

## MEMORANDUM

**To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council**  
**From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator**  
**Date: July 15, 2021**  
**Subject: Updates**

### Administration:

#### *Upcoming Meetings:*

Council Meeting – July 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88252500402>

Planning Commission – August 9, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88018789134>

Civil Service Commission – August 5, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86863423522>

Preservation and Review Board – July 28, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89902278482>

(\* Meetings are being conducted via Zoom. Additional information is on the applicable meeting's agenda.

#### *Farmers' Market:*

The Town of Steilacoom's 2021 Farmers' Market continues every Wednesday through August. The Market runs from 3 PM to 7 PM along Lafayette Street between Pacific Street and Main Street and Wilkes Street between Lafayette Street and Commercial Street. Those streets will be closed from noon through 8 PM.

#### *Summer Concerts:*

The 2021 Summer Concert schedule is:

August 4th Danny Vernon-The Illusion of Elvis

August 11th Jessica Lynne- Country

August 18th 3 Legends Tributes to Jackie Wilson, James Brown & Michael Jackson

August 25th Michael Powers - Smooth Jazz

#### *Pierce County Rental and Utility Assistance Program:*

Information on Pierce County's rental and utility assistance program may be found on the Town's official website at <https://townofsteilacoom.org/292/Covid-19-Information>.

### Community Services:

#### *Summer Camp:*

Registration for the Steilacoom Summer Camp programs is open. Camp will be for grades K-5, Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM at Cherrydale Primary School. Camp will be conducted in partnership with Pierce County Parks and Recreation's Kids Need to Play initiative which will allow participants to qualify for a 90% discount from the regular rate thus a week of camp will only cost \$30. Spaces are limited. For additional information or to register, call 253.581.1076. <https://townofsteilacoom.org/156/Youth-Programs>

## **Community Development:**

### **Public Notices for Applications:**

On a trial basis, we are posting public notices for development applications on the Town's official website at <https://townofsteilacoom.org/>. Current applications are:

1. Notice of Development Application for 4 lot short plat at the intersection of Puyallup Street and Starling Street.
2. Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance for replacement of failed seawall at Sunnyside Beach Park.
3. Notice of Public Hearing to consider a proposed partial vacation of the east side of 7th Street immediately adjacent to Perkins Park.
4. Notice of Urban Forestry Management Request to remove one small fir tree within the Pierce Street right-of-way.
5. Notice of Development Application for Accessory Dwelling Unit at 1014 Union Ave.
6. The Town Council will take testimony on a proposal to regulate short term rentals. The Public Hearing has been continued to the July 20, 2021, Council meeting.
7. The Construction Notice for the Union Avenue and Rainier Street Roundabout Project.

### **Code Compliance:**

The Code Compliance Officer working in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety is focusing on junk vehicles, illegally parked/stored vehicles, fences, and derelict structures.

### **Public Safety:**

Over the past week, 86 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

#### Emergency and patrol incidents

- 7 medical aid responses
- 29 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 4 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 15 traffic stops
- 3 parking enforcement responses
- 1 noise/party complaint
- 1 juvenile-related incident
- 1 death investigation, no suspicious circumstances observed
- 1 arrest for DUI

#### Crimes against persons

- No significant incidents to report

#### Crimes against property

- 1 incident of vehicle prowling
- 1 incident of burglary

Last Friday, one of our officers stopped a vehicle suspected of having traveled in excess of 100 miles per hour as they headed out of town. The driver was arrested for reckless driving.

Our officers partnered with our new Code Enforcement Officer to address junk vehicles parked throughout Town. Complaints regarding junk vehicles can be submitted directly to Public Safety at [crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us](mailto:crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us).

The lobby of Public Safety is now open, Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Staff remain available by phone and appointment from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

As temperatures continue to peak through the summer, please remember that young children and pets can quickly suffer serious injury when left in hot vehicles. Please call 911 immediately with any safety concerns involving these circumstances.

With summer here, please find the following information regarding recreational fires within the Town of Steilacoom:

- For concerns regarding the safety of a fire, please call 911.
- For concerns about air quality related to a recreational fire, please call the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at (800) 552-3565, or visit <https://pscleanair.gov/>
- For additional information, please West Pierce Fire and Rescue at: <https://tinyurl.com/2md3h2j7>

The non-emergency dispatch telephone number has changed. To reach a police officer NOT during an emergency, please call either (253) 287-4455 or (800) 562-9800.

To anonymously report suspicious activity, please email the department at [crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us](mailto:crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us).

To report persistent traffic concerns, please submit the following information via email to the department at: [traffic@ci.steilacoom.wa.us](mailto:traffic@ci.steilacoom.wa.us).

Location of concern.

Time of day when the concern occurs.

