

Planning MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: May 12, 2023
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – May 16, 2023, 6:00 PM. (Hybrid) at Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388. Zoom invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85013666584>

Planning Commission – June 12, 2023, 6:00 PM. at Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388.

Civil Service Commission – June 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM. at the Steilacoom Public Safety Facility, 601 Main Street, Steilacoom, Washington 98388.

Preservation and Review Board – May 24, 2023, at 6:00 PM. at Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388.

Parks, Community Services, and Environment Advisory Committee – May 15, 2023, 6:00 PM. at Town Hall, 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388.

Public Safety Advisory Committee – May 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM. at the Public Safety Facility, 601 Main Street, Steilacoom, Washington 98388.

Confidential Document Shredding Event – May 13th:

Confidential document shredding event May 13 from 9 AM to noon or until the truck is full at the Public Works facility. Watch for additional information in the Around Town, on the website, and in the weekly updates in coming months.

Garden Club Plant Sale – May 13th:

The Steilacoom Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 to 12:00 in the Multipurpose Court on Lafayette Street next to the Bair Bistro. There will be a variety of plants: perennials, annuals, groundcovers, shrubs, bulbs, and vegetable and herb starts. This is a great time to fill up your garden with some new and different plants. Garden-related items will also be on sale. And do not forget Mother's Day is the next day!!!

Proceeds from the Plant Sale support the Garden Club civic projects including the flowerpots in downtown, the Scarecrows around town and the Scarecrow contest in the fall, and the Christmas swags town for businesses and for the 42nd Military Memorial. The Garden Club has been providing civic beautification projects for Steilacoom since the 1920's, so this is an organization you want to support.

DONATIONS OF PLANTS are needed! We appreciate your support by bringing plants to the site the previous day with a label. We ask that no invasive plant species be donated, e.g., Shasta Daisies. Plants can be brought to the Multipurpose Court between 4:00-6:00 on Friday May 12th or at 7:30 Saturday morning.

Speaker Series – May 13th:

The Friends of Steilacoom Library and the Steilacoom Library welcome Steilacoom resident Marc Marcantonio to the May Exploration Series presentation on May 13 at 2:00 pm in the Steilacoom Library Meeting room, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd. His presentation will cover current activities to restore the salmon run on the Green River by producing a way around the Howard Hansen Dam. His coordination with local water districts, the Army Corps of Engineers and local, state and federal legislators highlights the complex interactions of all governments to re-establish this critical state resource.

Marc Marcantonio was hired by Covington Water District, Washington State, specifically to energize the stalled Howard A. Hanson Dam Fish Passage Facility Project. Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Marcantonio served in the US Army, then as a salmon recovery Fisheries Biologist for Washington State, and most recently as GM of water districts in Washington and California. He is also the co-inventor of the Heli-Hydrant (a fire hydrant for wildland-fighting helicopters) and was the first to incorporate its use as part of the water distribution system at Yorba Linda Water District in Orange County, CA. Mr. Marcantonio has more than 45-years of public service experience. He enjoys family, church, bass tournament fishing, and many other activities.

Steilacoom Historical School District –Enrollment Open:

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Of particular interest is enrollment for kindergarten. For additional information or to commence the process, visit the District’s website at <https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us>

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:

Summer Pre-Camp & Kindergarten Ready Registration Open!

Be Prepared to ... have FUN! Summer Pre-Campers will spend a lot of time outdoors, allowing them to connect with nature, use their imaginations, and get lots of exercise. Kindergarten Ready is a week-long class that will prepare your child for the full day Kindergarten schedule. Class activities will develop and build on the skills necessary for classroom success. More information and registration is available online:

<https://secure.rec1.com/WA/town-of-steilacoom-community-services/catalog>

Steilacoom Piece Makers:

Steilacoom Piece Makers is looking for new members. Do you enjoy quilting? Do you want to quilt but don’t know what to do with your finished projects? Come join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Steilacoom Community Center from noon until 2pm.

The Steilacoom Piece Makers do a variety of projects for donation to local charities including doll quilts, baby blankets, and lap quilts. Use up scraps, try something new, and meet others with similar interests in the community. Work at your own pace at home and bring in your projects for show and tell. It’s a great place to get inspired and get input on something you need help with. Bring a sack lunch if you like.

Public Safety:

Over the past week, 113 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, which included the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 4 medical aid responses
- 57 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 6 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 22 traffic stops
- 2 partner responses with the Department of Social and Health Services Children’s Administration (Child Protective Services)
- 3 responses for residential/commercial alarms
- 2 responses for animal-related incidents
- 1 motor vehicle collision
- 3 responses for nuisance-related incidents (excessive noise/parties/unruly juveniles/narcotics use/etc.)
- 1 report of a missing person who returned home while officers were on scene

- 6 responses for parking/abandoned vehicle enforcement

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance/protection order violation

Crimes against property

- 1 incident of suspected reckless burning within a neighborhood, investigation is ongoing
- 1 incident of fraud/identity theft

Significant information:

This week, officers joined neighbor agencies in training to respond to acts of violence within our schools.

