



Around Town

March, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

As Spring arrives this month and the daylight increases, our efforts to continue to re-introduce the "Steilacoom flower" in the community were a huge success. Based on demand, staff will increase the quantity of Steilacoom flower starts from 1,000 to 5,000 next year, making plants available to businesses and residents.

The Pierce County Heritage League has recognized Steilacoom resident and long-time historic preservation advocate Marianne Bull with its 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award. Marianne has been a lifelong leader and volunteer with the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA). She has served as President numerous times but also as a dedicated and passionate volunteer. Marianne has given her time and knowledge to the Town's Preservation Review Board for decades serving by mayor's appointment. Congratulations and so well deserved.

Engineering survey teams are in Town marking the beginning control points with stakes and road markings for our three 2016 projects. These projects include a grind and overlay on Roe Street from Lexington Street to Old Military Road; a grind and overlay on Lexington Street from Roe Street to the edge of Town; a grind and overlay and installation of a sidewalk on Sentinel Way from Steilacoom Boulevard to the SHS; and design work only for possible future improvements on Steilacoom Boulevard from Puyallup Street through Phillips Road in the City of Lakewood (partnering with the City of Lakewood on this project). Soon, additional stakes will be seen that define the Town right-of-way and provide the information needed for the engineering designs.

Our Public Safety staff has added a new, experienced and proven professional to serve our Town....welcome PSO Dana Smitley. Additionally, you will see the beginning of our police staff transitioning to a new fuel efficient SUV police vehicle. Fleets of most police agencies around us are transition to this type of vehicle.

As you travel on Military Road near Cherrydale Park

you may see the beginning of a "young child play" area which will have several play-toys to serve ages 2-6 year olds. Our work will complement the play equipment at Cherrydale School which is not available during the school day. The planning for this equipment is a result of resident John Anderson, former school board member, who suggested the idea to Council who approved this improvement as part of the 2015-2016 Biennium Budget. As I write....It is with sadness that I note the recent passing of John who was a true volunteer and inspired member of this community. He gave so much service and time to others plus annual high school financial scholarships, to being the creator of the 4th of July buttons for decades. A life well lived!

The DuPont Sub-Chapter of AUSA would like to invite you to their annual fundraising event... South Sound First Responders vs. JBLM Soldiers basketball game. On March 10th at 6:30 PM, the game will be played at Steilacoom High School Gym. Steilacoom resident and Medal of Honor recipient Leroy Petry will officiate the tip off of the game. You don't want to miss the half time

entertainment. A dance off between JBLM Commanders and First Responders plus the Pioneer Middle School Hip Hop dancers will also entertain. Seattle Super Sonic favorite Slick Watts and his son Donald will be honorary coaches. Cost of the event is donation only! All proceeds will support AUSA programs: for Community Connectors, 160th Night Stalkers aviation, 6th CID, and 62nd Medical Command.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

COUNCIL ACTION

Minutes to the Town Council meetings once approved are on the Town's website at: townofsteilacoom.org and located under:

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ACTIVITY UPDATES

The weekly Activity Updates are published at www.thesubtimes.com

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Steilacoom Historical School District collects Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops for Education to use for supplementing classroom equipment purchases. You may help by saving these items and dropping them off at any Steilacoom school.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Kindergarten registration season is here! As a former kindergarten teacher, I absolutely love seeing our future students and their excitement about beginning school for the very first time. Our school district currently serves 249 kindergartners and we look forward to welcoming our newest students and their families each August. Steilacoom Historical School District will hold our initial Kindergarten Registration Session on Tuesday, March 8th between 3:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sessions will be held at both Cherrydale Primary and Chloe Clark Elementary Schools. Our staff will be available to answer any questions and help families complete the registration process. Registration packets will be made available at this initial registration event and families can also find our kindergarten materials online.

Full-day kindergarten, at no cost to families, will be offered at all three of our primary schools this Fall. Steilacoom Schools offer outstanding early learning programs that are developmentally appropriate and academically rigorous. Our kindergarten programs are student centered, offer

content with hands-on learning experiences and establish strong relationships with our families.

Anderson Island Elementary School implemented a full-day kindergarten program beginning with the 2014-15 school year and Cherrydale Primary School's implementation occurred the following year. Chloe Clark Elementary will transition to a full-day kindergarten program for the 2016-17 school year. All incoming kindergartners must be five years old by September 1st, 2016. Please visit our website for more details or stop by our Student Records Office at 511 Chambers Street.