Description of the concerning behavior.

Online crime reporting remains available. Please visit our department website for more information: <https://townofsteilacoom.org/160/Public-Safety>.

### **Public Works:**

#### ***Streets and Storm:***

Crew Emphasis:

The crew maintained regional stormwater pounds and swales throughout Town; continued tansy ragwort spraying throughout Town; mowed and maintained rights-of-way; and performed other maintenance activities.

Union Avenue Rainier Street Roundabout Project:

Starting July 6, 2021, construction started at the Town of Steilacoom – Union Avenue and Rainier Street Roundabout. The project will take approximately 100 working days to complete. The Town of Steilacoom, Pivetta Brothers Construction, and various other contractors will be working on a 5-legged roundabout at the intersection of Union Avenue, Rainier Street, Martin Street, and the entrance to the Pierce County ferry loading lanes. Every effort has been made to provide a safe and accessible work zone for the residents and visitors in these areas. You can expect intermittent roadway closures and delays during construction hours. Local access and services such as waste collections will be maintained. If any unforeseen problems do arise, please contact Ken Cox or Mark Burlingame with the Town of Steilacoom at 253.581.1912 or Nathan Walker with Pivetta Brothers Construction at 253.862.7890

Construction hours are anticipated to be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be construction signs, barricades, and traffic control employees along the construction routes to help traffic get to their destination. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Please use alternate routes and avoid this intersection if possible.

The contractor continued work on the southeast corner near Steilacoom Street and the Pub and grill including over-excavation of unsuitable material and installation of stormwater pipes and structures. This work will continue for the next 2-3 weeks.

### ***Electrical:***

#### **Crew Emphasis:**

The crew responded to an unplanned power outage in the Rigney Road/Cincinnati Street area Monday night. The outage was caused by a faulty primary wire. Additionally, they worked on school zone lights; completed restoration of the streetlight repairs on Chambers Creek Road necessitated by the theft of wire; and performed other maintenance activities.

### ***Water/Sewer:***

#### **Crew Emphasis:**

The crew assisted the Electric Crew with streetlight restoration on Chambers Creek Road; installed protective bollards in front of the new Marietta Street lift station control panel; assisted the Electric Crew with the unplanned power outage; repaired a water service in the 1000 block of Union Avenue; collected water samples for testing as required by DOH; and performed other maintenance activities.

### ***Parks, Buildings and Grounds:***

#### **Crew Emphasis:**

The crew continued adjusting and repairing irrigation systems; mowed and maintained park facilities particularly Sunnyside Beach which given the nice weather has seen a high volume of activity; watered flower baskets; supported the Farmers' Market; repaired a sink drain at the Community Center; and performed other maintenance activities.

### **Other:**

#### ***Celebration of Life – Ron Lucas:***

A gathering to celebrate the life of long-time Mayor and resident of Steilacoom Ron Lucas will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 1:00-3:00 at Lucas Fastpitch Field, 511 Chambers Street in Steilacoom.

#### ***Steilacoom's Salmon Bake: July 25***

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) will be holding its annual ***Salmon Bake*** on July 25 at Sunnyside Beach, 2701 Chambers Creek Road from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 pm.

**Advance tickets** are \$20 each for the dinner of salmon, corn, shrimp, three bean salad, tomatoes, bread and pie. Hot dog dinners are \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.steilacoomhistorical.org](http://www.steilacoomhistorical.org), over the phone (253/584-4133), at the Museum when we're open (Saturday and Sundays 1:00 – 5:00).

The salmon dinners can be purchased online, by calling, and when the Museum is open. Salmon dinners will be \$22 each. The hot dog dinners will still be \$10. You will also be able to buy your tickets at the Salmon Bake at the \$22 and \$10 rates. Tickets are non-refundable unless the event is canceled by the Association due to COVID or other restrictions.

Parking is available in town with a free shuttle from the Town Hall/Tennis Court area and the Old Pioneer Middle School, 511 Chambers Street, to Sunnyside Beach. The town lot at the beach with pay parking is usually busy, so the shuttle is recommended.

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association is a non-profit group of volunteer citizens from Steilacoom and the surrounding area. The mission of SHMA is to preserve the local culture to enable present and future generations to learn about and maintain the heritage of the Town of Steilacoom. The Salmon Bake is a SHMA fundraising function and is not associated with the Town of Steilacoom or any other groups.

***Candidate Forum – League of Women Voters of Tacoma and Pierce County – July 21st:***

The League of Women Voters of Tacoma and Pierce County is sponsoring a virtual Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Register at <https://bit.ly/3hio5B9>. Questions for consideration may be sent in advance to [lwvtacom Pierce@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtacom Pierce@gmail.com).

