



## ***Around Town***

*December, 2018*

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

As winter approaches, we remind you to review your emergency plans and food/water supplies (3 days) to ensure you can be self-sustaining. The most common emergency event is likely to be a large area-wide power outage originating outside of Steilacoom. Please be prepared!

The Council passed the 2019-20 Biennium budget. We live within our means and move ahead with sufficient funds to complete infrastructure capital projects approved with a very high percentage of grant funds.

The Council also approved our recommendations for utility rate increases. The need for 2019-20 increases are a combination of cost increases from our electric provider Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Lakewood Water and Pierce County Sewer...these costs are passed through; added is our new contract for staff salaries and benefit costs; and finally we will pay cash for a vital piece of equipment, a Vactor truck. Each utility will pay for a portion of the vehicle. This vehicle is used weekly if not daily by all utility crews...but it is expensive +\$450K. The existing vehicle was purchased used in 2002 and has reached the end of its useful life.

We are in the process of finishing the 1<sup>st</sup> Street utility and road project. This work has been exceptionally demanding because the ground contains so much clay. Clay is common on the west side of Steilacoom and we had planned for replacing a normal amount with better rock and soil but the requirement for more work increased into November. Our thanks to residents for their patience.

Looking ahead... We will bid the "Tunnel of Trees" Puyallup St. to Far West Drive utility and road project in the first quarter of 2019 with construction in 2019. Traffic flow will change and impact us all. This project will link with curb, gutter and sidewalks the East side of Steilacoom to downtown...a long standing goal. After the project is completed, we will work on a plan for the long standing health of the "Tunnel of Trees." A new road surface will also be included in the project. It was just announced that we received an additional grant of \$472,395 from the Transportation Improvement Board for construction.

In 2020-21, we will use grant and local funds to complete a sidewalk for better safety from the library down Rigney Rd to Lexington St. where the path exits today. In 2021-2022, we will utilize grant and local funds to resurface Rainier St. from Union Ave to Puyallup Street. In partnership with Pierce County who just approved and contributed \$600K to the project, we will build a roundabout in 2020 at Union and Rainier/Martin St. and improve the access to the ferry

lanes. The roundabout traffic solution came from an engineering study showing Council that this option is a far better solution to move people and cars than any other engineering traffic solution. With better lighting and signage and a protected pedestrian crossing zone...the roundabout will be much safer.

With the holidays approaching, the Town has many upcoming events including:

- 12/7 – Holiday at Town Hall
- 12/9 – Holiday Sing and Play Along
- 12/14 – Santa Around Town

On behalf of the Council and myself, we wish you all the best this holiday season.

***Ron Lucas, Mayor***

***HOLIDAY AT TOWN HALL***  
December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

### ***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

### ***CHRISTMAS TREES.***

Scout Troop 71 will be selling Christmas trees on the multi-purpose court located in downtown Steilacoom from November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### ***WINEFEST - 2019***

***January 25, 2019***

***Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at [www.kiwanisclubofsteilacoom.org](http://www.kiwanisclubofsteilacoom.org)***

**SPEAKER SERIES**

The Friends of Steilacoom Library sponsor free monthly events with the support and collaboration of the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association. All programs are held at the Steilacoom High School Library at 54 Sentinel Drive. We hope to see you there!

On Friday, Dec. 14 at 3pm, join us for “The Pine and the Cherry: Japanese Americans in Washington.”

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.

**Message from the Superintendent**

As we move into the winter athletics season, we applaud the efforts of our student athletes and their coaches. The District’s vision statement of “The Best Education for Every Student” applies to our classrooms, as well as the extracurricular activities our schools offer.

Attendance at some of our athletic events during the year are ticketed. Last year, the District implemented the Silver Sentinel Card Program. This program admits our senior citizens to ticketed (sports, concerts, and drama productions) District events for a one-time fee. Those citizens who are 65 years of age and older, who live in our School

District boundaries, are eligible for the annual card for the fee of \$2.00. This one-time fee can be paid at the District Office, 511 Chambers Street, Steilacoom. Exceptions to our Silver Sentinel Card Program are events which are sponsored by the District, but held elsewhere (such as sports tournaments). All post-season, athletic play-off events are also not able to offer the Silver Sentinel Card Program.

**Silver Sentinel Card Application**

Steilacoom Historical Museum District is pleased to offer the Silver Sentinel Card to senior citizens 65 years of age and older. This one-time fee of \$2.00 can be paid at the District Office. As we have many community events to serve: fairs, shows, sports events, concerts, plays and other activities, it is our goal to provide a special benefit. Because of the fee, the cardholder will not be able to attend any event sponsored by the District but held elsewhere such as high school, community, sports events, etc. This card is not valid for the District's 100th Anniversary 2011-2012.

Please complete the application below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am a resident of the Steilacoom Historical School District and am 65 years of age or older.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form (and give to let \$ paid \$2.00 fee) to District Administration Center  
 511 Chambers Street, Steilacoom, WA 98582  
 for issuance of Silver Sentinel Card.

**We are excited to present our Holiday Concerts and hope you are able to attend!**

- November 29 – Pioneer Band Concert @ 6:30 pm
- December 6 – Steilacoom High Choral Concert @ 7:00 pm
- December 13 – Steilacoom High Band Concert @ 7:00 pm
- December 14 – Salter’s Point Elementary Concert @ 6:30 pm
- December 18 – Cherrydale Primary 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Winter Sharing @ 6:00 pm
- Pioneer Choral Concert @ 6:30 pm

**Kathi Weight, Superintendent**

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

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 Planning, Building, Permits  
 Utility After Hours 253 620-4123

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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.



