



Around Town

February, 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

The recent high wind storm caused quite a debris field across the community. The clean-up began with staff initially gathering and then chipping larger material, followed by the sweeper which performs best on smaller debris. A few trees were reported down and several more were damaged.

Many of you may have seen the 32' Bayliner boat either sunk at the Town dock or as it was moved by Town staff to the Public Works yard. The abandoned boat was not registered and the owner was not interested in keeping it. We are pursuing reimbursement of costs incurred from the owner's insurance.

PSE provides natural gas to our community. In about 20 locations, PSE has attached communication devices on our light poles to read gas meters and better manage their system for us. Costs and attachment fees apply.

The Council will soon be hearing the Planning Commission recommendation on "small cell" attachments to our light poles. This technology is important to most residents who want/expect faster internet speeds, greater data/file flow, and to realize the next generation capabilities of a 5-G

system which has a 10x greater capability than 4-G. In the 1990's, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) preempted cities from denying applications for cell towers to allow the growth of technology. Similarly, in 2019 the FCC has ruled that cities are not able to deny applications for "small cell" technology. I believe the ruling again looks to advance the many technologies common in our lives. The Town is in the process of creating regulations intended to manage and approve small cell locations (within allowed regulatory constraints) Attachment fees and costs apply to this project. More later on implementation....

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

The safe and efficient transport of our students by bus is one of the school district's most important responsibilities. Our partner, Durham School Services, transports 2,400 bus riders every day to our schools. We are also very fortunate to be able to provide after school activity (ASA) buses for our secondary students. These ASA buses provide transportation home following club activities, sports practices and also provides a service to our

students staying after school to receive help provided by teachers.

The District Transportation Safety Committee serves as an advisory committee to evaluate bus and pedestrian safety issues, including walking routes to school. The committee is made up of parents, building and administrative staff, school board members, Chief Rodriguez from Steilacoom Public Safety, Assistant Police Chief Jackson from DuPont Police Department, and Durham School Services representatives. The committee meets quarterly. This month, the committee reviewed bus route data, including on-time performance and ridership numbers, and also reviewed walking zones.

The support our committee provides is invaluable and we appreciate district advisory committee representatives that help us evaluate and improve the services we provide to our students and families. You can learn more about our district advisory committees on our website - [District Advisory Committees](#)

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

SMALL CELL (CONT.)

The Planning Commission will continue its consideration of small cell wireless facilities at its next meeting on February 11, 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-ways 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 (underground) fiber optic cable. The FCC order limits the time frame for the Town to issue permits as well.

The Planning Commission will continue its work, creating regulations for later consideration and approval by the Town Council. The Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

GUEST ARTIST PROGRAM

Stop by and see the art show!

Original oil, watercolor, and mixed media artwork will continue to be on display at the Steilacoom Fireside Gallery in the month of February, 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 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.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-7:30 pm Friday 9:00 am-4:30 pm; closed weekends and holidays.

Steilacoom Preservation and Review Board Vacancy:

The Preservation and Review Board (PRB) is an appointed group of volunteers who work to preserve the historic character of Steilacoom's Historic District; as well as providing resources for increasing public awareness about the historic resources in the Town of Steilacoom. As you are likely aware, Steilacoom is historically significant with buildings dating back to the 1850s. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the history of the Town and have experience in historic preservation, design, or construction experience, please contact the Town offices for an application to serve on the Preservation and Review Board. Positions are filled for 3 year terms and the Board meets once monthly on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

If you have questions or are interested in learning more about the Preservation and Review Board please contact: Jennifer Schreck at jennifer.schreck@ci.steilacoom.wa.us or 253.581.1912.

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.

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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

Pet Waste

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