*Kathi Weight,
Superintendent*

PIERCE TRANSIT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Beginning March 13, Pierce Transit will be adding a new departure from the ferry dock (Union and Commercial) at 12:30 pm that arrives at the Lakewood Transit Center at 1:00 pm. In the outbound direction, the trip departing Lakewood at 11:45 am will now be extended to serve the dock with a 12:17 pm arrival time. The change will create two additional connections between the dock and Pierce College (one inbound to the dock; one outbound).

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Steilacoom Historical School District and the Town of Steilacoom will be hosting a Community Forum to gather input and answer questions regarding the proposed addition of a District School Resource Officer. The School Resource Officer is the next step in the School District's Strategic Plan goal area of Safety, Service and Support.

The forum will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Steilacoom Town Hall located at 1717 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom, WA 98388.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2016-17 Kindergarten Registration will be at Cherrydale School on Tuesday, March 8 from 3:45 PM to 6:30 PM.

KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT

The Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will be at Cherrydale School on Saturday, March 26th starting promptly at 11 AM. Candy donations for the event will be accepted at the Public Works Building at 1030 Roe Street.

**KEEP STEILACOOM
CLEAN – PUT LITTER
ITS PLACE.**

ANNUAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM TESTING

As the season changes, it is also that time of year to have your backflow prevention assemblies tested. These annual tests are required to ensure the backflow devices installed on irrigation or fire systems are kept in proper operating condition. A properly working backflow device ensures water does not "backflow" from non-potable sources such as irrigation system back into your plumbing or drinking water supply. Town staff is aggressively working to protect your drinking water supply from contamination through our Cross Connection Control Program. The program ensures used or non-potable water, or other contaminants do not enter our drinking water system by requiring that cross connection control devices (backflow prevention assemblies) are installed at potential sources of contamination. It also assures that customers continue to take the proper precautions to prevent this type of drinking water contamination through annual inspection and testing of these devices. For additional information on the Cross Connection Control Program please contact Doug Hale at 581-1912. If you are thinking of installing a landscape

irrigation system on your property, we would like to remind you that a permit from the Town of Steilacoom is required. Please contact us at [\(253\) 581-1912](tel:2535811912) to discuss the permitting and inspection requirements associated with your irrigation system.



We are pleased to launch the 2016 Farmers' Market "Eat Fresh * Buy Local * Sustain Community" season with a refreshing new logo designed by Steilacoom resident-artist, Chuck Mathias.

The Steilacoom Farmers' Market will launch the 2016 season on June 1st, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the corner of Lafayette & Wilkes Streets! Bring your family and friends to meet new and familiar producers, gather 'round the Community Corner to learn what's new around town, find new ideas on how to cook what's in season at a food demonstration, and see innovative works our local artists created for you! "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook and stay tuned!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're inviting residents, schools, and community groups to participate with us as Market Ambassadors on Wednesday mornings, afternoons, or evenings. There will be lots of opportunities to have FUN, while contributing to our community by helping out at the Market. Complete the application on our website and contact our Market Coordinator at maureen.takaoka@ci.steilacom.wa.us for details. We will contact you for our first Ambassador meeting in March.

TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH

The growing popularity of disposable wipes, "Swiffer" type mops, and other items are causing problems in household plumbing and Town sewer pipes and pumps. It becomes costly to fix your plumbing or the Town's system.

Many products say they are flushable, but just because they go down the toilet does not mean they belong in the pipes. They do not break up like toilet paper is designed to do. They can clog pipes or get caught in sewer pumps, causing messy backups and expensive repairs. The only things that should be flushed should be human waste and toilet paper. Everything else

should go in the trash. This would include disposable wipes, "Swiffer" type mop wipes, diapers, cat litter, facial tissues, paper towels, dental floss, and sanitary products. Many of these items wind around the moving parts of pumps causing them to bind up and stop working. Unless something disintegrates like toilet paper, put it in the garbage to save yourself and the Town messy sewer backups.

PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Licensing: All cats and dogs three months of age and older must be licensed.

Leash Law: Dog owners are required to keep their dog under their immediate control any time the dog is taken off of their property and must be on a leash.

Household Pets at Large: It is not permitted for any household pet to be at large during any hour of the day or night in the Town. Missing cats are becoming a common occurrence and keeping them under your immediate control may prevent them from becoming food for our coyote population.

Pet Waste Removal: Pet owners are required to clean up any pet waste immediately following its

deposit. Bags and deposit containers are available in many of our Town parks and trails.

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Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 581-1076
Before and After School Prog.
Meal Site
Youth and Adult Classes
Fitness/Exercise Classes

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