



Around Town

February, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

Please accept our apologies. Last month, the January, 2017 Around Town was inadvertently transmitted versus the January, 2018 version. The January, 2018 Around Town is posted on the Town's official website.

On Tuesday March 6th, the Council will be holding a public hearing on potential changes to the **accessory building and structures 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 building. 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.

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

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

COUNCIL ACTION

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

Steilacoom Historical School District believes in the potential of all of our students. Our Special Education teams are committed to ensure all students with disabilities have access to educational opportunities that are individualized and support their post-secondary goals. We are excited to celebrate the one-year anniversary for one of these amazing opportunities - Front Desk.

Front Desk is a work-based learning opportunity for our students with disabilities whose individual learning goals include important employability skills. The Front Desk provides copy center services such as lamination, die-cuts, copies, t-shirt press and more! For this school year, the Front Desk is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-10:00am at 510 Chambers Street. For more information about their services you can visit their website at www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/frontdesk.

Our Board of Directors recently approved a resolution to bring a renewal levy measure before the voters on the February 13th ballot. This Educational Programs and Operations Levy is not a new tax. It is a renewal levy, which will enable the

district to bridge the gap between what the state pays and what it actually costs to run our educational programs for students. Some of the levy funded student activities include our band and choir programs, 30 sports programs, after school activity buses, elementary specialists, elective classes, library and educational technology. The Educational Programs and Operations Levy is the ballot measure that gives local control to fund what our community values. For more information about the levy, please visit our levy informational page on the district website at www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

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).

DOGS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Due to health and safety considerations, dogs whether on or off leash, are not allowed on School District property.

SCHOOL LEVY

The Steilacoom Historical School District Board of Directors approved Resolution 840-11-08-07 to bring a renewal levy measure before the voters on the Feb. 13, 2018 ballot. This Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) is not a new tax, but a four year renewal levy which will enable the district to bridge the gap between what the state pays and the actual costs to run our educational programs.

Ballots will be mailed out Jan. 26th and Election Day is Feb. 13, 2018. For more, detailed information go to the website: <http://supportshsstudents.com>

EXPLORATIONS

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.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Steilacoom Community Center
February 3, at 6:30 PM
Tickets are \$21 and are available at the Topside Bar and Grill.
Includes catered dinner, corsage, photo, and dancing.

WE LOVE STEILACOOM/FOOD PANTRY ANNUAL MEETING

We Love Steilacoom will hold its annual meeting on February 13th at 5 PM at the Community Center. 2017 activities and 2018 operational plan will be discussed. All are welcome to attend. We Love Steilacoom operates the food bank in Town.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Representative Dick Muri, Representative Christine Kilduff, and Senator Steve O'Ban will hold a Joint Legislative Town Hall meeting on February 17. Doors open at 3 PM. The presentations and discussion are scheduled from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Steilacoom Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street.

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.

ANNUAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM TESTING

As the season changes, it is also that time of year to have your backflow prevention assemblies tested. These annual tests are required to ensure that the backflow devices installed on irrigation or fire systems are kept in proper operating condition. A properly working backflow device ensures water does not "backflow" from non-potable sources such as irrigation system back into your plumbing or drinking water supply. The program ensures that used or non-potable water, or other contaminants do not enter our drinking water system by requiring that cross connection control devices (backflow prevention assemblies) are installed at potential sources of contamination. It also assures that customers continue to take the proper precautions to prevent this type of drinking water contamination through annual inspection and testing of these devices. For additional information on the Cross Connection Control Program please contact Doug Hale at 581-1912.

If you are thinking of installing a landscape irrigation system on your property, we would like to

remind you that a permit from the Town is required. Please contact us at [\(253\) 581-1912](tel:2535811912) to discuss the permitting and inspection requirements associated with your irrigation system installation.

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Non-Emergency798-4721
Animal Control830-5010

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

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