



Around Town

January, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

With the Holidays behind us, I hope the season was full of friends and family. Of all the terrific events, a highlight was the 9th annual Sing and Play Along organized by Nancy Henderson. If you missed it, the evening was filled with musicians and audience voices plus Santa. See you next year as all are welcome.

On Tuesday January 2, the Council will be holding a public hearing on potential changes to the **accessory building regulations**. Currently, accessory buildings are allowed within 5 feet of the rear and side of property lines. Buildings have a limit of 26 feet in height. There is a 1,000 square foot limit on the size of the accessory structures. Council is seeking public input on potential changes to the regulations. All are welcome to come and comment.

Councilmember Steve Stovall contributed his professional skill and connection to the community for eight years on Council policy decisions. Steve chose to not seek reelection in November. On behalf of the Town of Steilacoom, thank you, Steve, for your tireless service.

We welcome Roger Neal to the Council in January. Roger possesses important professional skills in his past work with cities and towns policy issues in Washington State.

Thanks to residents for being very observant in recent weeks and helping police reduce the unusual car prowling activity. Reports of entry into and theft from unlocked cars have dramatically fallen....suspects have been identified. Thank you.

The Town utilizes brine to treat roads for ice control. Roads in shadowy areas and most hills are treated with salt brine (looks chalky white when dry) to reduce icing. Our crews have started at 2:30 AM at times to make the roads safer. In the next few months, always drive with care and as conditions permit.

If you live on the South side of Town near Birch Street, on Dec 8th, you may have experienced water service interruptions. Construction activity on Birch Hill Estates resulted in a water line break thus reducing water pressure and service in a wide area. The water line was repaired and full water service restored by early evening. The contractors are responsible for all repairs and insurance claims.

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) established a new award recognizing volunteer service. The award was named in honor of Joanne and Jack Brake who

have given countless hours to serve our community. Thank you Brakes SHMA has nearly 500 members, consider joining this year.

In the winter season, I ask you to visit our local businesses with family and friends and always allow the Steilacoom Chamber members an opportunity for your business first.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

COUNCIL ACTION

Minutes to the Town Council meetings once approved are on the Town's website at: townofsteilacoom.org:

Town Offices
Town Council

Kiwanis Winefest 2018
January 26th at the McGavick Center.
Tickets available from any Kiwanis member.

GUEST ARTIST PROGRAM

Stop by and see the art show! Member of Pacific Gallery Artists and a **Steilacoom resident, Denise MacDonald**, will display her art at the Steilacoom Community Center from January 2 through the end of February, 2018 as part of the "Guest Artist Series" hosted by The Town of Steilacoom. The art show is located at the Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St., Steilacoom, WA. Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 7:30pm; Friday 9am – 4:30pm, (closed weekends and holidays).

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As part of our work around social –emotional learning, this month was designated as the month of “gratitude”. I am truly grateful for our community’s commitment to our students and their success. I was recently reminded of this commitment by the number of people in attendance at our annual holiday student performances.

We held many concerts this holiday season where our performing arts programs have delighted audiences and reminded us of how wonderful it is to have students involved in the arts. Our school district offers numerous school and community based activities in which students, of all ages, are able to participate. We know that students who are involved and engaged have the very best chance of success in school. I am extremely grateful for our 30 school sports programs and the 40+ student activities and clubs provided to our students each year. We are fortunate to be able to run after-school activity buses because of the large numbers of participants in school activities. Levy dollars provide these enrichment opportunities that we know our community values and supports.

I am also grateful for the interactions with our students through the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee. This is the third year of the committee, which is made up of 12 talented

Steilacoom High School students who sit down with me every month to provide their perspective on our schools. One thing that is clearly articulated at each meeting is the students’ pride in our schools and the support they feel from our community.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

EXPLORATIONS

The Steilacoom Library Speaker Series continues with:

Friday Jan. 12th 2:00 pm
Washington at War in WWI
Historian Lorraine McConaghy
The U.S. entered the Great War in 1917 to fight alongside our European allies, but Washington’s homefront began long before the country entered the war.

Friday Feb. 9th 2:00 pm
What your Teachers Never Told Us about the American Revolution
Author Don Glickstein
Explores rarely heard perspectives on the war in his illustrated talk and links aspects of the war to our home state.

Friday March 9th 2:00 pm
Feminism and Pop Culture
Media Scholar Amy Peloff
Explores some of the fundamental principles of feminist thought and asks why we should care about popular culture’s presentation of these concepts. Learn about Feminism and how to critically read popular media.

All programs are held at the Steilacoom Community Center at 2 PM.

SCHOOL IS IN – DRIVE SAFELY AND WATCH OUT FOR KIDS!

CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING WEEKEND

The annual Christmas Treecycle Drop-Off will be held on the weekend of January 6th and 7th, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day at the Public Works (1030 Roe Street) utility yard. The annual event serves as a primary community recycling event and fund-raiser for Steilacoom Boy Scout Troop #71. A suggested minimum donation of \$3.00 per tree will be collected in support of the Scouts.

