

MEMORANDUM

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

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – October 19, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771336416>

Planning Commission – November 8, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84374663591>

Civil Service Commission – November 4, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771336416>

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.

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.

Pet Safety - Coyotes:

Coyotes are scavengers and will eat fruit, vegetable matter, and trash. They are opportunistic as well and will not hesitate to kill cats, small dogs, poultry, sheep and goats when given the chance. There have been reports of coyotes attacking pets. Please keep your pets safe by keeping them on a leash when outdoors (it's the law) and keeping them inside at night. Coyotes are naturally timid but if you do encounter a coyote consider the following to scare them:

- Be as big and loud as possible.
- Do not run or turn your back.
- Wave your arms, clap your hands, and shout in an authoritative voice.
- Make noise by banging pots and pans or using an air horn or whistle. These sounds can also alert the neighbors.
- Throw small stones, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can lay your hands on. Remember the intent is to scare and not to injure.
- Spray with a hose, if available, or a squirt gun filled with water and vinegar.
- Shake or throw a "coyote shaker"—a soda can filled with pennies or pebbles and sealed with duct tape.

Fall and Winter Weather Preparations:

Some helpful information in preparation for this winter:

- Snow and ice removal work is a source of pride for the Public Works Department.
- Staff actively track the weather for freezing low temperatures and storms to prepare both equipment and

staff for the event.

- We place anti-ice brine on the Town's streets ahead of freezing low temperatures and storms. The anti-ice Brine will help keep the streets from freezing. The brine is a dilution of water and salt (NaCl).
- Our snow and ice removal plan and priorities focus on arterials, collectors, hills, bus routes, and known challenging areas. When we are finished with the main roads and hills/trouble spots, we can then work on the neighborhood roads. Please be patient with us as we conduct snow removal work.

What can the community do to help?

- Be patient, slow down when driving during a snow and ice event.
- As much as you can, limit street parking.
- Clear storm water drains for the melting snow ice to drain into.
- Clear sidewalks of snow and ice.
- Check in with you neighbors that may need help.

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. **Proposed Plat:** An Application for preliminary plat of 13 single-family home lots at 1324 Union Avenue was submitted to the Town of Steilacoom. An amended SEPA determination has been issued.
2. **Preservation & Review Board meeting:** A Special Tax Valuation application has been received for 1917 Lafayette. The Board will consider the application on October 27.

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, 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 completed stormwater inspections for new developments; completed vegetation removal from rights-of-way; assisted the Electric Crew install new three-phase wire on Roe Street; assisted the Water Crew with installation of two new water services for the roundabout project; cleaned and blew sidewalks; 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.

The contractor installed new sidewalks along Perkins Park, removed asphalt from medians on Martin Street and Union Avenue north of the intersection, raised manhole lids and other features within the intersection, installed irrigation on the southwest corner and northwest corner, demolished the curb adjacent to the ferry lanes, and performed other project activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew performed a final inspection on lot 11 of the Tasanee development; pulled three phase wire on Roe Street in conjunction with resolving the issue near the Roe Street tanks which caused an outage several weeks ago; assisted the Water Crew with two water service taps near the roundabout; repaired the vault at 2nd and Champion Street; met with a contractor concerning a temporary power service on Frederick Street; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew installed two new water services for irrigation at the roundabout project; inspected a side-ewer repair in the 60 block of Bonnie Street; assisted the Electric Crew with the installation of three-phase wire on Roe Street; conducted interviews for the open position on the crew; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew concentrated on moss removal and clearing gutters from Town facilities in addition to their normal 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>

Pierce County Library Explorer Series:

The Friends of Steilacoom Library and Steilacoom Historical Museum Association's November Explorer Speaker is Tacoma Community College President Emeritus Pamela Transue, who loves to explore! She will share her local journeys with us in a zoom presentation: **Walk With Me: What I Observed in Walking 1400 Miles Through Tacoma,** on Friday November 12th at 2:00 pm. Pamela loves travel and has visited all seven continents but also walks a new neighborhood every day. She will share her observations and favorite moments and places from her walking adventures in Tacoma, and perhaps some even closer, as her current walking paths are in Steilacoom.

To register for this presentation, go to the Pierce County Web Site (www.piercecountylibrary.org) click on calendar, then November 12, scroll to the program – Walk with Me and click on register. (You may register at any time before the program). A Zoom link will be sent to you on the day 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 the Steilacoom Community Church For more information, please contact:

Pack 71 - Grades K-6

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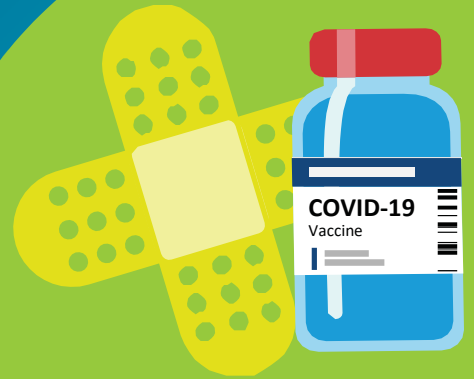
Troop 71 - Grades 7-12
Jade Crowell
253-230-9233
jadecrowellsd@gmail.com

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 per week

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

All You Need to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccine



Register for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Click [here](#).

Do you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccine?

Join us for a community presentation as we answer:

- Why is the vaccine important?
- Is the vaccine safe?
- Is the vaccine effective for all racial/ethnic groups?
- What is the Delta variant?
- What are the vaccine's side effects?
- Who should talk to their healthcare provider before taking the vaccine?

During these online discussions we:

- Present accurate, clear information to dispel myths about the vaccine.
- Address the deep, historical traumas that have created distrust in the vaccine.
- Answer questions and connect you with a healthcare professional.

Want to schedule a session for your business?

Contact Jax Hermer at jhermer@tpchd.org.

Learn more at tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture.