



Around Town

May, 2018

From the Mayor's Desk

I understand the BPA power outage on April 2 was a disruption to your family. The planned work was completed very quickly per the coordinated BPA maintenance schedule.

The additional scheduled Town electric utility work was also finished, improving reliability of the system. Thank you for your patience!

The Town has long been supporting the “National Drug Take Back” program with our secure drop off container in the Public Safety Building. If you have old, outdated, not needed anymore or unused drugs, consider placing them in a plastic bag and then depositing them in the “Take Back” container at the Public Safety lobby during business hours. Our recent turn-in from the container weighed 60lbs. No liquids please.

The Public Safety Department in partnership with Project Child Safe is providing gun locks to Town residents. For now, one (1) lock per address is available. Pick up during normal business hours.

Attention walkers!!!

Construction has begun on the

1st Street project. Please adjust your routes as major heavy equipment will be active throughout 1st Street. Be safe.

You may be interested in “Rain Gardens” as a method to infiltrate rain water into the soil. Pierce Conservation District will be conducting a workshop on the value of and construction of a rain garden on **May 2 at 6 PM** at the Community Center...it’s free. The Town has a new rain garden you can view at the Community Center.

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom is conducting their annual Bike Rodeo at Salter’s School on 3rd street on **May 5th** from 10 AM to noon. This event is a great event for kids with a safety refresher, an actual bike route to reinforce bike safety rules, and new helmets provided if needed.

Mark your calendar for the annual Steilacoom Garden Club Plant Sale on **Saturday May 12** from 9 AM – 5 PM at the multi-purpose court on Lafayette and Wilkes St. across from the Bair Bistro. They will have perennials, annuals, bulbs, shrubs, and vegetable/herb starts as well as decorative pots for Mother’s Day. Check out their new vendors at this year’s sale. The Garden club is a great organization; think about joining.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

Steilacoom – A Historic Community – Help Keep It Clean – Don’t Litter and please pick up after yourself or others.

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 is proud that over 40% of our students are military-connected. Our strong partnership with Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) School Liaison Office enables our district to respond to the variety of issues impacting our military-connected students.

The School Liaison Office (SLO) works with families prior to arriving in the Pacific Northwest to aid in the interface with local school districts. Support is provided to the families as they transition to and from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, in the form of providing information, making referrals, educating families and offering personal support. This partnership assists the district in the registration/enrollment of primary students and enrollment, course counseling, and scheduling for secondary students.

Other examples of the SLO’s support includes (1) the addition of two Military Family Life Counselors who provide direct services to students and families K-12; (2) supporting our new incoming families by providing information and connecting them with our district teams to

respond to their needs; and (3) participation in numerous district events and activities. Steilacoom Historical School District nominated the JBLM School Liaison Office for the regional Washington Association of School Administrators 2018 Community Leader Award. We truly appreciate this valuable partnership and their sincere commitment to our families.

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.

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

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.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The Steilacoom Garden Club will be holding their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12th from 9AM to 5 PM 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!

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Steilacoom Historical School District collects Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education to use for supplementing classroom equipment purchases. You may help by saving these items and dropping them off at any Steilacoom school.

PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

The Town Council is discussing regulations related to property maintenance and unsightly areas with the intent to add a section to the Steilacoom Municipal Code regulating these areas once they become health and/or safety issues.

Public input is desired and may be provided by speaking to the Mayor or council members; providing written input (send to Paul Loveless, Town Administrator, at 1030 Roe Street, Steilacoom, Washington 98388); or attending and testifying at a Council meeting, 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

STEILACOOM SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Steilacoom Summer Day
Camp!
Grades K-6
Monday-Friday
6am-6pm
Located at Cherrydale Primary
School

\$170/week

Discounts

10% siblings

20% military

20% free/reduced lunch

35% TOS/SHS district

employee discount

*may not be combined

HIGH SCHOOL

Want to be a camp counselor?

Come volunteer at Summer
Camp.

Spaces are limited.

For details, call 253-581-1076

SEASONAL HIRES

The Town is currently advertising for seasonal workers for our Summer Camp program. The announcements and position descriptions are available at all Town buildings and on the Town's official website.

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:

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.

Pet Waste

***Please pick up after your pets
and dispose of the waste
appropriately.***



CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

WHEN

Saturday May 5th / 9 to Noon

WHERE

Steilacoom Public Works – 1030
Roe Street, Steilacoom

GUIDELINES

Limit two file boxes or three grocery bags per resident. Please do not bring plastic bags, DVDs or other items that will jam the shredder.

COST

Non-perishable food items and cash donations accepted and appreciated in support of the We Love Steilacoom Food Pantry.

OTHER EVENTS

A list of confidential document shredding events can be found on the website for the Washington State Office of the Attorney General under "Upcoming Events – Shredding Events".

RECYCLE IT

Recycle your ink and toner empties at the Steilacoom Public Works or at the Steilacoom Community Center

BIKE RODEO

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom invites local children to attend the "Bike Rodeo" May 6th at Salter's Elementary School, 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Bikes will be inspected to ensure they are in a safe working condition or may need adjustments. A Public Safety Officer will check bike helmets for proper fit and condition.

Each child will then proceed through six stations, such as signals, braking, dodging obstructions, looking back safely. All biking children will then receive their "Bike Rodeo" safety certificate. A limited number of bikes and helmets will be available if needed.

JUNK VEHICLES

Junk motor vehicles in residential areas are declared a public nuisance subject to abatement and removal.

The Steilacoom Municipal Code (SMC) defines a junk vehicle as a motor vehicle, that has been certified as meeting three of the following requirements:

- (a) Is extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to any of the following: a broken window or windshield or missing wheels, tires, motor or transmission;
- (b) Is apparently inoperable;
- (c) Is without valid, current license plates or certificate of registration;
- (d) Is three (3) years old or older;
- (e) Has an approximate fair market value equal only to the

approximate value of the scrap in it.

In accordance with SMC 9.20.040, it shall be unlawful to park, store or abandon junk vehicles on private property, subject only to exceptions provided in SMC 9.20.050. Such a violation shall be deemed a nuisance subject to abatement.

SMC 9.20.050 provides exceptions to the rule and states that the provisions of this chapter relating to junk vehicles shall not apply to a vehicle which:

- (a) is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property;
- (b) is stored or parked in a lawful manner on property zoned for commercial, industrial, or public/quasi-public uses;
- (c) has special collector car license plates as described by RCW 46.16.305(1) and is located on private property out of ordinary public view by means of inside storage, suitable solid fencing, dense trees or shrubbery;
- (d) is a parts car as defined by RCW 46.04.3815 and is located on private property out of ordinary public view by means of inside storage, suitable solid fencing, dense trees or shrubbery;
- (e) is a hobby vehicle that is being repaired or restored on private property for a period of no longer than three months. One three-month extension may be authorized.

The Town Council requested staff emphasize the enforcement of the "Junk Vehicles" provisions of the SMC. Please ensure that if you have a vehicle or vehicles that meet this definition and is/are not subject to the exception that they be removed from your property.

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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

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**