



Around Town

August 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

On behalf of the Council and me, we thank all our residents for a great Steilacoom 4th of July. Additionally, the Town experienced no reported injuries or fires from fireworks while a huge crowd enjoyed the Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks' Committee evening firework show. Your donations once again supported the entire show. A special thanks to the Steilacoom Chamber for coordinating the day and Larry Whelan for organizing the great patriotic parade featuring the I Corps Band which first played on Steilacoom's 4th in 1953.

Last month, I wrote my article prior to the announcement of the 2015 Steilacoom Citizen of the Year. Recognized this year is **Lenore Rogers** who has donated years of volunteer time to Oberlin Church, our Community Center, the Steilacoom Kiwanis Club, the Steilacoom Garden Club, and much more. Likewise, as a Steilacoom educator at

Pioneer Middle School, so many young adults in our community benefited from her professional skill, demeanor, and good humor as they progressed to young adults. Congratulations, Lenore!!

By now you should have received a ballot which allows you to vote on the renewal of the 6 Year EMS Levy for \$.50/\$1,000 of assessed value used to support Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with Advanced Life Saving (ALS) level of service provided by West Pierce Fire and Rescue. I ask you to review the Voter's Pamphlet information on the EMS ballot measure and then vote! Thank you.

After a very long period, **Saltar's Beach Park is open.** The final exchange of the bridge transfer documents and the bill of sale was provided back to us by BNSF on 7 July.

The "SafeWise" Report released its "40 Safest Cities in Washington" report recently. Safewise used the most recent FBI crime data from 2013 to analyze and rank cities.....**Steilacoom is 14th safest city in Washington.** Congratulations to you and your neighbors and our Public Safety Department

who, working together, have helped make this happen.

Comcast has just produced a new ten minute video featuring Steilacoom. The feature visits the Steilacoom Museum, the Topside Restaurant, the Bair Restaurant, Farrell's Marsh, and more. If you are a Comcast client this is how you see it: Tune to **On Demand** or Channel 1; Select **Get Local**; Select **Around the Sound**; Select **Neighborhoods**; click **Steilacoom.**

Union Ave electric utility and road/concrete work is schedule to continue through September. Expect flagging operations/traffic delays on Union Ave during this period. You will see nearly all pedestrian/ADA ramps replaced, electric lines replaced, and the road surface ground and overlaid from the ferry dock to Town limits.

In August, the Council will continue reviewing the Comprehensive Plan updates. The Planning Commission has been working on Plan updates for the last year and submitted proposed changes to the Council for consideration. Join us for review or comment.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

FARMERS' MARKET

Wednesdays 3 – 7 pm
June 24-August 26

The 2015 Farmers' Market season has begun and we are off to a great start.

If you are interested in information about being a vendor, or volunteering to help with market operations, please see our website at steilacoomfarmersmarket.org or contact Mike Guerber at 253-581-1912, or mike.guerber@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Volunteers are especially needed to assist with closing from 7 PM to 8 PM

TOWN WEBSITE

One of the features of the website is the ability of citizens to be notified when changes, updates, or notices are made or added to the website. Please consider signing up on the website located at townofsteilacoom.org under "Notify Me".

COUNCIL ACTION

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

ACTIVITY UPDATES

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

TO FLUSH OR NOT?

The growing popularity of disposable wipes, "Swiffer" type mops, and other items are causing problems in household plumbing and Town sewer pipes and pumps. It becomes costly to fix your plumbing or the Town's system.

Many products say they are flushable, but just because they go down the toilet does not mean they belong in the pipes. They do not break up like toilet paper is designed to do. They can clog pipes or get caught in sewer pumps, causing messy backups and expensive repairs. The only things that should be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. Everything else should go in the trash. This would include disposable wipes, "Swiffer" type mop wipes, diapers, cat litter, facial tissues, paper towels, dental floss, and sanitary products. Many of these items clog pipes and/or wind around the moving parts of pumps causing them to bind up and stop working. Unless something disintegrates like toilet paper, put it in the garbage to save yourself and the Town messy sewer backups.

Flushing of disposable wipes continues to be a major problems in the Marietta/Deer Hollow area of Town.

Planning Commission Position Opening

An opening currently exists on the Planning Commission.

The Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council on the Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Master Program, building codes, zoning code, and land use permits.

Members are appointed by the Mayor for six-year terms.

