



Around Town

February, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

Our Steilacoom businesses can provide services that we all need. I ask you to give the Steilacoom Chamber members the opportunity to serve you in 2017. The reality is, no small business, no Town. For now, the winter months are vital to the long-term health and success of all our businesses...Shop local!

I have been asked about the "white strips" on the roadway these past weeks. The Town applies 8% salt brine solution to roads to help inhibit freezing or black ice from forming and retard any snow accumulation. Crews constantly check the weather and work in the early hours or on dry days in advance of severe weather to keep our roads safe. When rain arrives, the brine is washed into the storm system. Our methods are environmentally friendly.

Steilacoom recently lost a long-time historian, SHMA/schools volunteer, accomplished writer, and author -- Nancy Covert. You

most likely read her columns or stories about Steilacoom both past and present - in local news outlets or seen her give time to the museum. Nancy was an important member of our great community and will be greatly missed.

Roe Street is still under construction, but experiencing a weather delay. The contractor is still responsible for the roadway explaining why you see cones and signage along the project. When the weather turns to spring, the sides of the roadway will be ground down and the final asphalt lift will be applied. The road is asphalt capped today and is intact. This is a grant funded project.

Lemay/Waste Connections recently informed the Town and all of us about the change in service with the addition of the new "automated" capable garbage can. Each customer has been contacted by Lemay to explain this change in writing, and the cans should be in service starting this month. I believe the change will speed up service and efficiency within Steilacoom.

Lastly, the Town has several advisory boards that help Council with recommendations on policy.

The preservation of our history falls primarily within the Preservation Review Board and our expansive Historic District. Long serving member Joan Curtis, has chosen to leave the Board after decades of service. I wish to thank Joan on behalf of the Town for her tireless work and counsel in preserving the history of the oldest Town in Washington State established in 1854

Ron Lucas, Mayor

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

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.

Message from the Superintendent

January 9th marked the beginning of the 2017 Washington State legislative session, with the state's 295 public school districts anxiously awaiting this session's outcome.

A key educational topic being addressed by the legislature is McCleary v. Washington. In 2012, the Washington Supreme Court ruled the State has not been meeting its constitutional duty to fully fund basic education costs and has been given until 2018 to provide a detailed plan for full funding. This provides a critical opportunity to evaluate our State's current education funding model and create a new and sustainable funding system for our schools.

Another critical issue is the looming deadline to reduce the amount of money school districts are able to collect through local property tax levies beginning in 2018. This "levy cliff" would reduce the maximum amount school districts can collect in local property taxes for maintenance and operation levies. This would have a significant impact on school districts throughout the State.

The annual WSSDA-WASA-WASBO Legislative Conference in February is an

exciting opportunity for school district superintendents and school board members to communicate shared education legislative priorities and hear updates on the current education policies and decisions. We spend a day with the legislators who represent our communities, and here in our school district, we are lucky to be represented by great people who care deeply about education. The legislative session is certain to address current educational challenges, but it is also an exciting opportunity to implement important decisions to ultimately impact our 3,200 students in the Steilacoom Historical School District. Thank you for your continued support of our schools

***Kathi Weight,
Superintendent***

***WE LOVE
STEILACOOM/FOOD
PANTRY ANNUAL
MEETING***

We Love Steilacoom will hold its annual meeting on February 7th at 5 PM at the Community Center. 2016 activities and 2017 operational plan will be discussed/ All are welcome to attend. We Love Steilacoom operates the food bank in Town.

***DADDY-DAUGHTER
DANCE***

Steilacoom Community Center
February 4, at 6:30 PM
Tickets are \$19 and are available at the Topside Bar and Grill.

Includes catered dinner, corsage, photo, and dancing.

***DOGS ON SCHOOL
DISTRICT PROPERTY***

Due to health and safety considerations, dogs whether on or off leash, are not allowed on School District property.

***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.

KIDDIE KREATIONS

Tranquility Castro is offering **Kiddie Kreations** on Tuesdays from 4 – 4:45 PM. For \$35 per month, children 5 – 8 years old can learn about and try their hands at art projects.

This class is in addition to **Exploring Art**, directly following from 5 – 6:30 PM for ages 12 – adult (\$50 per month) where students can “Learn the rules like a pro so they can break them like an artist” *Pablo Picasso*

DANCE FITNESS

Formerly the Zumba class, Dance Fitness will definitely get you moving! Stay posted ... we have added a class to your week!

Instructor: Amber Trigg
Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Instructor: Star Mitterich
Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

SENIOR AND CHAIR HATHA YOGA

Instructor: Rebecca Kreth
Tues 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Thurs 5:30 – 6:30 PM

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

Emergency Preparedness Tips

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 NOAA Weather radio/portable radio to receive emergency information
- C. 3-day supply of non-perishable food and water (1 gallon per 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.

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. Also, please do not blow leaves or other debris from your yard into the street.

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).

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS –

The Town of Steilacoom is searching for a volunteer with a medical background to provide blood pressure checks to a special community of high functioning senior adults in conjunction with the senior meal site program held at the Community Center. Contact Tati Stowers at 253.581.2056 or tati.stowers@ci.steilacoom.wa.us for more information.

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

Chamber of Commerce

SteilacoomChamber.org

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE _ DONATE BLOOD IN 2017!