

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council  
**From:** Paul Loveless, Town Administrator  
**Date:** August 27, 2021  
**Subject:** Updates

### Administration:

#### *Upcoming Meetings:*

Council Meeting – September 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM.  
Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89562736033>  
Planning Commission – October 11, 2021, at 6:30 PM.  
Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526348831>  
Civil Service Commission – September 2, 2021, at 2:00 PM.  
Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86073730007>  
Preservation and Review Board – September 22, 2021, at 6:30 PM.  
Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87049176642>  
Parks and Community Services Advisory Board – September 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM.  
Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934947552>

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

#### *Steilacoom Historical School District:*

Steilacoom Historical School District starts classes on September 2, 2021. Enrollment is currently open with activities occurring at the various schools next week. Please drive carefully and watch out for kids.

#### *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>.

#### *Sunnyside Beach Community Clean-up:*

Join us Saturday, September 18th from 8-10am.  
Steilacoom Public Works will provide grabbers and bags, but it is suggested to bring gardening/work gloves if you have them. Sunnyside Beach Park address: 2509 Chambers Creek Road

### Community Services:

#### *Before and After School Care:*

Registration is now open for the Town of Steilacoom's Before/After School Program for 2021-2022. Club AM and PM is offering before and after school care for Kindergarten - 5th Grade school students every day with the exception of national holidays.

- Location: Cherrydale Elementary
- Pre-registration is required and payments can be made online, by phone, or by check.
- Multiple child discounts are available as well as Military and Free/Reduced Lunch qualified students.
- Discounts cannot be combined.
- Part-time and full-time rates now available!

Additional information and registration is available on the Town's official website at <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. A Notice of Development Application has been filed for a Guest House at 2410 Western Road.
2. 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, boats stored on Town rights-of-way, fences, and derelict structures.

## **Public Safety:**

Over the past week, 97 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

### Emergency and patrol incidents

- 2 medical aid responses
- 36 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 1 response for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 17 traffic stops
- 4 responses for commercial/residential alarms
- 3 motor vehicle collisions
- 2 responses for nuisances (noise complaints, parties, fireworks, etc.)
- 3 parking enforcement responses
- 3 animal-involved incidents

### Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance

### Crimes against property

- 2 incidents of theft
- 2 incidents of vandalism
- 1 incident of vehicle theft
- 4 incidents of vehicle prowling
- 1 incident of fraud

Next week, the Steilacoom Historical School District returns. Please keep an extra eye out for children walking their first day to school, possibly in well over a year. School speed zones will return to operation as well. Times of operation are posted in each school zone.

### ***A message from the Chief:***

This week, statewide mandates concerning the wearing of face masks have returned. I am just as disappointed as anyone else at this news. Public Safety will continue to emphasize an education-focused approach to enforcement of these mandates. Through all these mandates and changing environments, both health-related and legislation-related, our officers have remained steadfast in their commitment to helping where and when they can. Your veteran officers continue to maintain vigilance and compassion upon our streets while the rest of us strive to find the positive side of things amid disheartening news.

Our newest officers in the academy are performing well and they are excited to get started in their new careers serving this town. Two of our new officers are also expecting newborns in the coming weeks, so

there are some positive events to come. I am grateful for the resilience of our officers through this journey we continue to share.

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.

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 vactored catch basins and manholes; swept streets; mowed and maintained storm water ponds and swales; inspected the roundabout work; inspected construction sites for installation or maintenance of erosion control measures; 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. Information on the project may be found on the Town's official website at: <https://townofsteilacoom.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=331>

The contractor continued work on the northeast corner near the Berry Dock ice cream shop and began working on the southwest corner near the condominiums. The contractor will be working 4-10 hour shifts next week to minimize impacts to the ferry lanes during Labor Day weekend.

### ***Electrical:***

Crew Emphasis:

The crew deenergized the street light near the Berry Dock Ice Cream shop in support of the roundabout project; worked on the 1<sup>st</sup> Street reconducting project; prepared for an outage on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to install a fused

elbow; prepared for an outage near Saltars Point School to move a 3-phase transformer; reviewed plans for several upcoming solar panel projects; installed a permanent service to lot 7 of Norberg Estates; worked on street lights in the City of Lakewood in accordance with our interlocal agreement; and performed other maintenance activities.

***Water/Sewer:***

**Crew Emphasis:**

The crew continued hydrant maintenance; completed inspections associated with the roundabout project; responded to a backed-up sewer at the corner of Chambers Street and Sequalish Street; inspected a new sewer service at 32 Silver Beach; and performed other maintenance activities.

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

**Crew Emphasis:**

The crew mowed and maintained park facilities; watered flower baskets; supported the Farmers' Market; supported the summer concert; coordinated the replacement of all door hardware at the SCC offices; replaced a faulty smoke detector at the SCC office; and performed other maintenance activities.

**Other:**

***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 per week.

***Steilacoom Historical School District Enrollment Open:***

Enrollment is now open for all grades K-12 for the Steilacoom Historical School District 2021-22 school year. If you are new to the area and have not yet enrolled your children, now is the time to contact the District to ensure your children are included in summertime communications and fall scheduling! Visit the District Enrollment page at <https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/Page/4332>.

***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).

***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 or rent on the spot (when available) during daylight hours year-round by going to KayakShare.com. See KayakShare.com for details, make sure to wear a lifejacket, and have fun!

Questions – Contact Paul Loveless at 253.581-1912 -- Town's Official Website - [townofsteilacoom.org](http://townofsteilacoom.org).