



# City Council Agenda Bill

# 20213

Bill Number

**Subject:** Presentation regarding C-SPAN'S 2013 Cities Tour visit to Bellingham

**Summary Statement:** C-SPAN's 2013 Cities Tour takes its Book TV and American History TV programming on the road traveling to selected cities featuring the history and literary life of these communities. They choose cities rich with history and interesting local literary communities, not often featured on the national scene. They bring a little of the local heritage to their nationwide audience. Working Comcast, producers take specially outfitted Local Content Vehicles into the selected cities, visiting various literary and historic sites and interview local historians, authors and civic leaders. The stories gathered by the video crew will later be shown on non-fiction book channel, Book TV and American History TV during C-SPAN's special Bellingham weekend January 4-5.

**Previous Council Action:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:**

**Attachments:** C-SPAN 2013 Tour Kickoff Event Announcement

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Evening Presentation	09-Dec-2013	Information Only	Ashley Hill, Producer/Representative, C-SPAN Cities Tour	5 min

**Council Committee:**

**Agenda Bill Contact:**

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**Committee Actions:**

Reviewed By	Initials	Date
S. Fleetwood, President	SMF	12/4/13
Mayor	KL	12-4-13

**Council Action:**

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Comcast and Bellingham Whatcom Tourism are pleased to announce that C-SPAN will be visiting Bellingham December 9-12 as part of its 2013 C-SPAN Cities Tour. During the week, C-SPAN producers will visit various literary and historic sites to interview local historians, non-fiction authors and civic leaders. They will also make presentations about C-SPAN and its programming to schools and civic groups.

To help kickoff the week, there will be a reception and a special presentation at the Whatcom Museum Old City Hall on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:

**C-SPAN's 2013 Cities Tour Kickoff Event**

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Whatcom Museum Old City Hall**

121 Prospect Street, Bellingham

6:00 Doors Open

6:30-7:00 VIP Reception

7:00 – 8:00 Program

At the event, C-SPAN representatives will reveal the stories and segments that will be explored by the national network during the C-SPAN Cities Tour's week-long stay in Bellingham. Attendees will enjoy a community meet and greet, as well as remarks from Mayor Kelli Linville and Comcast. The event will feature a special presentation from local historian, author, and co-curator of Whatcom Museum's "Treasures from the Trunk: the Story of JJ Donovan", Brian Griffin, on the life of Donovan and his impact on the growth of Bellingham. This event, along with Q&A from the audience, will air with other local segments recorded throughout the week during the weekend of January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on BookTV (on C-SPAN2) and American History TV (on C-SPAN3)

**About the C-SPAN's 2013 Cities Tour:**

C-SPAN's 2013 Cities Tour takes our Book TV and American History TV (AHTV) programming on the road. We travel to selected cities to feature the history and literary life of these communities. We've chosen cities that are rich with history and have interesting local literary communities, but not often featured on the national scene. With our visit to each, we hope to bring a little of their heritage to our nationwide audience. Working with our cable partners, our producers will take our specially outfitted Local Content Vehicles (LCVs) into these selected cities, visiting various literary and historic sites, as we interview local historians, authors and civic leaders. The stories gathered by the video crew will later be shown on non-fiction book channel Book TV (on C-SPAN2) and history channel American History TV (on C-SPAN3) during C-SPAN's special Bellingham weekend January 4-5.

We hope that you will be able to join us and meet the crew at Whatcom Museum. Please contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns. We are thrilled that Bellingham was chosen as part of C-SPAN's national tour.

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