



## ***Around Town***

*October, 2018*

### ***From the Mayor's Desk***

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) will be hosting the annual Apple Squeeze on Sunday, October 7 downtown. This longstanding event is a celebration of the Town of Steilacoom history and is a great family day. A key feature is all the opportunities to enjoy everything Apple! Make sure to visit the apple presses to squeeze fresh apple cider, tour the SHMA museum, get your cider/ice cream floats, and visit the Orr House. See you at the Squeeze!

Two important issues: First, Steilacoom has had a series of car prowls. **The main reason for loss of property was that the car doors were not locked!!** However some good news has been reported by our police. With the help of observant residents, our police identified a suspect who was apprehended and charged with multiple vehicle car prowls in Steilacoom and throughout Washington. More later as the case is prosecuted.

Second, as I present the budget for 2019/20 in October, all our utilities are experiencing increases in cost. I will be proposing increases for each of the four Town utilities...the exact percentage increases will

be reported next month if approved by Council.

We know that our electric provider Bonneville Power (BPA) has financial commitments to Congress along with extensive other cost issues. With the reduction in the sale of excess power nationwide ... higher electric rates are being passed on. Additionally, with the success Steilacoom has achieved in grant awards for roads, our utility work has been accelerated. With several 2019-20 projects approved and funded plus the completion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street with Town funds....the electric utility is currently OK but unlikely to meet future financial targets without rate increases.

In October, Council will be discussing internal fund transfers to smooth the impact in the electric utility which I support and will recommend. Also, Pierce County Sewer will increase charges to the Town as they finish sewer plant upgrades and fund debt service. Both of these issues will be brought to the Council for action in October meetings. Your attendance and input on the budget is vital and welcomed by Council and me.

Lastly, Steilacoom Historic School District #1 will host 20 Chinese students and educators from Sichuan Province from 11 Oct to 18 Oct. This is the second phase of Chinese/Steilacoom student exchanges; 15 Steilacoom students and 2 educators visited schools and the sights of China in April 2018.

***Ron Lucas, Mayor***

### ***COUNCIL ACTION***

Minutes to the Town Council meetings once approved are on the Town's website at: [townofsteilacoom.org](http://townofsteilacoom.org) and located under:

Town Offices  
Town Council

### ***Message from the Superintendent***

Steilacoom Historical School District's 2018-2019 focus on RESILIENCY is intended to promote student mental health and well-being, which impacts both readiness to learn and the ability to benefit from learning opportunities. In today's world, it is essential we help children develop skills to cope, recover from adversity, and be prepared for challenges. Resilience is impacted by both internal and external factors, but resiliency skills are much easier to acquire when a person has developed close ties to the people around them.

Schools have a responsibility to help students feel a sense of security and support. This important element to promoting resiliency is called school connectedness. School connectedness is the belief by students that their peers and adults in the school care about their learning and about them as individuals. The four elements of school connectedness are: adult support, belonging to a positive peer group, commitment to education, and a positive school environment.

Research has shown that students are more likely to engage in healthy behaviors and

succeed academically when they feel connected to school.

Our district has published a calendar for the 2018-19 school year to serve as a resource for students, families and staff. We hope to continue the conversation about social and emotional learning and building resiliency skills as we work to positively impact our children's healthy and positive development. These useful calendars are available at all of our schools' front offices and also at the district office at 511 Chambers Street. You can also access the district calendar online at <https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/Page/1288>

We are excited about an upcoming social and emotional learning event that we will be providing to our community. The documentary, "[Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety](#)", will be shown at Pioneer Middle School (October 1<sup>st</sup>) and Steilacoom High School (October 2<sup>nd</sup>), to open up a dialogue between local families, community leaders and experts around the topic of anxiety. Both showings will take place at 6:30 p.m. and the screenings are free. Please join us!

***Kathi Weight, Superintendent***

### ***LEAVES AND FLOODING***

When leaves clog storm drains, neighborhood streets can flood.

Help prevent flooding by raking or sweeping leaves out of storm drains near your home and keeping the drains clear.

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY***



Join Chief Rodriguez on October 3 at 3 PM at the Coffee Cabin, 215 Wilkes Street, Steilacoom, Washington. Chief Rodriguez will provide information on current activities within the Department and Town and respond to questions.

### ***APPLE SQUEEZE The 45th ANNUAL STEILACOOM APPLE***

**SQUEEZE** is coming Sunday, October 7 from 10-4 in historic downtown Steilacoom. Come press apples into cider, stroll the street fair of hand-made crafts and listen to toe-tapping music. Eat great food including apple pie and ice cream in Town Hall and cider floats! Pick up some award-winning pre-squeezed cider by Lattin's Country Cider Mill. Children's activities will be available, the Steilacoom

Tribal Museum and the Steilacoom Historical Museum will be open and there will be pony rides from noon to 4. See spinning and weaving demonstrations, and browse the vintage and reproduction apple labels in Town Hall. Bring a fruit and a leaf and our apple ID experts will tell you about your apple tree. Wander through the Nathaniel Orr historic orchard, visit the Orr Wagon Shop and check out the museum. For more information call 253-584-4133.

