

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: October 1, 2021
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – October 5, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86587176168>

Planning Commission – October 11, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526348831>

Civil Service Commission – October 7, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89865412121>

Preservation and Review Board – October 27, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86863516604>

Parks and Community Services Advisory Board – October 18, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89472752503>

Public Safety Advisory Board – October 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85003890977>

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

Utility Moratorium Expires:

The Governor's utility moratorium expired September 30, 2021. This means late fees and utility disconnections will be reinstated beginning October 1, 2021. For Town of Steilacoom customers who are currently past due with their utility bill, this process will ensue unless a payment arrangement is in place or a payment is received by October 10, 2021.

We understand there are those customers who are still experiencing hardships and will be unable to pay the total amount owed on their water bills. For those customers, we are offering the following options:

- Contact the office to set up a payment arrangement.
- Apply for utility assistance from Pierce County by emailing HSrent@PierceCountyWA.gov or visit their website at piercecountywa.gov/housinghelp.

For those customers that have made no attempt to contact the Town, the disconnection process will commence effective October 1, 2021. If no contact is made, utilities will be disconnected, a 10 percent late fee will be charged, and a \$50.00 disconnection/reconnection fee will be assessed to restore service.

Sunnyside Beach Community Clean-up:

Join us Saturday, October 16 from 8-9:30 AM.

Steilacoom Public Works will provide grabbers and bags, but it is suggested to bring gardening/work gloves if you have them. For additional information, contact Liz Grasher at elizabeth.grasher@ci.steilacoom.wa.us. 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>.

Make It Yourself – Sewing:

The Town of Steilacoom's Youth Programs is hosting the Clothing and Textile Advisors of Washington October 18 through 22nd from 1-3 PM at the Community Center. This class is open to 4th and 5th grade boys and girls who can come after school to work with a sewing machine to potentially make a variety of things which might include a pillowcase, apron, tool belt, potholder, etc. Register on the Town's official website at townofsteilacoom.org. Class is limited to 10 participants and is \$20.

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. An application for preliminary plat of 13 single-family home lots at 1324 Union Avenue has been submitted to the Town of Steilacoom.

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, derelict structures, issues between private property owners, and inspecting construction sites for erosion control measures.

Public Safety:

Concealed Pistol License applications and renewals can be obtained through South Sound 911. Please visit our department website for further information.

Online crime reporting remains available. Please visit our department website for more information:

<https://townofsteilacoom.org/160/Public-Safety>.

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.

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

Location of concern.

Time of day when the concern occurs.

Description of the concerning behavior.

Public Works:

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew coordinated with a contractor to schedule the replacement of the guardrail at the end of 2nd and Martin Street damaged on September 26, 2021, in a hit and run incident. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Steilacoom Department of Public Safety at 253.581.0110. Additionally, the crew repaired signs and landscaping on Steilacoom Boulevard near the gas station damaged in an accident; blew sidewalks and swept streets; performed right-of-way maintenance; performed storm system maintenance and inspections during and after the recent storms; performed inspections on the roundabout project; and performed other maintenance activities.

Union Avenue Rainier Street Roundabout Project:

Steilacoom is constructing a five-legged roundabout at the intersection of Union Avenue and Rainier Street with Martin Street and the access to the Pierce County Ferry holding lanes. Learn more about the project at www.townofsteilacoom.org.

Local access and services such as waste collections will be maintained. If any unforeseen problems do arise, please contact 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 www.townofsteilacoom.org.

On Tuesday, October 5th, the contractor working on the Town of Steilacoom's roundabout project will be paving along the recently installed curb lines throughout the area. The following areas are the three primary locations that may impact ferry passengers:

1. Along Lane #1 at Lafayette Street

This area will see the greatest impacts to the ferry lanes. Pavement patching will be performed up to the curbs in that area. This work is scheduled for first thing in the morning to minimize traffic impacts later in the day.

2. East side of Union Avenue at Rainier Street

Pavement patching will occur adjacent to the Berry Dock Ice Cream Shop. Work will continue north down Union Avenue toward Lafayette Street along the east side of roadway, where curbs and sidewalks were recently installed. This may impact northbound travel on Union Avenue near Lafayette and Rainier streets.

3. Along Union Avenue south of Martin Street

Pavement patching will occur in the area along Union Avenue between Martin and Champion streets on the west side of the roadway. This may impact traffic on southbound Union Avenue south of Martin Street.

Please travel with extreme caution and follow the flaggers' instructions. All pavement work is expected to be completed by mid-afternoon on Friday.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Water Crew replacing a fire hydrant on Steilacoom Boulevard; energized a streetlight that was relocated as part of the roundabout project; installed two temporary services in the Norberg Estates; repaired a broken irrigation pipe at the roundabout projects; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew replaced a fire hydrant on Steilacoom Boulevard; responded to and disconnected water for a service leak on the customer's side of the meter; performed inspections on the roundabout project; cleared drains at the Cormorant lift station; reviewed plans for new home construction on 5th Street; assisted the Electric Crew; submitted the monthly chlorine residual report to the Department of Health; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew mowed and maintained park facilities; continued irrigation system shut-down and winterizing in the parks; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Candidate Forum - Steilacoom Mayor and Town Council – October 25, 2021:

This is a nonpartisan candidate forum for the public hosted by the League of Women Voters and a number of other community organizations on October 25, 2021. It includes the contested Mayor and Town Council races for the Town of Steilacoom. Questions will be accepted from the audience during the forum at a text number to be provided there or may be submitted in advance to lwvtacomapierce@gmail.com.

Register at <https://bit.ly/2VwOAuw>

Tasting the Squeeze:

The Apple Squeeze is cancelled due to the virus but enjoy **Tasting the Squeeze!**

Pre-order some of the great Squeeze foods and then pick up on Sunday, October 3rd from 10-4 on Lafayette Street near Town Hall. This opportunity is sponsored by the Steilacoom Historical Museum and all purchases will benefit the Museum. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Follow these directions:

1. Visit www.steilacoomhistorical.org or call the Museum at 253-584-9410.
2. Pre-Order Cider, Candy Apples and Apple Fritters.
3. Pick up orders on Sunday, October 3 from 10-4 on Lafayette Street by Town Hall.
4. The 2022 Steilacoom Calendars will be available too!

Pierce County Library Explorer Series:

The Friends of Steilacoom Library and Steilacoom Historical Museum Association present a virtual tour of the Pacific Bonsai Museum as the Library Explorer Series event for October. The program is Thursday October 14 at 4:00 pm and consists of a virtual tour of the Museum and a question-and-answer session with a docent on the current display, World War Bonsai: Remembrance and Resilience. This display focuses on efforts during World War Two to saving bonsai art. To register go to www.piercecountylibrary.org/calendar, Click on October 14 and fill out the registration form. You will be sent a zoom link in advance of the presentation.

If you are interested in becoming a member in the Friends of the Steilacoom Library, please contact Linda Collins at landjcollins@msn.com.

Fall Carnival – October 26th:

Pack 71 invites you to join us! Fall Carnival - October 26th, 6 PM. at Steilacoom Community Church

For more information, please contact:

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Carrie Standish

253-203-4176

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Troop 71 - Grades 7-12

Jade Crowell

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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

Questions – Contact Paul Loveless at 253.581-1912 -- Town's Official Website - townofsteilacoom.org.