



Around Town

April, 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

As I write and you look around Town, it is clear spring is here: sunshine, temperatures above 60 degrees, and yard work beginning. Despite the prediction for a mild season, we all experienced a long, long NW winter. My thanks to the Public Works crews that worked long hours to keep our roads clear and safe.

Looking ahead, Steilacoom's annual Town Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 27th and 28th at Public Works, 1030 Roe Street. Included in the Around Town are the rules on what items will be accepted. Volunteers are always welcome. To join us call Terry Huber at 253.581.1912.

In May, the Town, along with Waste Connections (LeMay) offers residents the opportunity to safely dispose of confidential paper documents. The date is May 18 from 9 am -12pm.

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom will host the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Cherrydale School on Saturday, April 20. The event is free and for children ages 2-12 years. The search areas are segmented by age groups. Come, have fun, and remember to bring your own baskets and cameras!! The Egg Hunt begins at 11 AM....be on time as eggs go quickly.

Construction continues with the sewer and utility project on Washington/Pacific St. The project completes long planned upgrades. Likewise, near the Library on Steilacoom Blvd, you will see different ADA ramps construction recently completed. This work precedes the 140-day construction project along Steilacoom Blvd from Far West Drive to Puyallup Street; about a mile in total. The work will be done by ACI Construction. After equipment mobilization, work in April will primarily be in the "tree corridor" as tree and dirt removal begins and retaining wall construction starts. You would be wise to plan on experiencing temporary road closure and traffic disruptions. Planning of alternate routes is advisable—and your patience is appreciated.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Steilacoom Historical School District continues our focus on supporting student's **social and emotional development**. This intentional focus helps us promote our student's well-being in a variety of ways. We want all students to feel a sense of security and support and have implemented some innovative programs to achieve this important goal. An initiative we are extremely proud of is our facility dog, Aura.

Aura is a product of the Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) organization and system of training service dogs. They are the largest provider of

service dogs in the world. Their dogs spend the first nine months to a year with a puppy raiser, then return to one of their facilities for 9 months to a year of specialized training with a professional trainer and learn about 40 commands.

Facility dogs are one of the designations of assistant dogs they train and certify. These dogs are selected for this type of work because of their temperament and ability to create feelings of calm and security in students and staff. In a school setting, these qualities help our students maintain or regain their composure so they are better able to stay engaged in their educational environment and learning task.

Aura is 4 years old and started working in the district in December of 2016, with her facilitator Dr. Jim Seefeldt, the district's physical therapist. During their time together, Aura has had a positive impact on our students by engaging them in activities and providing a sense of calmness and security. For example, she has a monthly visit with a 3rd grade class during reading time. Students sit next to Aura and read aloud a story especially for her. We receive frequent feedback from students and staff about how much they love having Aura in our schools.

Aura is just one example of the great things that are happening in our school district to meet both the academic AND social/emotional needs of all students.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom presents the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 20 starting promptly at 11 AM at Cherrydale Primary School.

Candy donations for the event will be accepted at the Public Works Building at 1030 Roe Street.

SMALL CELLS

The Steilacoom Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed small cell wireless facilities ordinance at its' next meeting on April 8, 2019. 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 new antennas to provide high speed wireless service. The proposed ordinance provides regulations to minimize the visual impact of these types of facilities in line with the FCC order.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available on the Town's website, townofsteilacoom.org.

The hearing will be at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall. The Commission will make recommendations regarding the proposed ordinance to the Town Council following the hearing.

SUMMER JOBS

Town of Steilacoom
Seasonal Maintenance Workers
1 6 month and 4 3 month positions.
Positions assigned 4/1/2019.
Background/Physical Req.
\$15.87/Hour

Summer Camp Recreation Aides
10 positions: June – August
Positions assigned by 5/1/2019
Background Req. \$13.42/hour.

Immediate application submission encouraged.
Applications at www.townofsteilacoom.org or call 253.983.2590

SHS FUNDRAISER

Steilacoom High School Music Boosters Club is hosting their 1st ever Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th (10am - 5pm) turning the Steilacoom High School commons into a mattress store for one day only! You'll find 30 different mattresses on display, all top-quality name brands (like Simmons), and each is available in any size you need it in, and prices are below retail due to this company's unique business model. Anything you can get from a mattress store you'll be able to get through this event, so in addition to mattresses they'll have adjustable bed frames, luxury pillows, sheets, and mattress protectors and all sales help to support Steilacoom Music! If there's a mattress in your home that needs to be replaced there's never been a better time to buy!

HELP KEEP STEILACOOM CLEAN – PUT LITTER IN ITS PLACE.

REMEMBER THE RESURRECTION

with
STEILACOOM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Good Friday – April 19th
EXPERIENCE GOLGOTHA PROJECT

10:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Follow the events of Jesus' journey to the cross as you take a guided tour through a multi-sensory, multimedia experience that leaps out of the pages of the Scriptures. Come witness the reality of His struggle, suffering, and most of all His love in a powerful new way that you will never forget.

Due to some graphic content, this event may not be appropriate for some sensitive children or adults.

REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING

7:00 PM

Steilacoom Community Church will be very proud to be presenting Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living". The SCC Chancel Choir is hosting 47 singers and a professional chamber orchestra for this amazing event!

"A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest- traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living, (2013), however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead."

–Dan Forrest

Dan Forrest's sweeping orchestration and powerful choral lines are sure to make this an evening you will never forget and a perfect way to embrace the majesty and message of Holy week.

Child care is provided, and all events are free of charge.

