



Around Town

April, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

TOWN-WIDE POWER OUTAGE

BPA will be performing required maintenance necessary every few years on the Steilacoom substation on April 2 from 7AM to 5PM. Once the power is off, BPA is responsible for crew safety and repairs. Only BPA can reenergize the system when all work is completed. Expect to see our electric crew moving around Town during this outage performing important maintenance. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

The I-5/JBLM interstate corridor is important to Steilacoom. The legislature under the "Connecting Washington" transportation plan and with Senator O'Ban championing this project to be part of the package approved funding to improve traffic movement through this corridor. Design and engineering work has begun. The basic plan is in Phase 1 to complete the Northern Phase 1 portion of JBLM Main Gate toward Gravelly Lake Dr. The Southern Phase 2 is JBLM Main Gate to Dupont Center Drive. On April 11th at 6 PM, SCJ Alliance will

hold an Open House at Pioneer Middle School in Dupont. The key topic will be the planning for improvement at Exit 119 or Steilacoom/Dupont Rd. SCJ Alliance and WSDOT will welcome your comments on the project. Stop in to learn more.

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cherrydale Elementary School just off Old Military Road on Saturday March 31 at 11 AM. The Easter Egg hunt is organized to provide opportunities by age group. This is a very fun activity and we thank Kiwanis and the Steilacoom Key Club for their hard work and sponsorship. Be sure to have your cameras and phones fully charged....This may be the fastest two minutes of fun you have ever seen. It will be a great day!!

Congratulations to our staff and their dedication to better health. Pauline Monk, Micki Sterbick, and Denise Bollman led the efforts to improve health and resulted in Steilacoom being named a Well City once again. A bonus is our Town employee health insurance rates realize a 2% premium reduction. Thanks to all.

Lastly, thanks to Town Administrator Paul Loveless and Karen Allen, Accountant, for your hard work for the Town as we received a clean audit from the State Auditor's Office. Auditors recognized our professional accounting staff and care of public funds.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

COUNCIL ACTION

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

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GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The Steilacoom Garden Club will be holding their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 to noon in the court area across from the Bair Bistro on Lafayette Street. They will have perennials, annuals, bulbs, shrubs, and vegetable/herb starts as well as decorative pots for Mother's Day gifts. Birdhouses and garden art will also be available for sale. Proceeds from the Plant Sale go towards the purchase of the hanging flower pots displayed throughout town as well as support for the projects of the Garden Club volunteers including the annual scare crow contest and wreaths at Christmas throughout town.

Donations of plants are needed! We appreciate your support by bringing plants to the site the previous day with a label so we know how to sort them. We ask that no invasive plant species be donated, e.g. Shasta Daisies. We look forward to seeing you at this fun annual event – we'll be there rain or shine!

***Pierce Conservation District
Rain Garden Workshop
May 2 – 6 PM
Community Center***

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The month of April is designated as the month of the Military Child, celebrating the important role military children play in the armed forces community. As a system supporting over 40% military students, we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have these resilient young people in our schools. The month of April is designed to honor the 2 million military children, ranging in ages from newborn to 18 years old, recognizing that 1.3 million military children are school-aged and bring so much joy to our schools each day. We will be participating in a variety of events during the month to facilitate special events and recognition for all military children, including our annual "Purple Up Day" on Friday, April 27th. On this special day, our school community wears purple to show support for and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. The color purple was chosen to symbolize the combined colors of all branches of the military. Pioneer Middle School will be holding an after-school social to honor military students on the afternoon of the 27th.

Another community event we are excited about this month is our annual Family Strong Wellness Night to be held on Wednesday, April 18th at Pioneer Middle School from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. The theme this year is "Community Connected – Building Wellness Together". The District will offer family

centered wellness activities sponsored by our physical education teachers, our Military Family Life Counselors and various community partners.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent



The Steilacoom Farmers' Market will launch the 2018 season on June 20th, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the corner of Lafayette & Wilkes Street. Bring your family and friends to meet new and familiar vendors and producers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're inviting residents, schools, and community groups to participate with us as Market Ambassadors on Wednesday mornings, afternoons, or evenings. Complete the application on our website and contact our Market Coordinator Crystal Baker at crystal.baker@ci.steilacoom.wa.us for details.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom presents the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 31 starting promptly at 11 AM at Cherrydale Primary School.

Candy donations for the event will be accepted at the Public Works Building at 1030 Roe Street.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM REVIEW

Under state law, the Town is required to periodically review, and revise as necessary, the regulations for the Town's shorelines under the Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58. The next periodic review is due by June 30, 2019.

Steilacoom's Master Program is in Chapter 16.04 of the Steilacoom Municipal Code. Town staff has identified seven minor amendments to the Master Program for this periodic review. These are all changes required by recent amendments to State regulations.

A public comment period will begin with an Open House at the Planning Commission's May 14, 2018 meeting. The Town will take comments on any proposals for amending the Master Program until July 9, 2018, when the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to finalize the draft amendments. Following another period of public comment, the Town Council will hold a public hearing in October and present the final version to the Department of Ecology for its review and approval.

The Town will be launching a webpage on its website, townofsteilacoom.org, which will have more information on the Shoreline Management Act, the proposed amendments and how to comment.

SPEAKER SERIES

Pierce County in partnership with the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association and the Town of Steilacoom continue their speaker series with the following presentations at the Steilacoom Community Center:

Entertaining the Troops in Wartime: The Early History of Armed Forces Radio

Fri., April 13 @ 2 p.m.

