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City hires Bob Dvorak to manage Carl Gipson Senior Center **Debra Loughrey-Johnson retires after 7 years**

EVERETT – The City of Everett has appointed a new manager to oversee day-to-day activities and strategic planning for the Carl Gipson Senior Center of Everett. Bob Dvorak will take over as manager on Monday, Nov. 14.

Dvorak has served as executive director of the Snohomish Senior Center since 2011. During his tenure he started the Fabulously Frugal Thrift Shop and helped develop the Snohomish Brewfest, a fundraising event that benefits member programs. The center’s membership grew 26 percent in the first two years of his leadership.

As senior center manager, Dvorak’s responsibilities will include planning and coordinating the center’s services and events, including recreational activities, transportation, and nutrition and health care programs, and managing the center’s budget and facility.

“The Carl Gipson Senior Center is an incredible organization,” said Dvorak. “I’m excited for the opportunity to apply my business experience and my passion for seniors and customer service to build on the success of the center and attract even more members to get involved.”

Dvorak replaces Debra Loughrey-Johnson, who is retiring after seven years as the senior center’s manager. Loughrey-Johnson served on the Center’s advisory board and as a volunteer before taking the helm in 2009. She says what she’ll remember most is the sense of being part of an “extended family” at the center.

“You can have up days, down days, and the people here will always support you,” said Loughrey-Johnson. “For me, it wasn’t a job at all. It was really a special calling to end my working days here.”

In addition to traveling with her husband, Loughrey-Johnson’s retirement plans include attending auctioneering school and donating her talents to fundraising events.

About the Carl Gipson Senior Center

The Carl Gipson Senior Center is open to all individuals 50 years and older, and offers a wide range of recreational and education programs, trips, and events. For more information, visit www.everettwa.gov/seniors.

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