



Around Town

January, 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year from the Steilacoom Town Council and staff, we all wish you a Happy New Year and the very best to you and your family in 2019.

Following the Christmas season, I want to recognize several people and groups that made the 2018 holiday season terrific.

Larry Whelan and family, the Steilacoom Chamber and great Steilacoom Girl Scouts plus our Public Safety were instrumental coordinating the December 7 "Holiday at Town Hall" with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus & the lighting of the Town tree. Thank you to the 42nd MP Bde for the wonderful Christmas tree from JBLM.

"Santa Around Town" on December 14th was a huge success in providing new toys and gloves to children plus another chance for children and families to visit with Santa.

Waste Connections/LeMay in partnership with the Town provided new bicycles for some very deserving Steilacoom children and they were distributed through the Steilacoom Food Bank.

Also a special thanks to our staff who prepared the almost

historical Steilacoom Sleigh for Santa's use once again. Santa is always very safe with Terry Huber our certified Santa sleigh driver leading the way.

The Steilacoom Garden Club was responsible for the festive holiday swags placed on local businesses and town buildings. Thank you.

For the tenth year, Nancy and Mike Henderson organized the Steilacoom "Sing and Play Along" at Town Hall. The hall was completely full with musicians and singers. Thank you to Jan Lucas who directed, Linda Hulin who accompanied on piano, and all participants who energized the evening.

The Town is prepared for winter weather. We have plans in place to pretreat roads with deicing brine as the weather changes which will help reducing road icing/freezing. You might notice on the roads after the brine is applied... white stripe lines of the brine. We will continue to sweep the roads to clear wind debris.

Last month I provided information on our new utility rates for 2019...refer to the December "Around Town" for the specifics. Here is a brief recap of rate increases to be effective January 1, 2019:

Electric	15%
Water	12%
Sewer	5%
Storm	12%

The Town, in cooperation with Catholic Community Services, provides a lunch program for

adults/senior citizens at the Community Center. Lunch is served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. These lunches provide an opportunity for fellowship and good food.

I remind you that at Public Safety, you can bring in your unused or expired medicines and drugs for disposal. It is a requirement that all personal information be removed from the bottles/containers. No fluids are accepted.

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:

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We are pleased that Steilacoom Historical School District was one of six Washington State school districts selected as a "Healthy School Champion". The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) School Health Branch awarded \$5,000 to the district for the purposes of improving student health and academic achievement through nutrition, physical activity and the management of chronic conditions in schools.

District staff leading this initiative will work with OSPI to improve school success and adolescent health by implementing evidence-based school health policies, practices and programs. The grant will

be used for staff training, district-wide events, and acquiring materials to help meet our wellness goals.

Another healthy student initiative is our Safe Routes to School: Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education (SRTS) program awarded last spring to Pioneer Middle School. The SRTS program began in 2009 as a pilot project funded by the Washington State Legislature and is made possible by a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The goal of the program is to improve safety and encourage more students to safely walk and bicycle to school. In the process, this program works to reduce traffic congestion, improve student health and the environment, increase student academic success, increase attendance, and make communities more livable for everyone. The SRTS program provides training and materials to our Pioneer Middle School physical education program to implement curriculum; the funding was used to purchase a bicycle fleet and a trailer totaling approximately \$30,000.

We recognize the importance of promoting student health and will continue to seek ways to emphasize the importance of wellness. Physical and emotional health are an integral part of a successful school environment where our students are ready to learn and excel.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE –
DONATED BLOOD THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

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!

Storm Warning:
Historic Weather in the
Evergreen State
Friday, Jan 11, at 3 p.m.

Humanities Washington speaker Feliks Banel discusses historic weather and notorious storms in Washington state. Explore how storms revive shared humanity and how frightening weather can bind communities together for protection, to share resources, and to commiserate.

SMALL CELL

The Planning Commission will continue its consideration of small cell wireless facilities at its next meeting on January 14, 2019. Small cells are the next generation of cellular telephone systems.