### ***2018-2019 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE***

2018-2019 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

### ***GUEST ARTIST PROGRAM***

Stop by and see the art show! For the months of September and October, 2018, Pacific Gallery Artists members Barbara Beaver and Anne Doane will show landscape paintings at Steilacoom Fireside Gallery. The Guest Artist Series is 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).

## **SCARECROW CONTEST**

The Steilacoom Garden Club's annual scarecrow contest will be held in October. Last year there were lots of great scarecrows around Town and we'd like to make it even bigger this year. You are encouraged to use your imagination in creating a scarecrow for your yard.

To enter the contest, simply contact Mary La Tourelle at 253-221-1409 or [Lafannin@msn.com](mailto:Lafannin@msn.com) and let her know the location of your scarecrow. There is no application form to fill out. Members of the Garden Club will judge the scarecrows based on four criteria: originality, workmanship, costume, and use of props. We will have a category for businesses/organizations and one for residences. Judging will take place on October 15 so make sure to have it done by then. Prizes will be awarded for winners in both categories

## **CANDIDATE FORUM**

28<sup>th</sup> District Candidate Forum on October 25 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at Town Hall.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Please keep your car engine off, doors locked and do not leave valuables in plain sight when your car is not attended.

Also, please remember to keep your home's doors and windows locked and notify Public Safety at the time if you see suspicious activity

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE, DONATE BLOOD.**

**Remember to obtain your flu shot.**

## **EXPLORATIONS Steilacoom Library Speaker Series**

*All programs are held at the Steilacoom High School Library @ 54 Sentinel Drive.*

*The Friends of Steilacoom Library sponsor these free events with the support and collaboration of the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association. We look forward to seeing you there!*

The Past and Future of the Steilacoom Library

Friday, Oct. 12 @ 3pm

Joan Curtis, curator and historian of the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association, shares the history of the Steilacoom Library, the first circulating library incorporated by the Washington Territorial Legislature in 1858. Pierce County Library's Steve Champion and Mary Getchel complement the talk with a short history of the Pierce County Library System and information about the library's restored levy.

What it Means to be Human  
Friday, Nov. 9 @ 3pm

Llyn De Danaan, author and cultural anthropologist, explores our origins and how they help us define what it means to be human. She examines recent finds that have altered our understanding of the past and considers what it will mean to be human in the future as new technologies challenge our intelligence and hard-won skills.

The Pine and the Cherry: Japanese Americans in Washington

Friday, Dec. 14 @ 3pm

Mayumi Tsutakawa, an independent writer and curator, reveals her family's 100-year history against the backdrop of World War II and Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment of 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry throughout the West Coast.

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## **OUTDOOR FEEDING**

Feeding animals outside may have many potential adverse impacts on yours and your neighbor's property. Town staff are receiving an increasing number of complaints concerning raccoons, feral cats, crows, mice/rats, etc. These animals can pose health and in some cases safety issues.

If you wish to feed your own pets outside, please ensure the food is located inside an enclosure which is inaccessible to large animals. Please do not leave food out between the hours of 6 PM and 6 AM. Additionally, please do not put food out for animals that are not your own.

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

## CAR WASHING AND WATER QUALITY



When it comes to water quality, keeping your car clean is better than letting the rain rinse heavy metals, oil, and toxic chemicals off your car and, ultimately, into the Puget Sound. This toxic mix of chemicals has a deadly effect on aquatic life.

How you choose to wash your car is also important. When you wash your car in your driveway, the soap and chemicals can go into the storm drain, polluting our streams, rivers, and the Puget Sound. Citizens of the region can help decrease water pollution caused by run off from cars by taking their car to a professional car wash or by washing their car over gravel or lawn.

With over 3 million cars in King, Pierce, Thurston, and Snohomish Counties, it's widely recognized that cars contribute significant pollution to the Puget Sound. Three million cars contribute an estimated 9,194 gallons of gasoline, diesel, and motor oil, 19,355 pounds of phosphorous and nitrogen, 2,903 pounds of ammonia, and 1,451,613 pounds of solid waste into our waterways annually.

Professional car washes use oil/water separators that remove pollutants, which are ultimately pumped out and properly

disposed of, and their wastewater is discharged into the sanitary sewer. In addition, professional washes use minimal water, compared to home car washing; though washing your car at home over gravel or the lawn allows polluted water to absorb into the ground and keeps it from running into the storm drain. For more information, contact the Puget Sound Car Wash Association, 6351 Seaview Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98107-2664, phone 206.622.8425 or by email at [carwashassoc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:carwashassoc@qwestoffice.net).

### **UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND BILL PAY**

If you use "bill pay" through your bank to pay your utility bill, please verify that the account number on the payment is your current account number. (Everyone's number changed when we converted to new accounting software last year yet many payments are being received with the old number.)

Additionally, if you are using bill pay, please be aware that the financial institution will still be sending the Town a paper check, not an electronic transfer, and time your payment accordingly.

### **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.

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Emergency.....911  
Non-Emergency ...253 798-4721  
Animal Control... ..253 830-5010

### Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 253 581-1076  
Before and After School Prog.  
Meal Site  
Youth and Adult Classes  
Fitness/Exercise Classes

### **TOWN MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Town Council:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 PM

Planning Commission:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 PM

Preservation and Review Board:

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Civil Service Commission:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 2 PM at the Community Center.