carry guns.

Under that bill, which the House will now take up, it would be illegal to carry a gun or other weapon in parks "where children are likely to be present," state or local

public buildings and county fairgrounds. The measure also got no Republican votes.

Other proposals include limiting bulk purchases of firearms and ammunition, requiring gun owners to lock up their weapons in their cars and homes and adding new requirements for gun dealers.

A proposed excise tax on the sale of guns and ammo has stalled.


On a bipartisan note, senators unanimously voted this week to require a year of community custody, a status similar to probation or parole, for unlawful firearm possession convictions.


This story was updated to correct the headline to say the legislation was passed by the state House.

Reporter Jerry Cornfield contributed to this report.

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Yoga for Better Balance and Healthy Aging



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Balance is an essential life skill.

If your balance has ever been compromised, you know how debilitating it can be. As we age, our ability to balance begins to decline. But balance is a skill you can improve no matter your age. Our bodies are very efficient -- they prioritize the movements and skills we use and let go of those

that we use less frequently. If there is a skill you wish to retain as you age - including balance - you must continue to use it.

Yoga has many benefits, including improving balance.

Yoga provides many benefits as we age. As these benefits are becoming more widely known and supported by science, doctors are now recommending that patients

in their second half of life begin a regular yoga practice. In addition to gains in flexibility, yoga also teaches mindful movement, which is a helpful skill to have as we age. Practicing yoga also builds strength in the core, legs and hips, which is essential for longevity.

How your balance system works.

Yoga is also very beneficial for training our balance mechanisms.



Joanna Dunn

Balance is like our “Neural GPS,” helping us to navigate through the world. Our brain takes in information from the vestibular system (inner ear), from the eyes, and from proprioceptors in our joints and throughout the body. The brain receives these signals at lightning speed through the

nervous system. It puts the information together so we can move smoothly from one position to the next, from one place to the next.

If one of these signals is faulty, it can have far reaching consequences in terms of our ability to move easily through the world. Throughout life but especially as we age, we need to challenge our balance system to keep these signals strong and healthy. While in some unique cases it may be necessary to work with a physical therapist, often we can simply begin training and challenging ourselves to improve our balance system.

How yoga works to improve balance.

Any active yoga class will include poses that strengthen the muscles and proprioceptors involved in balance. In a typical yoga class, we also work in a variety of positions relative to gravity - such as in the pose downward dog in which we are essentially upside down. This exercises the vestibular system. We also often change what we are looking at while we remain still in a pose, which challenges the visual system.

How to get started with yoga

If you're not already practicing yoga regularly, first check in with your doctor to make sure that yoga is right for you. When first getting started with yoga, I recommend finding a slower paced, yet active class. This is essential, especially for those of us in the second half of life or later. When it comes to strengthening our balance mechanism, it is important that we feel safe but adequately challenged. A class that moves quickly or offers complex, advanced poses might lead to injury. While many find the energy of a group class beneficial, others might prefer one-on-one work with a skilled instructor. No matter how you get started with yoga, your future self will thank you as you begin to see the benefits in your physical health.

Joanna Dunn is a yoga teacher with over two decades of experience. Based in Leavenworth, she specializes in working with older adults ages 60+. Joanna leads weekend and weeklong Yoga retreats (beginner friendly) as well as individual and group yoga and meditation sessions online via zoom. For more information: JoannaDunn.com

Aging Well: Resources & Tips for Maintaining Independence

As people age, maintaining independence becomes a priority for many. With the right resources and lifestyle choices, older adults can continue to live active, fulfilling lives while staying safe and self-sufficient.

Staying Active and Healthy

Regular physical activity plays a key role in maintaining strength, flexibility, and mobility. Low-impact exercises such as walking, swimming, and stretching help improve balance and reduce the risk of falls. A well-balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole

grains supports overall health and energy levels. Staying hydrated and managing portion sizes can also contribute to long-term well-being.

Routine health checkups are essential for monitoring conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Preventive care, including vaccinations and screenings, can help detect potential health issues early.