# ***Steilacoom***



10<sup>th</sup> Annual

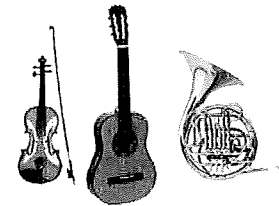
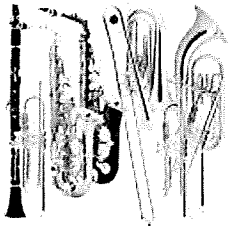
## **All-Comers Community Christmas Sing and Play Along**



***A FREE Community Event for all ages!***

**Sunday, 9 Dec 2018**

**6 PM to 8 PM**



**Steilacoom Town Hall**

**1717 Lafayette St**



**COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
*PRODUCED BY OUR OWN COMMUNITY!***

**No prior rehearsals necessary!**

Just bring your musical instruments, music stands, and enthusiasm.

All ability levels welcome. Music and song sheets provided.

All participants and attendees are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

**Non-perishable food will be collected for our local food pantry.**

**Questions? Contact Nancy Henderson**

**253-584-7284**

**[nehenders@comcast.net](mailto:nehenders@comcast.net)**

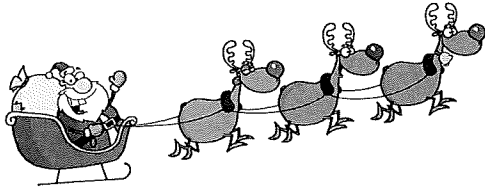




**SANTA'S FLIGHT PLAN  
ELVES & BELLS AROUND TOWN  
FRIDAY – DECEMBER 14**

**"NORTH POLE" TO SALTAR'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*ARRIVAL TIME IS A BEST GUESSTIMATE AND SUBJECT TO FAVORABLE TRAVEL CONDITIONS*

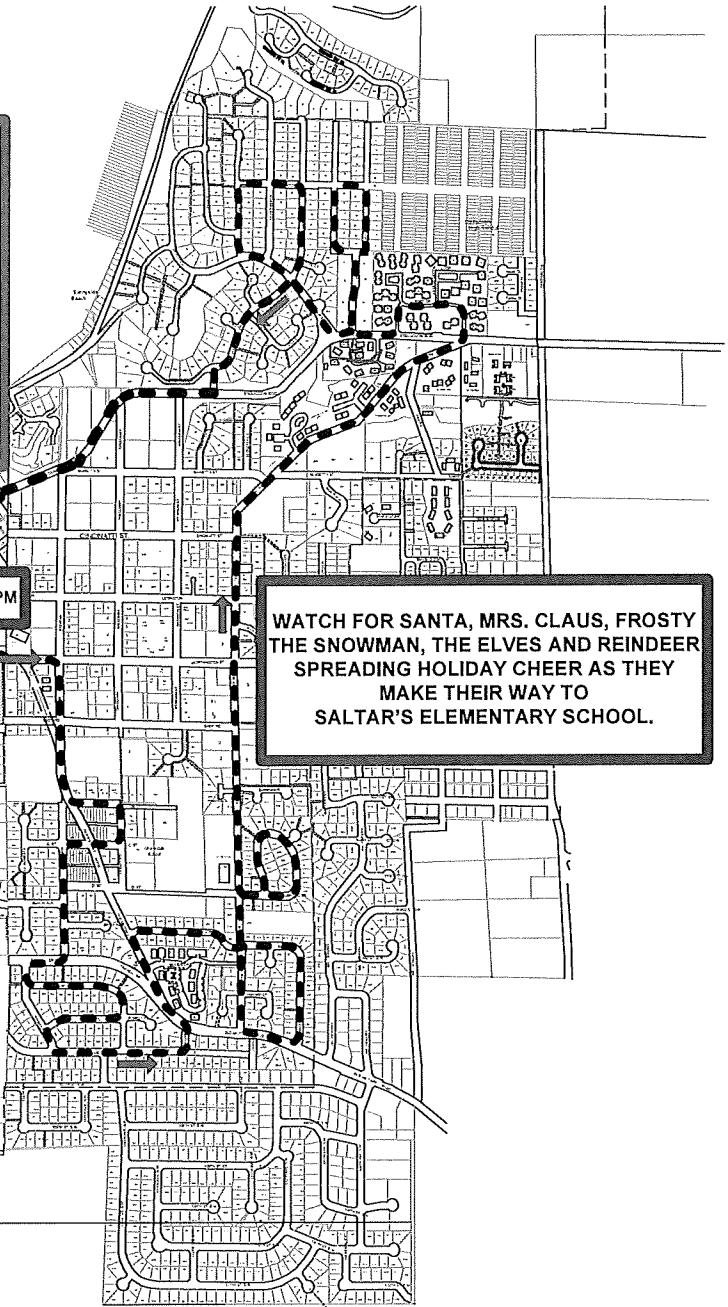


**SANTA'S ONLY STOP OF THE EVENING**

**7:30 PM - SALTAR'S ELEMENTARY  
908 THIRD STREET**

**COME MEET SANTA, MRS. CLAUS, FROSTY THE SNOWMAN, THE ELVES AND REINDEER. YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA, THERE WILL BE TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES AND CANDY CANES FOR ALL!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**WATCH FOR SANTA, MRS. CLAUS, FROSTY THE SNOWMAN, THE ELVES AND REINDEER SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO SALTAR'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Saltar's Point School  
7:30 PM

5:00 PM