We can only accept Christmas trees that have been cleaned of all decorations including lights, tinsel, garland, nailed-on bases, etc. **Sorry, no flocked trees, wreaths or other vegetation accepted at this event.**

Residents who subscribe to the curbside yardwaste recycling may cut up their cleaned trees and place them inside their yardwaste cart for pickup on their regularly scheduled day.

Recycling your tree through our annual event supports both our community conservation efforts and the Scouts from Steilacoom Troop #71. Hope to see you on the weekend of January 6 & 7. Thank You and Happy Holidays!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It's that time of year where we thought it might be helpful to review some emergency preparedness safety tips. As with any major emergency, you need to take responsibility for your own safety and be prepared to sustain you and your family for 72 hours. Primary concerns are loss of heat, power, telephone service, and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day.

It is suggested that **at a minimum** you should have the following items on hand to sustain you and your family during a winter storm emergency:

- A. Flashlight with extra batteries.
- B. Battery-powered portable radio to receive emergency information.
- C. 3-day supply of non-perishable food and water (1 gallon/person per day).
- D. Extra clothing, blankets, moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- E. Extra prescription medicines, glasses, baby items, and pet food.
- F. First-aid supplies and a fire extinguisher.

Avoid travel if at all possible during a major storm. If you must travel, do so during daylight and watch out for emergency crews working in and along the roadways. If you have an automatic garage door opener, learn how to manually open your garage door before the power goes out.

Do call us to let us know your power is out; **please do not** continually call for updates. We understand your frustration; please know that as soon as the problems are fixed and it is safe to do so, the power will be restored.

If you haven't done so, now is the time to put together your emergency supply kit. And remember, due to the danger of falling trees, limbs and branches, taking your dog for a walk or going for a stroll in a high wind storm can be a deadly decision; please consider the consequences before you venture out in a winter storm.

2017-2018 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2017-2018 Before and After School Care Now Enrolling!
Located at Cherrydale Primary
Open Every Weekday!

Club AM/PM

Full Time \$230/Month
Part Time \$185/Month

Combined

Full Time \$360
Part Time \$310

School Day Drop-in

\$25

No School Day Drop-in

\$40

Winter/Spring Break

\$170/ Week

\$40/Day Drop-in

Discounts

10% siblings

20% military

20% free/reduced lunch

*may not be combined

For details call 253-581-1076

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Non-Emergency798-4721
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Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 581-1076
Before and After School Prog.
Meal Site
Youth and Adult Classes
Fitness/Exercise Classes

Chamber of Commerce

SteilacoomChamber.org

ACTIVITY UPDATES

The weekly Activity Updates are published at
www.thesubtimes.com

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE –
DONATE BLOOD THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON**

Town of Steilacoom - 2018 Residential Recycling Collection Schedule

*Pickups run one day late following Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. All other holiday pickups on schedule.



Your Regular Collection Day is Thursday - Except as Noted

For Service Assistance Please Call LeMays @ 1-800-34LEMAY



YARDWASTE RECYCLE

BLUE Toter

January	*5	18	(*Please note 5th is Friday)
February	1	15	
March	1	15	29
April	12	26	
May	10	24	
June	7	21	
July	5	19	
August	2	16	30
September	13	27	
October	11	25	
November	8	*23	(*Please note 23rd is Friday)
December	6	20	

COMMINGLE RECYCLE

GRAY Toter

January	11	25	
February	8	22	
March	8	22	
April	5	19	
May	3	17	31
June	14	28	
July	12	26	
August	9	23	
September	6	20	
October	4	18	
November	1	15	29
December	13	*28	(*Please note 28th is Friday)

Please have items at the curb ready for pickup by 6:00 a.m. on the assigned collection day

Items **ACCEPTED** in your **YARDWASTE** container include: Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush, branches smaller than four inches in diameter, and Christmas trees in season.

Items **NOT ACCEPTED** in **YARDWASTE** containers include: Trash, stumps, lumber, bricks, glass, metal, food, plastics, rocks or excessive amounts of dirt. All yardwaste must fit in the container with the lid closed. Call your hauler for assistance if you have more yardwaste than will fit in the container. **NEVER** set out yardwaste in a plastic bag. All yardwaste collected through the curbside program will be composted at the County-owned Purdy Compost Facility.

Items **ACCEPTED** in the **SINGLE-STREAM** container include: Newspapers, magazines and junk mail, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, paper-style milk cartons, shredded paper, paper bags, milk jugs, phone books, cereal boxes, frozen food boxes and plastic bottles (with necks smaller than the base).

Items **NOT ACCEPTED** in the **SINGLE-STREAM** container include: Glass of any sort, Styrofoam peanuts or containers, batteries, aerosol cans, toxic product containers, plastic lids, tubs, or bags, light bulbs, foil, frozen food or chip bags, pill boxes, juice boxes, metal hangers, or food-contaminated paper plates and napkins.

WHAT TO DO ON RECYCLING DAY:

Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on recycling day. The cart handles must face the house; the lid opening must face the street. Put the cart at curbside or within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road. The cart should be at least 3 feet away from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet from cars. Allow 18 feet of space above the cart too, so the automated robotic "arm" on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively. Do not block mailboxes. Please remove the empty cart from the curb as soon as possible. If you have **questions** about either of the curbside recycling programs, please call LeMays at (253) 875-5053. Thank You