Home Modifications for Safety

Simple adjustments at home can make daily activities easier and reduce the risk of accidents. Installing grab bars in bathrooms, improving

lighting in hallways, and removing tripping hazards such as loose rugs can enhance safety. Smart home technology, including voice-activated assistants and medical alert systems, can provide additional support for those living alone.

Staying Connected

Social engagement is vital for mental and emotional well-being. Community centers, senior organizations, and virtual programs offer opportunities to stay connected. Engaging in hobbies, volunteering, or participating in local events helps prevent isolation and supports a positive outlook on

aging.

Accessing Support Services

Many local and national programs provide assistance for seniors looking to maintain independence. Meal delivery services, transportation programs, and in-home caregiving support can help with daily tasks while allowing individuals to stay in their own homes longer. Planning for the future is also important. Legal and financial considerations, such as power of attorney, advance directives, and long-term care options, ensure that personal wishes are honored.

By making informed choices and utilizing available resources, aging adults can maintain their independence and continue to lead active, fulfilling lives well into their later years.



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Healthy Smiles, Healthy Lives: The Importance of Regular Dental Checkups

Maintaining good oral health is essential to overall well-being, yet many people neglect routine dental checkups. Regular visits to the dentist play a critical role in preventing serious dental issues and ensuring a healthy smile for years to come.

Professional cleanings and examinations help remove plaque buildup, detect cavities

early, and identify potential gum disease before it becomes severe. These visits also provide an opportunity for dentists to screen for oral cancer and other health concerns that may go unnoticed.

Beyond aesthetics, poor oral health has been linked to a variety of systemic health conditions. Studies have shown

that gum disease can increase the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and other chronic illnesses. Infections in the mouth can spread to other parts of the body, emphasizing the importance of preventive care.

Routine checkups also serve as an educational tool. Dental professionals can provide guidance on proper brushing

and flossing techniques, recommend products suited to individual needs, and address any concerns about diet and oral hygiene habits.

For children, regular dental visits help establish a strong foundation for lifelong oral health. Early intervention can prevent tooth decay, promote proper jaw development, and

encourage positive dental habits from an early age.

While daily brushing and flossing are essential, they cannot replace professional cleanings and examinations. Dentists have the tools and expertise to detect issues that may not be visible or cause immediate discomfort. By scheduling regular checkups—

typically every six months—patients can prevent costly and painful procedures in the future.

Prioritizing oral health is a simple yet impactful way to support overall wellness. By staying proactive with dental care, individuals can enjoy the benefits of a healthy smile and a healthier life.





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Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: David D. Shaw, P.C. dba Shaw Law Group
Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation (or N/A)
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which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated January 18, 2013 recorded in Chelan County, at the Recording Division of the Chelan County Auditor's Office on the 24th day of January 2013, under Recorder's No. AFN 2375705 from Eric M. Smith and Jennifer A. Smith, as Grantor, to Central Washington Title Service, Inc as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Colville Tribal Credit, as Beneficiary, and subject to a Resignation and Appointment of Successor Trustee recorded under Auditor's File No. 2486487 on October 18, 2018 naming David D. Shaw P.C. dba Shaw Law Group as Successor Trustee.
II.
No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.
III.
The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:
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A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:
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by both first-class and certified mail on the 12th day of August 2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above or otherwise personally serviced on the Grantor on August 17, 2024, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

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VII.
The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.
VIII.
The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property.
IX.
Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.
X.
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Urban Growth

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development but must create opportunities for developers to build properties across all income brackets. “The City is not required to force the development of specific levels of housing,

but is required to create the opportunity for developers to build any of the range of properties,” Wollman told the commission. Preliminary findings indicate that land currently available within Cashmere’s city limits appears sufficient to meet the projected housing

needs. The study examined vacant and redevelopable properties within various zoning areas, including single-family, multi-family, suburban and airport residential zones. “The lands within the City, that could be developed into multi and single family residences, exceeds the

estimated housing need over the next 20 years,” Wollman said, suggesting that no expansion of the Urban Growth Area will be necessary to accommodate expected growth. Community outreach regarding the 20-year planning process is scheduled

to begin this spring, allowing residents to provide input as Cashmere develops its long-term vision. The population and housing projections were derived from Chelan County data, which provided growth estimates for the county and its municipalities.

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