



Around Town

June, 2015

From the Mayor's Desk

Here are updates for a very busy June and July in Steilacoom.

The Month of June:

The US Open will disrupt our community just as it will the cities of Lakewood and University Place with increased traffic. The economic impact for Pierce County and the State is huge without question. Success in hosting the 2015 event could mean a return to Chambers Bay for another US Open in 8-11 years. For Steilacoom -- traffic will likely be terrible at times!!

The US Open hours of operation from June 15-21 will be 6 AM to 7 PM. Logistic resupply (hot dogs, soda, garbage removal, UPS shipping, etc.) will be at night.

The US Open "spectator guide" directs traffic from Kitsap and Thurston Counties to Ft. Steilacoom Park in Lakewood (**Blue Lot**) and to use Bridgeport Way then to Steilacoom Blvd to reach the Blue Lot. However, I expect Union

Ave, Lafayette St., Rainier St., and Steilacoom Blvd will be packed with cars for long periods of time throughout the day as I believe we will be an alternate route to the Blue Lot in any GPS or map app. We will also have 50 plus spectator buses in a constant circular route (every 10 min) to/from the golf course and the Blue Lot.

Chambers Creek Road currently is scheduled to be open to all traffic; however, this may change between now and then or even during the week of the event. Please remain flexible and use alternate routes whenever possible during that week.

Construction Update:

The Chambers Creek Road project should be substantially complete by the time you are reading this. Included was an electrical utility upgrade, new street lights, a grind and asphalt overlay, and safety improvement at the RR crossing.

Hewitt Street has a minor roadway rebuild and full grind/and overlay scheduled for the end of May/June.

The Union Ave electric contract is awarded with work underway. After the US Open, you will see upgrades to the pedestrian ADA ramps from the edge of Town to the ferry terminal.

By late-September, Union Ave will have a full grind and overlay completed.

On Lafayette Street, the contractor is making corrections to the past overlay project which the Town challenged as unacceptable: types of materials used were below required standards. This limited scope of work will be repaired to project standard.

Finally, understand that the projects underway and/or scheduled are all part of our six-year Transportation and Utility Capital Improvement plans. All construction for utility and road upgrades has been done with numerous grants and our programed reserve dollars. Working with the Town Council, Steilacoom remains debt free!

Other capital projects

completed so far include reroofing Town Hall and resealing/restriping the multi-purpose court, Webber Court, and Cherrydale Park.

The Month of July:

The 4th of July is always a special patriotic day in Steilacoom. The parade and downtown activities are always concluded with the "Best fireworks show on the Sound" at 10:30 PM. The volunteer Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks Committee is gearing up to raise funds for the fireworks

show every dollar collected is used for fireworks. I ask you to donate as you can and always welcome your volunteer neighbors at your door. You may also use the donation flyer in this billing. See you on the 4th of July!!

As a heads up You may remember a town-wide power outage on Thanksgiving Day resulting from an explosion of one of four reclosure switches at the BPA Substation. Our electric crew and BPA staff structured a “temporary” workaround. Now it is time to return the substation to normal operation which means we will schedule a Town-wide power outage to replace the destroyed reclosure with the new one and complete other repairs. More next month but as of today, **we are looking at 17 July for the power outage from 8 AM to 5 PM.**

Thanks once again to all who supported and to the Garden Club for their successful plant sale which benefits Town flower baskets, Holiday swags, and periodic wreaths at the 42nd MP Police Brigade Memorial on JBLM. Your Town utility bill will look a bit different over the next several months as we are converting to a new accounting program which

provides more information to residents on the bill.

Lastly, I thank Scott Babbit of Babbit Neuman Construction, and Myron LaBrie of J & K Concrete for donating materials and labor for the new Kiosk at Wilkes and Lafayette St. which will feature maps and historic information about Steilacoom.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

HARLOCK PLACE PARK DEDICATION

May 30 at 11 AM

You are invited to the dedication of Harlock Place Park, a town of Steilacoom one-half acre pocket park, at Galloway Street and Cincinnati Street. The park is a small portion of the last remaining forest, habitat corridor, and open space in Bill's Addition neighborhood.

The Town accepted the donation of the park in May, 2014. The land was purchased using donations from citizens, family members, visitors, businesses, and funds from foundations.

Harlock Place Park was created to honor Ray and Izzy Harlock and their three children.

Hear the plans for uses of the park and take a guided tour to learn about native plants, habitats and corridors, and

stewardship of the ecosystem, and opportunities to volunteer. Come enjoy history and music. For further information, contact harlock15@gmail.com.

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