



Around Town

October 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

As Fall begins, Steilacoom will celebrate with the annual Apple Squeeze sponsored by the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) on Sunday, Oct 6 from 10AM to 4PM. Please come downtown along Lafayette Street for a day filled with Steilacoom history, apples and friends.

As you read, I expect we are very close to finishing the major sidewalk and utility work out to Far West Drive along Steilacoom Boulevard. As I write, weather may have delayed the schedule. The final piece of the project is the Steilacoom Boulevard grind and overlay with bike and road striping. Weather will be the deciding factor. I appreciate your patience and understanding over the past months as this major project is being completed.

Looking ahead, Council is considering several policy issues during October and November: 2020 property tax levies, utility rates, and updating the Town's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which gives guidance to mayor and staff concerning which listed projects are proposed for the next 6 years. Council has the ability to re-order projects and/or add

other projects to the plan. My responsibility will be to recommend the initial order of work by year and the funding sources. The projects to be considered in no particular order or year for grind and overlays or rebuilding are: Beech Street, Cambridge Court, Martin Street, 3rd Street, Frederick Street, and Chambers Street to name several. All these projects are **not grant eligible**.

The Town already has secured funding for a grind and overlay on Rainier Street in 2021/22 and a sidewalk project along Riggen Road in 2020/21.

The key will be to bundle 2 to 3 of the projects and bid them together with a clear funding plan. I will present an initial TIP plan at the Dec 3 Council meeting for consideration and public comment. Final action I expect will be in Jan 2020.

On behalf of Council and myself, we encourage you to become informed on the several State Initiatives, County, Town, and Port elections on the November ballot and then vote!! Remember the Voters Pamphlet provides all the information on how to register to vote, a review on Initiatives and candidate information.

The Pierce County Auditor has placed a secure ballot box at the Steilacoom Library, or you can simply mail your ballot. Either way, PLEASE VOTE!

Halloween is coming soon please watch for children out that night be safe.

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

Every single morning, for as long as I can remember, my husband makes the same comment when we leave for work. With a big grin, he says, "Hey, let's go out there and make a difference in the world today." On most days, I just smile and nod, without really thinking about the meaning behind his upbeat slogan. My husband is a high school special education teacher who absolutely loves his job (and he is great at it) and I know he sincerely means what he says. I have learned to expect this little farewell message each morning, so I was not surprised when he said it as I left the house on the morning of our annual District Staff Kick-Off event. On this occasion, his words stuck with me and I shared his "let's make a difference" thought with our 348 staff members to acknowledge how their hard work truly does make a difference in the world. I am grateful for their commitment to our 3,400 students and know how lucky I am to be able to lead an organization filled with wonderful people.

Our annual District Staff Kick-Off event is always an exciting day because we offer a full day of professional learning for every adult in our school

system. This year, our Teaching and Learning Department facilitated 44 sessions of professional development aligned with our focus areas of Social Emotional Learning, Race and Equity, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These powerful workshops were planned and led by our own talented teachers. Our staff left at the end of the day with effective strategies and renewed energy to make a difference in the lives of our students.

The excitement around the event was also fueled by the volunteers who participated in our District day. This is the third year of Steilacoom Kiwanis Club preparing and serving lunch for our staff members. We love to have these dedicated community members (many of them retired teachers!) with us at our purposeful day of learning. Their smiles and passion for service makes a difference.

My husband's optimism for the educational system and his love for the teaching profession is shared by me, our Board of Directors, and by the educators doing this important work in our 6 schools. We are thrilled to have begun the 2019-20 school year and look forward to making a positive difference in the world.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

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

4th ANNUAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY



Join Chief Rodriguez on September 30 from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Coffee Cabin, 215 Wilkes Street, Steilacoom, Washington. Chief Rodriguez will provide information on current activities within the Department.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

STEILACOOM BLVD.



The Town of Steilacoom has reopened Steilacoom Boulevard through the “Tunnel of Trees.” The scope of this phase of the overall project included a multimodal link from the east to west side of Town, provided safe sidewalks on both sides of the road, added designated bike lanes through this section, resurfaced the road, enhanced storm drainage, and provided improvements to stabilize the hill-side.

The Town completed this phase of the project according to the overall plan. Public comments concerning tree preservation were taken into account as part of the overall design. An arborist was intimately involved during all phases of the design and construction.

The project (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) utilized a combination of funding sources including \$1.561 million of federal dollars received from Puget Sound Regional Council – (PSRC), local funds in the amount of \$1.279 million and \$472,395 from the WA Transportation

Improvement Board (TIB) which was used for the sidewalks.

Thank you to Steilacoom citizens for their patience!

Project emphasis has now shifted to Phase 2 with work between Hewitt Drive and Farwest Drive.

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

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

The Town recently installed an electric vehicle charging station in the parking lot at the corner of Wilkes and Lafayette Street. The station is open to all for use.

FRAUD ALERT

Scammers are targeting utility customers, employees, religious worshippers, etc. in a gift card scam, warns the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The Town of Steilacoom does not give out email addresses of customers to any outside organizations. The Town will never do any funding by asking customers, employees, or any member of the general public to purchase gift cards.

Posing as the Mayor, Council members, the Town Administrator, or other Town employee (through an email that looks familiar and legitimate), these scammers ask individuals for gift-card contributions to a good cause or threaten them with utility disconnection unless a gift card is used for payment.

The FTC explains:

The imposter asks you to buy a popular [gift card](#) — frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon — and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that’s done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

You are encouraged to closely evaluate emails that appear to come from a Town official by carefully looking for some typical warning signs. For example, the email address isn’t the one normally used by the Town and/or the service provider is different. The message may begin with a simple ‘Hi,’ but doesn’t include

a recipient's name. There also may be spelling errors, including the Mayor's or Administrator's name.

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

NON-COMMERCIAL AUTOMOTIVE AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS

How to Reduce, Recycle, and Dispose of Wastes Properly and Avoid Toxic Contamination.

What's the Problem with Automotive Chemicals:

1. Dumping used motor oil on the ground, over roads, or into storm drains and other water systems is illegal. Heavy metals and other toxins in used oil contaminate soil and pollute water sources posing a health hazard to wildlife and humans.
2. Vehicle batteries contain corrosive materials and heavy metals that can contaminate soil and ground or surface water if disposed of improperly.
3. Dumping antifreeze will contaminate soil and water sources. Pets and children are attracted to its sweet taste, which can lead to poisoning.
4. Nearly all of a car's wastes are toxic to varying degrees and may present environmental, human, and

animal health hazards if disposed of improperly. Toxic material may cause injuries or death if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. None of these materials should end up in a sewer, septic system, storm drain, back yard, or empty lot.

Helpful Solutions:

1. Buy Refined Motor Oil:
Refined motor oil is the same quality as virgin oil. The re-refining process cleans up the used oil and replaces the additives that were used, generating 8 gallons of new oil for every 100 gallons of used oil. Re-refined motor oil also reduces dependence on imported oil and helps reduce our trade deficit and provide jobs.
2. Eco-Friendly Car Washes:
Cars that are washed in driveways and parking lots can pollute our local streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Here are some ways you can reduce the impact of washing your car.
 - A. If you wash your car at home, do it on a flat grass or gravel area that will absorb the wash water. Also lessen the impact by using a low or no phosphate soap.
 - B. Take your car to a commercial car wash.

General Tips:

1. Household hazardous waste should never be poured down the drain, onto the ground, into storm sewers, or thrown in the trash.
2. Keep all hazardous products out of reach of children.

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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.