Announcements:

Public Safety lobby hours are changing. The front lobby will be open Tuesday through Friday, from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm. During those hours, Public Safety can also be called at: (253) 581-0110.

Prescription drug disposal is temporarily closed at the public safety building. Alternative locations, to include mail-in options, are available at: <https://med-project.org/>

In partnership with the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition, Public Safety is enhancing our Community Emergency Response Team capabilities. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/pswr6fey>

Public Safety is hiring! Please visit our town website for information about how to apply to become our next public safety officer: <https://tinyurl.com/56bfbvf3>

SteilacoomAlert is an emergency notification system for the Town of Steilacoom. At no cost, people may opt-in to receive emergency and general notifications. Please visit our town website for more information.

Reminders:

In-progress emergencies can be reported directly to 911. 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 resources and assistance with:

- Online crime reporting
- Anonymous reporting of suspicious activity
- Reporting of persistent traffic concerns
- Unwanted prescription medication
- Concealed pistol licenses
- Mental health support for youth
- When to call 9-1-1
- Department of Licensing disability and medical designation
- South Sound 911 Emergency Health Profile (A cell phone is required to use this service)
- Injured or deceased wildlife

Public Works:

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued the traffic counter program on the arterials; swept streets; cleaned and repaired signs; continued mowing rights-of-way and swales throughout Town; prepared for spraying noxious weeds next week; completed asphalt repairs on Kari Lane; and performed other maintenance activities.

Rigney Road Nonmotorized Improvements Project:

We are still awaiting WSDOT approval of the sidewalk railing prior to installation.

Rainier Street Preservation Project:

The contractor continued working on sidewalk ramps. Next week, the contractor is scheduled to grind the existing asphalt in preparation for paving.

Old Military Road Preservation Project:

Design of the project continued this week.

Annual Town Roadside Herbicide Applications and Vegetation Maintenance:

The Town's annual application of herbicides to combat weeds along road shoulders has started and will continue through August along with vegetation maintenance. Targeted noxious weeds and brush control applications will occur through the end of November as needed. Only federal and state-approved herbicides are used.

The Town uses Cheetah Pro and Scythe along rights-of-way adjacent to roads and Mirimichi and Scythe on sidewalks. (The Town previously discontinued the use of Round-up.) Both are applied only by certified pesticide applicators using manufacturer's recommendations and under the guidance and inspection of the USDA. The applicable Safety Data Sheets are available on the Town's official website.

Scheduled Weed Control/Spray Locations – May 15-19, 2023

- Rigney Rd. South Side of roadway (Marietta to View Rd.)
Shiny Geranium
- View Rd. East & Westside of roadway (Rigney to Marietta)
Shiny Geranium
- Steilacoom Blvd. East & Westside of roadway (Hewitt Dr. to Puyallup)
Shiny Geranium & Tansy Ragwort
- Chambers Creek Rd. Southside of roadway (Western Rd. to Chambers Bay Dr.)
Shiny Geranium & Tansy Ragwort
- 1603 Adams St. West side of property in town Right of Way
Poison Hemlock

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the contractor installing the EV charging stations; replaced the temporary transfer on Frederick Street; performed two customer-requested disconnections in the 2700 block of Webber Court and the 1000 block of Short Street for panel changeouts; met with KPG Engineers to coordinate design of the Cambridge Drive conduit installation as part of the Cambridge Drive overlay project; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew painted water standpipes and valve markers; assisted with installation of the EV charging stations at the Public Works Facility; performed preventative maintenance on pump #2 at the Sunnyside pump station; inspected a side-sewer replacement in the 1000 block of Blaine Street; closed the intertie in response to a Lakewood Water District request; continued sewer jetting; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued mowing as the weather permitted; worked with an Eagle Scout on an upcoming project; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Sunnyside Beach Community Cleanup – June 3rd:

Please join us Saturday, June 3rd from 8-9:30 A.M. and help clean Sunnyside Beach.

Steilacoom Public Works will provide grabbers and bags, but we suggest bringing gardening/work gloves if you have them. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Liz Grasher at

elizabeth.grasher@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Sunnyside Beach Park address: 2509 Chambers Creek Road. Hope to see you then!

ATM Services:

ATM services are available at the Public Works Facility, 1030 Roe Street, Steilacoom, WA during normal business hours – 8 AM to Noon Monday through Friday.

We Love Steilacoom Association – Steilacoom Food Bank:

The We Love Steilacoom Association operates a food pantry/bank located at the Steilacoom Community Church, 1603 Rainier Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388. You do not need to be a member of the Church to obtain assistance through the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry has weekly distributions on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Preregistration is not required. For an emergency food need or if you would like additional information, contact Paul Loveless at 253.581.1912.

Steilacoom Community Church Compassion Closet:

Shop at the Steilacoom Community Church Compassion Closet.

Saturdays 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. All clothing is clean and in good shape. Some items are brand new. All sizes. All items are free of charge.

Questions – Contact Paul Loveless at paul.loveless@ci.steilacoom.wa.us