

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: October 22, 2021
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – November 2, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81594198118>

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, Community Services, and Environment Advisory Board – November 15, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82349107235>

Public Safety Advisory Committee – November 17, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83774130250>

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

See Something – Say Something:

If you see something suspicious or if you have been a victim of a crime, please contact the Department of Public Safety. For in process emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies, please call either (253) 287-4455 or (800) 562-9800 or email crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us.

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. **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. A public hearing is scheduled before the Town Council on November 2, 2021.

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:

Over the past week, 106 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 7 medical aid responses
- 40 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 3 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 24 traffic stops
- 5 animal-involved incidents
- 2 responses for residential/business alarm activations

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance
- 3 incidents of threats/harassment

Crimes against property

- 1 incident of burglary
- 4 incidents of theft
- 1 incident of fraud/identity theft
- 2 incidents of vehicle prowling

Earlier this week, 911 services suffered an unexpected outage. Those services have since been restored. One way to stay informed of up-to-date events is to sign up for PCALERT. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5f68r4c3>

Our community has suffered its fourth catalytic converter theft in three months. In one such incident, the suspects completed the theft and fled the scene in under 60 seconds. Public Safety is actively pursuing investigative leads and partnering with neighbor agencies to locate those responsible for these thefts. Additional information about catalytic converter theft, to include tips to protect against theft, may be found here:

- <https://tinyurl.com/3rb8yzm6>
- <https://tinyurl.com/27v2a6ve>

With autumn here, please remember to inspect heating appliances thoroughly before utilizing them.

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 including a large tree on Wilkes Street between Washington Street and Sequash Street; maintained storm facilities including drainage ditches and swales; blew and swept streets; 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 concentrated on installation of the median adjacent to the ferry lanes; installing topsoil and gavel barrow; graded and gaveled the Berry Dock parcel in preparation for asphalt; and performed other project activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Water Crew with lift station maintenance; installed two net meters for solar installations at two homes on Silver Beach Street; assisted the mechanic repair a broken hose reel; continued vault maintenance; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew jetted sewers throughout Town; continued water system valve maintenance; completed final inspections on lot 11 in the Tasanee development and on Linda Lane; performed lift station maintenance; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew cleaned gutters and drains in preparation for inclement weather; repaired a water line in the lower level of Town Hall; blew parking lots and removed leaves and other debris; 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>

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

Carrie Standish

253-203-4176

koenigincarrie@yahoo.com

Troop 71 - Grades 7-12

Jade Crowell

253-230-9233

jadecrowellsd@gmail.com

Section of Steilacoom Boulevard in Lakewood to Close at Length for Sewer Repair:

Pierce County's project to replace the broken sewer main and remove the bypass equipment in Lakewood along Steilacoom Boulevard is expected to begin within the next month.

The project is designed, and the materials and equipment have been ordered. The estimated arrival time of the materials is taking longer than normal due to supply chain disruptions.

Construction on Steilacoom Boulevard between Lakewood Drive SW and Gravelly Lake Drive SW is expected to take three months, and drivers can expect road closures during this period.

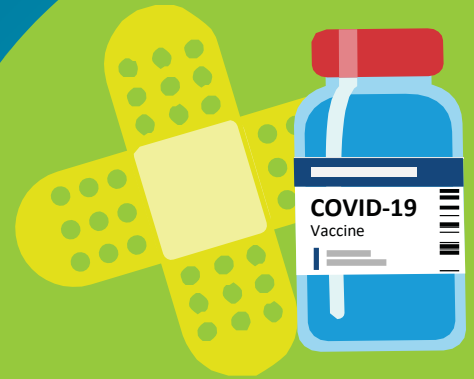
Learn more about the project at www.piercecountywa.gov/LakewoodSewerMain.

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.