



Around Town

January 2021

From the Mayor's Desk

I am very hopeful as we move on from 2020. As I write, the first day of COVID-19 vaccinations has occurred. It has been clear to me that this last year reinforced the importance of family, having the character to serve others, and taking personal responsibility.

Thank you to all the Steilacoom volunteers who continuously serve at the Community Center for meal site, at the food bank, at childcare, and in many other areas this past year. This spirit continued during the holidays with several planned and impromptu efforts to provide children with gifts.

On January 5, 2021, the Council is scheduled to meet virtually to hear a request from the developer of Norberg Estates for final plat approval. The owner of the mill site on Chambers Bay is also currently working with the Planning Commission on a request to rezone the property into a Master Plan versus its current industrial zoning. The Town web site will provide instructions on how to access the meetings to participate.

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) awarded the Lee Merrill

recognition to Lenore Rogers and Mike McLaughlin for their many contributions to the success of many programs. Also, the Jack and Joanne Brake award was presented to Joan Curtis for Outstanding service. Congratulations to all.

A new business has opened next to the Post Office, Norse & Sea. Jessica Scotti opened the doors in December and this small boutique features an abundance of Norwegian and Scandinavian inspired goods, whimsical toys, assiduously crafted jewelry pieces, clothing, one-of-a kind trinkets, and other treasures. Stop in, meet Jessica, and browse.

Please note the information on the Steilacoom Kiwanis Foundation "Wine Hour." The Steilacoom Kiwanis Club each year raising tens of thousands of dollars to support schools, children's sports teams, Christmas gifts, bike giveaways and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Prevented from hosting their traditional January fundraising event due to COVID-19, here is a way to continue supporting our community for future events. Thanks for continuing to support local businesses. Small towns are a wasteland without gathering places such as coffee shops, pubs and grills, restaurants, etc. These are true small business, and they depend on our help to sustain operations especially with the restrictions placed on them.

Be safe, prepare to be vaccinated, and Happy New Year.

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

This past year has been a doozy and like many of you, I will not be looking back on 2020 as one of my favorite years. However, there were many things that happened in 2020 which we can celebrate.

Despite this global pandemic, with its constantly changing news, guidelines, and requirements, our district's students and staff did some amazing work in 2020.

Providing the best education for every student was at the center of our work, and our work to support each and every high school student path to graduate did not get lost in the COVID-19 chaos.

Our four-year graduation rate last year was over 94%! To put that into context, for the previous two years, the statewide average graduation rate was about 81%. I am so proud of our students and our SHSD staff and families who supported these students throughout their time with us. This clearly shows the work of our staff and students is paying dividends in terms of student success – and this is a real reason to celebrate. While we celebrate this, we know we need to keep doing everything we

can to make our graduation rate as close to 100% as possible. Steilacoom High School and our students are amazing and if we can get 94% of our students to graduate on time during a pandemic, we certainly can find ways to increase our graduation rate once we emerge from this crisis. There is real reason to be hopeful.

I will also celebrate 2020 because the adversity we faced together required us to think about things differently, and to learn and communicate in new ways. We are planning to extend and expand remote learning opportunities for students who excel in this environment. We are planning to engage more of our youngest learners in educational programming earlier. And we are spending much more time listening to our students, families and community about their ideas and thoughts to ensure they are included in our planning.

We have had several "Thoughtexchanges" this past year, where we have learned what our school community values and ways to help students feel valued and supported. We've done some of this additional listening because of the pandemic and we have grown stronger because of it.

I am certainly looking forward to life after COVID-19, but I am not trying to forget everything that happened in 2020. In fact, remembering this past year may be the very thing that makes 2021 even more special.

I look forward to serving our students and listening to our community in a very different 2021. Happy New Year!

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

SCHOOL NEWS

Please visit

<https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us>
for updates, FAQs, and
resources related to the SHSD.

CHRISTMAS TREE- CYCLING WEEKEND

The annual Christmas Treecycling Drop-Off will be held on the weekend of January 9th and 10th, 2021 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. Thank You and Happy Holidays!