[Doug Fortner](#) serves as staff to the Commission. If interested, please contact Paul Loveless at 253.983.2074 for an application.

Preservation and Review Board Position Opening

An opening currently exists on the Preservation and Review Board. The Board maintains a register of historic places and reviews proposed changes to registered properties and properties within the Historic District; reviews proposed changes to commercial, multi-family, duplex, quasi-public, and public structures within Town limits and promotes community awareness of the Town's history. Members are appointed by the Mayor for three-year terms. [Jennifer Schreck](#) serves as staff to the Board. If interested, please contact Paul Loveless at 253.983.2074 for an application.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

The area is experiencing unseasonably warm weather and it is anticipated this pattern will continue. In warm weather, the risk of heat exhaustion increases significantly. Please review the following information and take the appropriate precautions.

[Heat exhaustion](#) is a heat-related illness that can occur after you've been exposed to high temperatures, and it often is accompanied by [dehydration](#). There are two types of heat exhaustion:

Water depletion.

Signs include excessive thirst, [weakness](#), [headache](#), and loss of consciousness.

Salt depletion.

Signs include [nausea and vomiting](#), [muscle cramps](#), and [dizziness](#).

Although heat exhaustion isn't as serious as [heat stroke](#), it isn't something to be taken lightly. Without proper intervention, heat exhaustion can progress to [heat stroke](#), which can damage the [brain](#) and other vital organs, and even cause death.

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion:

The most common signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

Confusion
Dark-colored urine (a sign of [dehydration](#))
Dizziness
[Fainting](#)
[Fatigue](#)
[Headache](#)
Muscle or abdominal cramps
Nausea, [vomiting](#), or [diarrhea](#)
Pale [skin](#)
Profuse [sweating](#)
Rapid heartbeat

Treatment for Heat Exhaustion:

If you, or anyone else, has symptoms of heat exhaustion, it's essential to immediately get out of the heat and rest, preferably in an air-conditioned room. If you can't get inside, try to find the nearest cool and shady place.

Other recommended strategies include:

Drink plenty of fluid (avoid [caffeine](#) and alcohol).
Remove any tight or unnecessary clothing.
Take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath.
Apply other cooling measures such as fans or ice towels.

If such measures fail to provide relief within 15 minutes, seek emergency medical help, because untreated heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.

After you've recovered from heat exhaustion, you'll probably be more sensitive to high temperatures during the following week. So it's best to avoid hot weather and heavy [exercise](#) until your doctor tells you that it's safe to resume your normal activities.

Risk Factors for Heat Exhaustion:

Heat exhaustion is strongly related to the heat index, which is a measurement of how hot you feel when the effects of relative humidity and air temperature are combined. A relative humidity of 60% or more hampers sweat evaporation, which hinders your body's ability to cool itself. The risk of heat-related illness dramatically increases when the heat index climbs to 90 degrees or more. So it's important -- especially during heat waves -- to pay attention to the reported heat index, and also to remember that the heat index is even higher when you are standing in full sunshine.

Again please, take the appropriate precautions and watch out for your family and friends as well.

SALMON BAKE
Save the Date – July 26th at
Sunnyside Park

**KIWANIS
BREAKFAST
FUNDRAISER**

**Top Side Restaurant
215 Wilkes Street
Saturday, 10/24
8 AM to 10 AM**

**Please come and support
your local Kiwanis Club**

**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.

**BETTER ROADS,
CLEANER STREAMS
Six Simple Steps to
Clean Water**

1. Help Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains. Never dump anything down a storm sewer.
2. Never Fertilize When it's About to Rain.
3. Carefully Dispose of Chemicals and Oil. Don't top off when you fill up your tank.
4. Clean Up After Your Pet. Dispose of waste in a trash can.
5. Practice Good Car Care. Fix leaks promptly and wash your car on the grass or at a car wash.
6. Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste.

RECYCLE IT

Be green, don't trash it! Recycle your ink and toner empties at the Steilacoom Public Works at the front door entrance and also at the Steilacoom Community Center at the lobby reception window shelf. All proceeds go to supporting the Cherrydale

School students for supplies & teachers' learning aids via the Friends of Cherrydale Woods

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Community Center

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Before and After School Prog.
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Youth and Adult Classes
Fitness/Exercise Classes

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SteilacoomChamber.org