John Jensen, audio historian and former radio station broadcaster, shares stories and anecdotes from Hollywood's war effort and shows examples of one of the most effective forms of communication that was used to entertain, educate and inform our men and women in uniform during World War II.

Children of War

Fri., May 11 @ 2 p.m.

Ursula Scott, a retired school counselor and former teacher born in Berlin after WWII, addresses a broad subject that applies to all regions and nations that have ever been at war. Ursula's talk focuses on children fathered by Russian soldiers who were born in Germany after WWII. What happened to those children?

White Privilege: The Other Side of Racial Inequality

Fri., June 8 @ 2 p.m.

Sociology professor Teresa Ciabattari leads an interactive conversation that explores what white privilege is and provides tools for learning how to address it. Participants will gain knowledge and

resources to foster inclusion and racial justice in their own communities.

PIERCE COUNTY READS

Pierce County Library is excited to announce this year's Pierce County READS selection. Join us as we revisit the events and emotions of the civil rights movement with the **award-winning graphic novel trilogy** "March" co-authored by Congressman John Lewis and Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell.

Congressman Lewis (Georgia-5) is one of the key figures of the civil rights movement and the only remaining speaker alive from the Big Six Leaders that organized the 1963 March on Washington. Now to share his remarkable story, Lewis joins Aydin and Powell to use a graphic novel, or comic, format to educate and inspire a new generation. Between March 11 and May 11, we invite you to join others throughout Pierce County to read "March" as part of the largest reading event in Washington.

More information, is available at piercecountrysreads.org.

BEARS

If you see a bear or bears and it or they are threatening, dial 911 immediately. If you see a bear or bears and it or they are not threatening, then please do call the regional office of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-4628 to report the sighting

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Utility After Hours...620-4123

Public Safety

601 Main Street.....581-0110
Emergency.....911
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

School District Website:

www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us.

Chamber of Commerce

SteilacoomChamber.org

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE –
DONATE BLOOD – Cascade
Regional Blood Center
253.383.2553**

**SPRING CLEAN-UP
2018– APRIL 21 AND 22
To volunteer call
Terry Huber at Public
Works 581-1912**

We ask that you read and follow these guidelines. Please contact us prior to the event if you have any questions.

Spring Cleanup is a self-haul event that gives residents the opportunity to recycle or dispose of unwanted items from in and around their primary residences. It is not intended to take the place of having weekly garbage service. We reserve the right to refuse unacceptable items or limit the amount being brought in by an individual or group.

The event is set up to collect and recycle cellular phones, cardboard and scrap metals, while accepting donations for charitable organizations, and disposing of unwanted items (subject to limitations listed in this article).

Spring Cleanup is being held on the weekend of April 21st & 22nd from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Public Works (1030 Roe Street). *The event is open to Town residents and our sewer utility customers in the Arrowhead neighborhood. Identification in the form of either a utility bill or driver's license is required for entry. No commercial haulers, landscapers, contractors, etc.*

Waiting times can exceed one hour. **Please limit the size of your load to a pickup truck OR 4'X8' trailer.** Help in

unloading your vehicle is requested and appreciated. ***The safety of event staff and participants is paramount.***

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Past experience along with disposal and recycling requirements mean we must limit the types of items we can accept. The following list is not all-inclusive. ***Call Public Works (581-1912) if you have questions; you will be asked to take back unacceptable items.***

NO TV's, computers, computer monitors, laptops, vegetation, yardwaste, dirt, rocks, sod, stumps, bricks, chunks of concrete, roofing materials, propane tanks, quantities of construction materials or items with a compressor (like freezers, refrigerators). No tires, on or off the rim, or hazardous materials. No vehicles, boats, campers, or hot tubs. No mixtures of vegetation with disposables and **no household or putrid/rancid garbage.** Putrescible waste is ***“solid waste that contains organic matter (i.e. food waste) capable of being decomposed by microorganisms and of such a character and proportion as to cause obnoxious odors and to be capable of attracting or providing food for birds or animals.***

VEHICLE LOADING

Load your vehicle as follows: disposables, scrap metals, charitable items and then cardboard. Items will be unloaded in reverse order.

CELLULAR PHONES

Phones and chargers will be collected at the I.D. Check

CARDBOARD

Empty and flatten boxes. No Styrofoam peanuts, food-contaminated, foil-covered, or wax-coated boxes.

LIFE CENTER THRIFT

Accepts usable furniture, small household items, clothing, sporting equipment, toys, etc.

SCRAP METAL

REMOVE ALL FLUIDS from lawnmowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, etc. prior to recycling. ***No refrigerators or other items with compressors.***

No propane tanks – recycle them for **FREE** at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility located at the entrance to the Tacoma Landfill. For information call **591-5418.**

E-WASTE RECYCLING

Computers, monitors, and TV's recycled for **FREE** at Lakewood GOODWILL 6002 Mt. Tacoma Dr SW Information - call **573-1333**

TIRE RECYCLING

L&S Tire Company
9215 39th Avenue SW,
Lakewood, WA
(253) 582-5556

Accepts any size tire in any condition. Prices vary by size, type and service classification.

RECYCLE QUESTIONS

Call **1-800-RECYCLE** or go to **Pierce County Recycling Menu on the internet.**

Your adherence to these guidelines will help us provide you with a cleanup event that is safe, efficient, and fun. Thank you.