LEAVES, DEBRIS AND FLOODING

When leaves, yardwaste, and other debris clog storm drains, neighborhood streets can flood. Help prevent flooding by raking or sweeping leaves, yardwaste, or other debris out of storm drains near your home and keeping the drains clear.

COVID-19 UPDATE

This is a general summary of what is open in each phase of Safe Start. Detailed guidance and information is available on the [governor's website](#).

From November 17, 2020 through Monday, January 4, 2021, the following restrictions apply. If the activity is not listed, it should follow its current guidance. All K-12/higher education, health care, and childcare are exempt from the new restrictions and will follow current guidance. These restrictions do not apply to courts and judicial branch-related proceedings.

- **Indoor social gatherings** with people from outside your household are prohibited.
- **Outdoor social gatherings** should be limited to 5 people from outside your household.
- **Restaurants and bars** are closed for indoor service. Outdoor dining and to-go service is permitted. Outdoor dining must follow the outdoor dining restriction. Table size limited to 5 for outdoor dining. These restaurant restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 18.

- **Fitness facilities and gyms** are closed for indoor operations. Outdoor fitness classes may still occur, but they are limited by the outdoor gathering restriction listed above. Drop off childcare is closed.
- **Bowling Centers** are closed for indoor service.
- **Miscellaneous Venues:** All retail activities and business meetings are prohibited. Only professional training and testing that cannot be performed remotely is allowed. Occupancy in each meeting room is limited to 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- **Movie Theaters** are closed for indoor service. Drive-in movie theaters are still permitted and must follow the current drive-in movie theater guidance.
- **Museums/Zoos/Aquariums** are closed for indoor service.
- **Real Estate** open houses are prohibited.
- **Wedding and Funeral** receptions are prohibited. Ceremonies are limited to no more than 30 people.
- **In-store retail** limited to 25% indoor occupancy and must close any common/congregate non-food related seating areas. Food court indoor seating is closed.
- **Religious services** limited to 25% indoor occupancy or no more than 200 people, whichever is fewer. No choir, band, or ensemble shall perform during the service. Soloists are permitted to perform. Facial coverings must be worn at all times by congregation

- members and no congregational singing.
- **Professional Services** are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible, and to close offices to the public. If they remain open, occupancy is restricted to 25%.
- **Personal services** are limited to 25% of maximum occupancy.
- **Long-term Care Facilities** are allowed outdoor visits only. Exceptions can be made for essential support person and end-of-life care.
- **Youth (school and non-school) and adult sporting activities** limited to outdoor only for intrateam practices, masks required for athletes.

A **household** is defined as the individuals residing in the same domicile.

**BETTER ROADS,
CLEANER STREAMS
Six Simple Steps to Clean
Water**

1. Help Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains. Never dump anything down a storm sewer.
2. Never Fertilize When it's About to Rain.
3. Carefully Dispose of Chemicals and Oil. Don't top off when you fill up your tank.
4. Clean Up After Your Pet. Dispose of waste in a trash can.
5. Practice Good Car Care. Fix leaks promptly and wash your car on the grass or at a car wash.
6. Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste.

**ANIMALS ON SCHOOL
DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Due to health and safety considerations, animals whether on or off leash, are not allowed on School District property. Please cleanup after your animals.

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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.

**Steilacoom Kiwanis Foundation
Invites you to a Zoom Virtual**

Wine Hour

**Friday, January 22, 2021
6:30pm**

Tickets \$50 per Zoom account.

**Optional purchase of a charcuterie board \$25
(2 pounds, with a variety of meats, cheeses, fruit, vegetables etc.)**

**From the comfort of your home, taste award-winning wines while learning
the history, stories, and winemaking philosophies behind them.**

**Join us for an informative evening with
Kelly & Jeff Chambers of Lomcevak Winery, Chelan, WA
2018 Estate Syrah & 2018 Estate Pinot Gris**



Wine bag pick up or delivery will be based on your address
and will take place on January 21st
Deliveries will be made to Steilacoom and DuPont addresses.

The evening will also include a virtual
Live Auction & Dessert Dash

For more information and to register
<http://www.kiwanisclubofsteilacoom.org/wine-hour/>