**JOIN US AGAIN
EASTER SUNDAY**

PLANT SALE

As we welcome the sunshine and warmer temperatures, it's time to think of gardening! **Mark your calendars for the Steilacoom Garden Club Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 to noon** at the tennis court on Lafayette Street. Perennials, annuals, herbs, ground cover, and succulents are just a few of the varieties available. So start digging and dividing existing plants to donate to our annual event, plan changes to your garden, and get ready for a great sale!! For more information contact Connie Kirkpatrick at 253-720-1460 or Jan Lucas 253-431-0481.

Mother's Day 5K/7 Mile Fun Run or Walk

The "I Love You Mom" 5K and the JustTRI-7 Mile "Dragon" is being held on May 12th, 8AM, starting at Topside Bar and Grill.

The 5K is an enjoyable, but a challenging course. It is well-marked and is 100% on pavement. Stroller and pet friendly, too! All 5K finishers receive the "I Love You Mom" medal.

For the 7-mile participants, the route is comprised of 2-loops and finishers receive 2 medals. The 2nd medal is the first of three "Dragon Series" medals.

The Dragon Series are running events hosted by JustTRI each year. The distances range from 5K to half marathon.

This will be the 5th run over the past 2 years through the Town of Steilacoom. All the events have all been small, but full of life and enthusiasm.

Start Mother's Day right with a Great 5K, and then have breakfast at Topside Bar and Grill after the race! Register at: RunLakewood.com



The Steilacoom Farmers' Market will launch the 2019 season on June 19th, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the corner of Lafayette & Wilkes Streets!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're inviting residents, schools, and community groups to participate with us as Market Ambassadors on Wednesday mornings, afternoons, or evenings. Complete the application on our website and contact our Market Coordinator Allison Leever at allison.leevers@ci.steilacoom.wa.us.

PARKS AND TRAILS

Parks and Trails volunteer work party Sunday 31 March 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Meet at Chambers St entrance to Farrell's Marsh Park to remove ivy from trees.

Bring pruners, hand saws, gloves. Some small tools, gloves, and eye protection will be provided.

Questions? Nancy Henderson
253.584.7284

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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:

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.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP
2019– APRIL 27 AND 28**

**To volunteer call
Terry Huber at Public
Works 253 581-1912**

We ask that you read and follow these guidelines. Please contact us prior to the event if you have any questions.

Spring Cleanup is a self-haul event that gives residents the opportunity to recycle or dispose of unwanted items from in and around their primary residences. It is not intended to take the place of having weekly garbage service. We reserve the right to refuse unacceptable items or limit the amount being brought in by an individual or group.

The Cleanup is designed to recycle items such as cellular phones, cardboard and scrap metals, while accepting usable donations for Life Center Thrift Shop, and disposing of unwanted items from around your primary residence (subject to limitations listed in this article).

Spring Cleanup is being held on the weekend of April 27th & 28th from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Public Works (1030 Roe Street). *The event is open to Town residents and our sewer utility customers in the Arrowhead neighborhood. Identification in the form of either a utility bill or driver's license is required for entry. No commercial haulers, landscapers, contractors, etc.*

Waiting times can exceed one hour. **Please limit the size of your load to a pickup truck OR**

4'X8' trailer. Help in unloading your vehicle is requested and appreciated. The safety of event staff and participants is paramount, please conduct yourself accordingly.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Past experience along with disposal and recycling requirements mean we must limit the types of items we can accept. The following list is not all-inclusive. **Call Public Works (253) 581-1912 if you have questions; you will be asked to take back unacceptable items.**

NO TV's, computers, computer monitors, laptops, vegetation, yardwaste, dirt, rocks, sod, stumps, bricks, chunks of concrete, roofing materials, propane tanks, quantities of construction materials or items with a compressor (like freezers, refrigerators). No tires, on or off the rim, or hazardous materials. No vehicles, boats, campers, or hot tubs. No mixtures of vegetation with disposables and **no household or putrid/rancid garbage.** Putrescible waste is **“solid waste that contains organic matter (i.e. food waste) capable of being decomposed by microorganisms and of such a character and proportion as to cause obnoxious odors and to be capable of attracting or providing food for birds or animals.**

VEHICLE LOADING

Load your vehicle as follows: disposables, scrap metals, charitable items and then cardboard. Items will be unloaded in reverse order.

CELLULAR PHONES

Phones and chargers will be collected at the I.D. Check

CARDBOARD

Empty and flatten boxes. No, food-contaminated, foil-covered, or wax-coated boxes.

LIFE CENTER THRIFT

Accepts usable furniture, small household items, clothing, sporting equipment, toys, etc.

SCRAP METAL

REMOVE ALL FLUIDS from lawnmowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, etc. prior to recycling. **No refrigerators or other items with compressors.**

No propane tanks – recycle them for **FREE** at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility located at the entrance to the Tacoma Landfill. For information call **591-5418.**

E-WASTE RECYCLING

Computers, monitors, and TV's recycled for **FREE** at Lakewood GOODWILL 6002 Mt. Tacoma Dr SW Information - call **573-1333**

TIRE RECYCLING

L&S Tire Company
9215 39th Avenue SW,
Lakewood, WA
(253) 582-5556

Accepts any size tire in any condition. Prices vary by size, type and service classification.

RECYCLE QUESTIONS

Call **1-800-RECYCLE** or go to **Pierce County Recycling Menu on the internet.**

Your adherence to these guidelines will help us provide you with a cleanup event that is safe, efficient, and fun. Thank you.