***Candidate Forum for Lakewood, Steilacoom, DuPont, U.P. Councils and School Board***

Join us for a Non-Partisan Candidate Forum to meet your local candidates from Dupont and Lakewood City Councils and Steilacoom Town Council as well as Clover Park and University Place School Boards who will be vying for your vote on August 3, 2021.

Every candidate with a Primary race has been invited.

**Friday, July 16 (enter main entrance)**

**Meet the candidates (segments approx. 30-40 minutes):**

- **5:40-6:10pm** – Dupont City Council Position #3: Beth Elliott, Chris Harper, and Susanna Keilman
- **6:20-6:50pm** – Dupont City Council Position #7: Susan Walton, Bob Farrell, and John Colvin,
- **7:00-7:40pm** – Steilacoom Town Council Position #2: Marion Smith (I), John T. Perry, Paul (PK) Thumbi, and Elizabeth Grasher
- **7:40-8:10pm** – University Place School Board Position #1: Ethelda Burke (I), Whitney Holz, and Alecia Cunningham

**Saturday, July 17 (enter door on left side of church by 5400)**

**Meet the candidates (segments approx. 30-40 minutes):**

- **10:10-10:40am** – Lakewood City Council Position #2: Mike Brandstetter (I), Malcolm Russell, and Amelia Isabel Escobedo
- **10:45-11:15am** – Lakewood City Council Position #3: Jason Whalen (I), Siabhon Ayuso, and David Howarth
- **11:15am-12pm** – Lakewood City Council Position #5: Gene Drawhorn, Patti Belle, Ria J. Covington Johnson, and Antonio Calimano Montanez
- **12:00-12:30pm** – Clover Park School District Position #3: Alyssa Anderson Pearson (I), Darwin Peters II, and Jeff Brown
- **12:30-1:10pm** – Clover Park School Board Position #4: Arie J. Ham, Marty Schafer (I), Andrea Caldwell, and David G. Anderson

**First Baptist Church  
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Lakewood, WA**

Questions are being accepted prior to the forum. Please send them to Jan Gee at [jgee0629@outlook.com](mailto:jgee0629@outlook.com).

**Disclaimer: This event is for information sharing only. The sponsors do not endorse the candidates as an organization.** Sponsored by Lakewood Republican Women and South Sound Ronald Reagan Republican Club.

***Pierce County Library Explorer Series:***

The Library Explorer Series of monthly educational and informative lectures returns on September 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm. These events sponsored by Friends of Steilacoom Library (FOSL) and the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) bring together community members to listen and learn. The September speaker, sponsored by Humanities Washington, is Dr. Eric Wagner, biologist and writer, speaking on “After the Blast: Mt. St. Helens 40 Years Later”, a compilation of biological, ecological and people impacts in the blast zone. To register for the Zoom presentation, please go to the Pierce County Library web site ([www.piercecountylibrary.org](http://www.piercecountylibrary.org)) and click on the calendar tab at the top. Select September 10 from the calendar and register.

If you are interested in becoming a member in the Friends of the Steilacoom Library please contact Linda Collins at [landjcollins@msn.com](mailto:landjcollins@msn.com).

***Hand Sanitizer Gel:***

Hand sanitizer gel in 1-gallon containers is available at the Community Center or the Public Works facility free to Town of Steilacoom residents. Limit one per family.

***Kayak Rentals:***

KayakShare.com is a new self-serve kayak rental available at Sunnyside Beach Park in Steilacoom in cooperation with the Town. You may reserve in advance or rent on the spot (when available) during daylight hours year-round by going to [KayakShare.com](http://KayakShare.com). See [KayakShare.com](http://KayakShare.com) for details, make sure to wear a lifejacket, and have fun!

***Burn Ban for Pierce County:***

A county-wide burn ban is in effect for Pierce County and the Town of Steilacoom until further notice.

The Pierce County Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association, has declared a county-wide burn ban. This ban is due to current and predicted dry weather conditions. The burn ban applies to all land clearing and yard debris outdoor burning. This ban does not apply to small recreational fires in established fire pits at approved campgrounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbecues is allowed under the ban.

**Recreational fires must:**

- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds; and not used as debris disposal.
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter.
- Be in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
- Be attended at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire like hand tools and a garden hose attached to a water faucet that is on, or not less than two five-gallon buckets of water.
- No burning when winds exceed 5 mph.

This ban does not apply to setting off legal fireworks in unincorporated Pierce County during the allowed discharge times during the Independence Day holiday season. Please see the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau's website for additional information at [www.piercecountywa.gov/fpb](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/fpb).

If you have an approved Department of Natural Resources (DNR) burn permit and/or your property falls under the jurisdiction of the DNR, you are advised to call 1-800-323-BURN for more information.