

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: November 5, 2021
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – December 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81422847496>

Planning Commission – December 13, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87367708301>

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

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066822512>

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.

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:

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, 93 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 12 medical aid responses
- 34 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 3 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 16 traffic stops
- 2 responses for residential/business alarm activations
- 2 motor vehicle collisions
- 1 animal-involved incidents
- 1 report of a missing person
- 2 responses for parking enforcement

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance

Crimes against property

- 1 incident vehicle prowling

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

One of the unique aspects of the Town of Steilacoom is our connection with local wildlife. Unfortunately, sometimes that interface occurs when wildlife is found injured or deceased. Please find the following resources regarding injured or deceased wildlife:

- City of Lakewood Animal Control: <https://tinyurl.com/d7n3hjzn>
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: <https://tinyurl.com/579d8k6d>

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.

Please visit our department website (<https://tinyurl.com/2bz3jzey>) for assistance with:

- Concealed pistol license applications
- Online crime reporting
- Anonymous reporting of suspicious activity
- Reporting of persistent traffic concerns

Public Works:

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued stormwater inspections for new developments including enforcement action on one site; maintained storm facilities including drainage ditches and swales; blew and swept streets; responded to a fallen tree in the 500 block of Union Avenue; and performed other maintenance activities.

Union Avenue Rainier Street Roundabout Project:

The contractor removed and replaced asphalt approaches on Rainier Street, on Union Avenue, and on Martin Street and were scheduled to pave the parking lot of the Berry Dock depending upon weather; and performed other project activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Water Crew; finished the wire upgrade project near the Roe Street water tanks; installed a temporary power service for lot #4 in Norberg Estates; met with the contractor on the Worthington Street project; repaired the parking lot lights at the Community Center; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Parks Crew flushing and cleaning drain lines around Town Hall; assisted the Electric Crew with the Roe Street project and with repairing the parking lot lights at the Community Center; inspected a side-sewer repair in the 2300 block of Lexington Street; replaced a water meter in the 900 block of Birch Street; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew cleaned and repaired drain lines around Town Hall; cleaned gutters, drains, roof tops, parks and parking lots of storm debris; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Steilacoom Historical School District Board Passes Education and Operations Levy Resolution:

The Steilacoom Historical School District Board of Directors passed a resolution to place its replacement education and operations levy before voters on February 8, 2022. After receiving feedback from the community over the past several years about the importance of education funding combined with low tax rates, the district has created a plan that would increase the funding for the education and operation levy at the same time as it decreases the tax rate for bond payments.

If approved by voters, this would allow the district to decrease class sizes in its elementary schools and hire additional counselors to meet the needs of students. The district would also continue to use levy resources to support technology, sports and activities, school nurses, existing school counselors, and other school-based staff not funded by the state.

“We are committed to providing the best education for every student. We appreciate that our community shares that vision and understands the importance of enriching our students’ experience,” said SHSD Board Chair Dr. Jennifer McDonald. “Supporting this local levy will allow us to continue to create opportunities for our students to thrive.”

School Board Vice-Chair Sam Scott added, “Our focus is making decisions and providing resources in the best interests of our students, providing opportunities for the best possible, rigorous, and well-rounded

education. The support our communities give us through our local levy enables us to continue making those opportunities available.”

Information about the replacement levy, including the proposed ballot measure and facts about what the funding will be used for can be found on the district’s website at www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us.

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 serves the communities of Steilacoom, DuPont, Anderson Island, Ketrion Island, and portions of Lakewood and unincorporated Pierce County.

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.



**Steilacoom Kiwanis Foundation
Invites you to a Zoom Virtual**

Wine Hour

Friday, December 10th, 2021

6:30pm

Tickets \$50

Optional purchase of a charcuterie board \$25

From the comfort of your home, taste award-winning wines, learn the history, stories, and winemaking philosophies behind them.

Our featured Winery is



AIRFIELD

**The evening will also include a virtual
Live Auction & Dessert Dash**

**Wine bag pick up or delivery will be based on your address
and will take place on December 9th**