



Around Town

October, 2017

From the Mayor's Desk

As Fall approaches, Steilacoom will celebrate the 44th Apple Squeeze on Sunday Oct 1 from 10 AM - 4 PM. It is a day filled with our Town history, fun for families, and everything apples. See you downtown at the Squeeze!!

My thanks to the League of Women Voters for hosting the Town Council and School Board candidate forum on Sept 26th at Town Hall. If you are not registered to vote, please consult the Pierce County Auditor's website for information on registering to vote. I ask all voters to become informed and then vote. Remember, the library has an official ballot box for your voting convenience.

Frank Bonner, a valuable member of Public Works and Steilacoom resident, retired this past month. On behalf of the Town...thank you Frank and all the best in your life's next chapter.

At the final Summer concert, I asked the attendees to support an AUSA fund-raising effort to help welcome back from deployment single soldiers at JBLM....your generosity added

\$1,954 to the efforts. Thank you very much.

The Town Council approved a 9% rate increase in the electric utility as of October 1. The primary reason for the increase was the notification from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), our power provider, of a rate increase. BPA produces clean hydro power from dams on the Columbia River but has seen their power sales decrease with conservation efforts by all and the increased usage of low cost natural gas. Additionally, increased operating costs contributed to the need for an increase.

Council will be holding public hearings in October on the 2018 property tax and EMS levies. Our recommendation will be a 1% property tax increase and maintaining the \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

As Winter looms ahead, now is a great time to check your supply of items you would need in a time of emergency (say 3-5 days) without power or during a natural disaster....water, basic medicines, non-perishable food, and flashlights/batteries. This is an annual reminder to be prepared.

Also, I ask you to give our local businesses the opportunity to serve you. The Chamber is ready to help you find local businesses to meet your needs.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

***Steilacoom – A Historic
Community – Help Keep It
Clean – Don't Litter***

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 is hosting a Community Conversation Event on Tuesday, October 4, 2017. All are welcome at the roundtable session to provide input in the creation of the District's Strategic Plan.

The event will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the District Administration Center Professional Development Center located at 511 Chambers Street, Steilacoom.

Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from 3 of 5 topics during the evening to provide input and exchange ideas. A benefit of this type of event is that stakeholders will determine which topics are most interesting/relevant to them.



Kathi Weight, Superintendent

COUNCIL ACTION

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

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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, contact Barb Przasnyski at 253-279-3374 or barb@pski.org 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 16 so make sure to have it done by then. (The reason we do it mid-month instead of at the end of the month is because our unpredictable October weather can be hard on scarecrows.) Prizes will be awarded for winners in both categories.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Boy Scout Troop 71 will be in your neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, November 4th, beginning at 9 am. Please have your donation visible from the street for pickup and delivery to the We Love Steilacoom Food Pantry located at Steilacoom Community Church. Bags will be delivered Oct 28th.

APPLE SQUEEZE

The 44th ANNUAL STEILACOOM APPLE SQUEEZE is coming Sunday, October 1 from 10-4 in historic downtown Steilacoom. Come press apples into cider, stroll the street fair of hand-made crafts, listen to toe-tapping music all day. Providing music are Curlew's Call, Steve and Kristi Nebel and Barleywine Revue. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Every 2 seconds in the U.S. someone needs blood.

Steilacoom Kiwanis
Community Center
2301 Worthington Street
Steilacoom, WA 98388

Thursday, October 19
1 PM to 6 PM

To schedule an appointment,
call 1-800-RED-CROSS

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Due to health and safety considerations, animals whether on or off leash, being led or ridden whether canine, feline, or some other type, are not allowed on School District property.

2017-2018 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2017-2018 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
employee discount

*may not be combined

For details call 253-581-1076

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.

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 info.
- 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.

EXPLORATIONS

The Steilacoom Library Speaker Series continues with:
10/13 – They Passed through Steilacoom.

11/10 – Hollywood and the Homefront: Hollywood's Contribution to the Homefront.

12/8 – The Ancient Fruitcake.

All programs are held at the Steilacoom Historical Museum -1801 Rainier Street – at 2 PM.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE Kiwanis Winefest 2018 January 26th at the McGavick Center.

*Tickets will be available from any
Kiwanis member shortly.*

**KIWANIS BREAKFAST
FUNDRAISER**

**Top Side Restaurant
215 Wilkes Street
Saturday, 10/14
8 AM to 10 AM**

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

**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.

**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.

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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

Chamber of Commerce
SteilacoomChamber.org

ACTIVITY UPDATES

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

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