

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: October 29, 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 – November 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82544056475>

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.

Public Works Facility – Theft of Vehicle:

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, the Public Works facility was broken in to by two males driving a dark color Chevy Avalanche at approximately 3:38 AM. The individuals stole a white 2008 Ford Econoline 100 van, license plate number XMT 4564D, vin 1FTNE24L58DA04802. Anyone who has any knowledge of this event or sees the vehicle is asked to contact Public Safety.

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.

1903 Rainier Street – Demolition:

The owner of the home at 1903 Rainier Street, Steilacoom, Washington plans to commence demolition next week in preparation for new construction. Both the demolition of the existing structure and the plans for the new construction have been approved by the Preservation and Review Board.

Public Safety:

Over the past week, 75 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 8 medical aid responses
- 33 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 3 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 9 traffic stops
- 2 animal-involved incidents
- 3 motor vehicle collisions
- 1 death investigation, no suspicious circumstances observed
- 1 response for residential/business alarm activations

Crimes against persons

- No significant incidents to report

Crimes against property

- 1 incident of theft
- 1 incident of commercial burglary
- 1 incident of vehicle theft

Our newest officer continues his training while supervised by a veteran officer. Two additional new officers are expected to graduate the academy in the coming months.

Catalytic converter thefts continue to plague our region. In one 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 continued stormwater inspections for new developments; responded a tree over the roadway on Roe Street; maintained storm facilities including drainage ditches and swales; blew and swept streets; and performed other maintenance activities.

Union Avenue Rainier Street Roundabout Project:

The contractor concentrated on installation of the median adjacent to the ferry lanes; installed irrigation and top soil; identified grinding limits for work planned for next week; applied for three rain days; and performed other project activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Water Crew; met with a contractor related to development along Worthington Street; installed a secondary service on lot 10 of Norberg Estates; repaired streetlights in accordance with our contract with the City of Lakewood; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew inspected water and sewer connections in both the Norberg and Tasanee developments; assisted the Street Crew with storm clean-up; responded to a faulty alternator switch at the dock lift station; responded to a stolen Town vehicle; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew cleaned gutters, drains, roof tops, parks and parking lots of storm debris and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Pumpkin Walk:

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association presents the 2021 Pumpkin Walk – Halloween Night – from 5:30 Pm to 7:00 PM at the Steilacoom Museum and Orr Home Orchard, 1811 Rainier Street, Steilacoom, Washington.

If you would like to enter a pumpkin in the Pumpkin Walk, deliver your decorated jack o’lantern to the Museum on Halloween from 1-4. Decorated pumpkins may be picked up at 7 PM.

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.

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.