



Around Town *September 2019*

From the Mayor's Desk

Phase 1 from Puyallup St. to Hewitt St. of the Steilacoom Boulevard project is scheduled to be paved on August 28th, 29th, and 30th with striping and other utility work to be performed the following week. Consequently, it appears the earliest the road will be reopened will be the week of September 9th with the focus then shifting to Phase 2.

Phase 2 initial construction has been progressing for weeks with repositioning of cable, natural gas and other utilities. I ask you to be patient once again as local traffic control will increase while work continues in a very dense area out to Farwest Drive. The project schedule estimates that work continuing through October and possibly into November.

Where did summer go? It seems like I just congratulated 2019 High School graduates. However, the start of another school year is once again upon Steilacoom. The Steilacoom Historical School District Board and staff are prepared for another great school year as they welcome students and families. Please be alert as we will see increasing yellow bus traffic and children out and about. Please drive safely!

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) had a very successful Salmon Bake at Sunnyside Beach. Nearly 1,000 enjoyed the day. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time for their community and neighbors to support this long-time event.

Now, as we move ahead ... the SHMA Apple Squeeze will be celebrated downtown on 6 October. Mark your calendars!

A new business has opened at Union and Rainier St. **Berry Dock Ice Cream Shop.** Their hours are Sat-Mon 10 AM to 9 PM and Tues-Fri 6 AM to 9 PM. Great coffee is also available so as you are out and about, or walking stop in and visit. The owners are local neighbors.

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:

- Town Offices
- Town Council

Message from the Superintendent

Steilacoom High School's fall sports season is right around the corner! Some of the first fall home competitions will be:
Girls' Soccer – 9/11 at 7:00 pm
Boys' Tennis – 9/12 at 3:30 pm
Volleyball – 9/18 at 7:15 pm
Cross Country – 9/ 21 at 9:00 am
Football – 10/ 11 at 7:00 pm

A complete athletic schedule can be found on our league's website at

<http://www.spslathletics.com/index.php?pid=0.18.170.0.300>.

Steilacoom Historical School District is pleased to once again offer the Silver Sentinel Card to senior citizens 65 years of age and older, who live in our district. A one-time fee of \$2.00 can be paid at the District Office or Steilacoom High School. A Silver Sentinel Card admits one senior citizen to senior high school sporting events, concerts, plays and other district events where admission is charged for the 2019-20 school year.

Please join us in supporting our Steilacoom High School athletes! Go Steilly!

Please find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/steilacoomschooldistrictno1 to learn more about our students' accomplishments!

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Please keep your car engine off, doors locked and do not leave valuables in plain sight when your car is not attended.

Also, please remember to keep your home's doors and windows locked and notify Public Safety at the time if you see suspicious activity

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.

FUN WITH FITNESS

Come enjoy an hour of exercise with a variety of upbeat music to keep you motivated. Classes include low impact aerobics; core strengthening, balance and resistance exercises as well as stretching. Instructed by Christine Eberlein on Monday and Wednesday from 4:40 – 5:30 at the Community Center

SCARECROW CONTEST

The Steilacoom Garden Club will be sponsoring their annual Scarecrow Contest in October. Last year there were some fabulous and fun creations on display throughout our town!

Members of the Garden Club will judge the scarecrows based on 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 15th so make sure to have it done by then. Prizes will be awarded for winners in both categories.

To enter the contest, contact Mary La Tourelle at 253-221-1409 or Lafannin@msn.com and let her know the location of your scarecrow.

BERRY DOCK ICE CREAM SHOP

1203 Rainier Street
Sat. – Mon: 10 AM to 9 PM
Tues. – Fri: 6 AM to 9 PM

Come visit Steilacoom's newest business and enjoy a family friendly atmosphere while experiencing a treat of Olympic Mountain ice cream with vegan options, coffee, and delicious, locally produced pastries.

APPLE SQUEEZE

The 46th ANNUAL STEILACOOM APPLE SQUEEZE is coming Sunday, October 6 from 10-4 in historic downtown Steilacoom. Come press apples into cider, stroll the street fair of hand-made crafts and listen to toe-tapping music. 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.

OUTDOOR FEEDING

Feeding animals outside may have many potential adverse impacts on yours and your neighbor's property. Town staff are receiving an increasing number of complaints concerning raccoons, feral cats, crows, mice/rats, etc. These animals can pose health and in some cases safety issues.

If you wish to feed your own pets outside, please ensure the food is located inside an enclosure which is inaccessible to large animals. Please do not leave food out between the

hours of 6 PM and 6 AM. Additionally, please do not put food out for animals that are not your own.

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.

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



The Steilacoom Farmers' Market will conclude its season on Wednesday August 28th.

Thank you to all the vendors, volunteers, and individuals who participated in the Steilacoom Farmers' Market. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

2019-2020 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

2019-2020 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
- 30% SHSD/TOS employee discount

*may not be combined

For details call 253-581-1076

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.

WE LOVE STEILACOOM ASSOCIATION/FOOD PANTRY

1603 Rainier Street

The We Love Steilacoom Association operates a food bank to assist individuals and families. This is accomplished through a weekly on-site distribution and a weekly distribution via a "back-pack" program done in coordination with the Steilacoom Historical School District during the school year.

Food distributions are every Saturday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Steilacoom Community Church – 1603 Rainier Street. Food donations may be dropped off at the Community Center or at the food bank during operating hours.

Financial contributions may be made at the Community Center or at the Public Works Building. A separate check, made payable to WLSA, may also be sent in with your utility bill.

For more information, contact Paul Loveless at (253) 581-1912 or Sharon Cornett, Food Pantry Coordinator, at (253) 581-1076

SPEAKER SERIES

The Friends of the Steilacoom Library and the Steilacoom Historical Museum are partnering to bring back the historical speaker series. All events are at 3 PM at the Museum.

September 13 – Harriet Baskas, Washington on Wheels; Odd and Innovative Transportation Ideas from the Pacific Northwest.

October 11 – Patrick Hughes, The Story of the Buffalo Soldier.

November 8 – Tames Allen, From the Streets of Shakespeare to the Court of Elizabeth.

December 13: David Buerge, Who Was Chief Seattle?

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 windstorm can be a deadly decision; please consider the consequences before you venture out in a winter storm.

Steilacoom – A Historic Community – Help Keep It Clean – Don't Litter and please pick up after yourself or others

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Emergency.....911
Non-Emergency ...253 798-4721
Animal Control... ..253 830-5010
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crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 253 581-1076
Before and After School Prog.
Meal Site
Youth and Adult Classes

Chamber of Commerce:

Steilacoomchamber.com

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 - 2 PM at the

Community Center.