



## *Around Town*

*January, 2017*

### *From the Mayor's Desk*

As the Town of Steilacoom welcomes in 2017, on behalf of the Council, staff, and myself, we all wish you and your family a great and fulfilling New Year.

I thank all those who helped with the 2016 Tree Lighting, Community Sing/Play Along, and the Santa Around Town. Once again our residents confirmed what a "great community" we live in.

The weather has turned to a typical NW winter. I remind all to have some bottled water, food stuffs, and basics available in case the BPA power line transmission becomes disrupted outside of Steilacoom.

Recently, residents called 911 about suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. One call directly led to apprehension of suspects in the act. I ask for the same alert reaction from all residents - always contact 911 with concerns. The police will sort it out!!

Remember that unwanted, old, out of date medicines can be safely disposed of at Public Safety during business hours. Just drop a plastic bag with the pills inside into the secure container in the main lobby. Please no liquids, pill containers, or illegal drugs.

*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:

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### *Message from the Superintendent*

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Our outstanding Board of Directors will be recognized at the January 25, 2017 School Board meeting to be held at the Steilacoom High School Library. Director positions are non-paid and time consuming acts of volunteer service to our community.

The Steilacoom Historical School Board of Directors consists of five directors, elected by residents to govern the school district, for a four year term. They are a critical link between our schools and the community. Directors are responsible for establishing

school policies according to federal and state laws, the State Board of Education, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Their duties include: setting the vision and mission of education in the district, establishing district core values, establishing policy, establishing district goals, adopting an annual budget, approving all expenditures, employment of personnel, curriculum, textbooks and courses of study, and deciding on school sites, building plans, and construction contracts. The Board of Directors are responsible for hiring the Superintendent to manage all district operations, in accordance with policy. Here is a little information about our dedicated Board of Directors:

Sam Scott serves as Board Chair and is currently serving his 14<sup>th</sup> year on the school board. He is a member of the district Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Committee. Bob Forbes serves as Board Vice-Chair and has served on the board for 3 years. Bob is a member of the district Budget Advisory Committee.

Don Denning serves as the Legislative Representative and this is his 8<sup>th</sup> year as a director. Don is a member of the district Transportation Advisory Committee.

Jason Pierce serves as the Washington Interscholastic Representative for the Board. He has served as a director for 3 years. Jason is a member of the district Safety Advisory Committee. Steve Schenk is serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a director. He is a member of the district Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee.

***Kathi Weight,  
Superintendent***

### ***LITTLE FREE LIBRARY***

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, marked the official opening of a Little Free Library at Perkins Park in Steilacoom. Elizabeth "Liz" Grasher, resident of Steilacoom, opened the library in honor of her Mother, Marita Grasher, who passed away in 2014 from pancreatic cancer but passed on her love of reading to her children. Liz worked with Town staff on this project. Liz was excited to honor her Mother and join the movement that is sweeping the nation. The concept is to "take a book and return a book." Anyone can take or bring a book to the library and it is completely free. Inside the library is a composition book for visitors to write reviews of books, share information about the library, etc. Liz encourages residents to visit and utilize our Town's Little Free Library.

***DISABLED PARKING***  
Steilacoom Historical School District and Town staff continue to receive complaints concerning ineligible individuals utilizing spots restricted for disabled parking.

When confronted, individuals will frequently use the excuses that 1) I was only going to be a minute, 2) there isn't any other available parking close by, 3) no one else was using the spot, 4) I've lived in this community for a long time and will use whatever spot I want, 5) I'm involved with the activity that is occurring, or 6) I am eligible but my permit is in my other vehicle.

Illegal and/or improper use of a disabled parking spot or the clear zones between the spots even for "just a minute" (which is never just a minute) potentially denies a qualifying individual access to the facility or activity.

In order to legally use an appropriately marked disabled parking spot, the individual must have been issued and be displaying either the State issued license plate or placard. Failure to have either of these items on or displayed in the vehicle or illegal use of a disabled parking spot could subject you to a \$250 fine.

### ***CHRISTMAS TREE- CYCLING WEEKEND***

The annual Christmas Treecycle Drop-Off will be held on the weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day at the Public Works (1030 Roe Street) utility yard. The annual event serves as a primary community recycling event and fund-raiser for Steilacoom Boy Scout Troop #71. A suggested minimum donation of \$3.00 per tree will be collected in support of the Scouts.

We can only accept Christmas trees that have been cleaned of all decorations including lights, tinsel, garland, nailed-on bases, etc. **Sorry, no flocked trees, wreaths or other vegetation accepted at this event.**

Residents who subscribe to the curbside yardwaste recycling may cut up their cleaned trees and place them inside their yardwaste cart for pickup on their regularly scheduled day.

Recycling your tree through our annual event supports both our community conservation efforts and the Scouts from Steilacoom Troop #71. Hope to see you on the weekend of January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank You and Happy Holidays!

## **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.

## **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, 2017 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).

***Kiwanis Winefest 2017***  
***January 27nd at the McGavick Center.***  
*Tickets available from any Kiwanis member.*

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

### **Community Center**

2301 Worthington St. 581-1076

Coming soon to the Town of Steilacoom

# AUTOMATED GARBAGE SERVICE

LeMay Pierce County Refuse customers living within the town limits of Steilacoom will soon have automated garbage service!

Each customer will be provided with a new forest-green wheeled garbage cart based on your current service level.

Rates will remain unchanged for the new service.

Automated Collection uses specialized wheeled carts to store your trash. The carts are emptied using a mechanical arm on the collection vehicle. This system is a safer and more efficient method of collection.

Current Can Size (customer provided)	New Automated Cart Size (company provided)	Important Dates <b>Jan. 16 - Jan. 20</b> New wheeled garbage carts will be delivered. <b>Thursday, Jan. 26</b> First automated garbage collection. Recycle your old garbage cans at no cost.
<b>Mini Cans</b> 32 gallon 65 gallon	<b>No change in service</b> 32 gallon 65 gallon	

If you already have a LeMay Cart, nothing will change.

**The first automated garbage collection will occur on Thursday, January 26.**

Additional details to come in an informational flyer. Please be sure to check your mail, email, and voice mail for further communication.



## NEVER MISS YOUR COLLECTION DAY AGAIN!

Have you ever asked:

Will the holiday delay my collection this week?  
Is it yard waste or recycling this week?

Use the LeMay Pierce County Refuse tool on our website and app to instantly learn when we'll be at your home to collect your trash, recycling and/or yard waste. It's quick, easy and will save you time! **Setting up a reminder is easy:**

- 1) Go to [www.lemaypiercecounityrefuse.com](http://www.lemaypiercecounityrefuse.com)
- 2) Type your home address
- 3) Click "Get a Reminder"
- 4) Choose your reminder preference
- 5) Choose the best time for your reminder and **SAVE**

Download the LeMay app today!



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