Under a new FCC order, wireless providers will be able to use existing light and utility poles in the right-of-way as supports for the new antennas. The antennas must be no larger than 3 cubic feet, but may have additional equipment boxes of up to 28 cubic feet placed nearby. Additionally, the system will be linked by new fiber optic cable. The FCC order limits the time frame for the Town to issue permits.

The Planning Commission will be working on regulations for

later consideration and approval by the Town Council. The meeting will be at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

WINEFEST - 2019

January 25, 2019

*Tickets may be purchased from
any Kiwanis member or at
www.kiwanisclubofsteilacoom.org*

CHRISTMAS TREE- CYCLING WEEKEND

The annual Christmas Treecycling Drop-Off will be held on the weekend of January 5th and 6th, 2019 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 5 & 6. 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!

Original oil, watercolor, and mixed media artwork will be on display at the "Steilacoom Fireside Gallery" in January and February, 2019 as part of the Town of Steilacoom Guest Artist Series. Featured artist, Anne Doane, a member of Pacific Gallery Artists, has received awards for her artwork at the Washington State Fair, Lakewood's ArtsFest and other juried art competitions for her Pacific Northwest landscapes, still life and more. The "Steilacoom Fireside Gallery" is located inside the Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom WA. Gallery Hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 7:30 pm; Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm; closed weekends and holidays.

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

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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:

1st and 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday at 6:30 PM

Preservation and Review Board:

4th Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Civil Service Commission:

1st Thursday at 2 PM at the

Community Center.

Town of Steilacoom - 2019 Residential Recycling Collection Schedule

*Pickups run one day late following Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. All other holiday pickups on schedule.

Your Regular Collection Day is **Thursday** - Except as Noted

For Service Assistance Please Call LeMays @ 1-800-34LEMAY



YARDWASTE RECYCLE

BLUE TOTER

January	*4	17	31 (*Please note 4th is Friday)
February	14	28	
March	14	28	
April	11	25	
May	9	23	
June	6	20	
July	4	18	
August	1	15	29
September	12	26	
October	10	24	
November	7	21	
December	5	19	

COMMINGLE RECYCLE

GRAY TOTER

January	10	24	
February	7	21	
March	7	21	
April	4	18	
May	2	16	30
June	13	27	
July	11	25	
August	8	22	
September	5	19	
October	3	17	31
November	14	*29 (*Please note 29th is Friday)	
December	12	*27 (*Please note 27th is Friday)	

Please have items at the curb ready for pickup by 6:00 a.m. on the assigned collection day

Items ACCEPTED in your **YARDWASTE** container include: Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush, branches smaller than four inches in diameter, and Christmas trees in season.

Items NOT ACCEPTED in **YARDWASTE** containers include: Trash, stumps, lumber, bricks, glass, metal, food, plastics, rocks or excessive amounts of dirt. All yardwaste must fit in the container with the lid closed. Call your hauler for assistance if you have more yardwaste than will fit in the container. NEVER set out yardwaste in a plastic bag. All yardwaste collected through the curbside program will be composted at the County-owned Purdy Compost Facility.

Items ACCEPTED in the **SINGLE-STREAM** container include: Newspapers, magazines and junk mail, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, paper-style milk cartons, milk jugs, phone books, paper bags, cereal boxes along with plastic bottles, jugs, tubs, jars, buckets and plant pots. (subject to change pending market values)

Items NOT ACCEPTED in the **SINGLE-STREAM** container include: Glass of any sort, Styrofoam peanuts or containers, batteries, aerosol cans, toxic product containers, plastic lids, tubs, or bags, light bulbs, foil, frozen food or chip bags, pill boxes, juice boxes, metal hangers, or food-contaminated paper plates and napkins.

WHAT TO DO ON RECYCLING DAY:

Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on recycling day. The cart handles must face the house; the lid opening must face the street. Put the cart at curbside or within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road. The cart should be at least 3 feet away from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet from cars. Allow 18 feet of space above the cart too, so the automated robotic "arm" on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively. Do not block mailboxes. Please remove the empty cart from the curb as soon as possible. If you have **questions** about either of the curbside recycling programs, **please call LeMays at (253) 875-5053**. Thank You