



Around Town

June 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

After great weather in April and May, it will soon be full-on summer and the celebration of the 4th of July. With schools about to release students for the summer...please watch for children on bikes or just playing and follow speed limits always.... Let's be safe.

The news of the escapes and walk-away at Western State Hospital (WSH) has been disappointing. For me, Council, and Chief Rodriquez, WSH is one of our highest priorities. I understand the guarantee of safety that Steilacoom residents expect. The past WSH protocols and notifications to Steilacoom and Lakewood have not measured up. In several meetings with Lakewood Mayor Don Anderson and staff, Sen O'Ban who is a member of a select legislative committee on WSH, and Rep Muri, positive recommendations to meet resident safety, police and City/Town notification have been agreed on for the next step...a meeting with the new CEO of WSH. It is clear reading the newspapers and meeting with officials that WSH is under stress from staffing, numerous taskings, and federal oversight. The State of Washington needs WSH to be successful in its mission while ensuring the safety of surrounding communities. I

expect each concern to dramatically improve quickly!!

Steilacoom's 4th of July means a large patriotic parade at 1 PM and an evening fireworks show at 10:30 PM on Puget Sound. We have included information about the work of the Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks Committee which plans and collects all the funds for the annual fireworks show. Residents and guests fund the entire fireworks show....it is a long time Steilacoom tradition. You can participate by using the committee's Pay-pal site, mailing the enclosed donation slip in or welcoming the many neighborhood volunteers at your door who raise the funds for the entire show. Remember, personal use of fireworks is prohibited in Steilacoommore on this next month.

Congratulation to the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association on the success of the 2016 "Tour of Historic Homes" and a thank you to the residents who welcomed so many to enjoy their homes and St. John Bosco Parish who showcased Immaculate Conception Church.

I recently attended a birthday party for longtime resident Lou Duncan. Congratulations Lou for completing your first 100 years!! Both Lou and Lyle Duncan deserve enormous credit for joining with so many to establish the Steilacoom Historic District and help in the preservation of properties. Thank you.

The Council will soon begin discussions on the 2017-18

Biennial Budget. I expect the budget will be completed and approved in late October. We will place on the web site the proposed topic list by meetings. All are welcome to attend and provide comment.

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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We are pleased to launch the 2016 Farmers' Market "Eat Fresh * Buy Local * Sustain Community" season.

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!

***KEEP STEILACOOM
BEAUTIFUL – PUT
LITTER IN ITS PLACE***

May is Car Wash Awareness Month

It's not just dirt...

If you want to keep **oil**, **heavy metals**, and **toxic chemicals** from getting into Puget Sound...



Take your car to a professional car wash.



Puget Sound
Starts Here.org

This message is brought to you by the Puget Sound Car Wash Association

When it comes to water quality, keeping your car clean is better than letting the rain rinse heavy metals, oil, and toxic chemicals off your car and, ultimately, into the Puget Sound. This toxic mix of chemicals has a deadly effect on aquatic life.

How you choose to wash your car is also important. When you wash your car in your driveway, the soap and chemicals can go into the storm drain, polluting our streams, rivers, and the Puget Sound. Citizens of the region can help decrease water pollution caused by run off from cars by taking their car to a professional car wash or by washing their car over gravel or lawn.

With over 3 million cars in King, Pierce, Thurston, and Snohomish Counties, it's widely recognized that cars contribute significant pollution to the Puget Sound. Three million cars contribute an estimated 9,194 gallons of gasoline, diesel, and motor oil, 19,355 pounds of phosphorous and nitrogen, 2,903 pounds of ammonia, and 1,451,613 pounds of solid waste into our waterways annually.

Professional car washes use oil/water separators that remove pollutants, which are ultimately pumped out and properly disposed of, and their wastewater is discharged into the sanitary sewer. In addition, professional washes use minimal water, compared to home car washing; though washing your car at home over gravel or the lawn allows polluted water to absorb into the ground and keeps it from running into the storm drain.

For more information, contact the Puget Sound Car Wash Association, 6351 Seaview Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98107-2664, phone 206.622.8425 or by email at carwashassoc@qwestoffice.net.

THE 4th OF JULY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – HELP US CELEBRATE



Come experience the fun in the Town of Steilacoom as we join with Americans across the nation in celebrating Independence Day as only our town can. Lafayette Street becomes the center of our annual family-oriented, old-fashioned, hometown Independence Day Parade, Street Fair, Ice Cream Social, Beer Garden, and Dance.

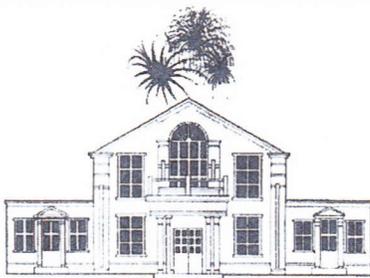
The highlight will again be the professional fireworks display from a barge on the waterfront. For more than twenty years, Steilacoom has hosted one of the best Fourth of July celebrations and fireworks shows in the Puget Sound area.

Our fireworks are financed entirely by voluntary contributions from private citizens and businesses. Every dollar collected is put directly into the display. The expense to put on a fireworks display of this magnitude is in excess of \$30,000.

If you wish, you can contribute conveniently and securely online using PayPal at www.steilacoom.org or you can use this form and mail in your donation.

A contribution in any amount will be helpful. Donors of \$100 or more are recognized by the Mayor in the “Around Town” utility bill newsletter. You can also become a **corporate sponsor** by donating \$500 or more.

Each year this event is planned, organized, coordinated, and set in motion by an all-volunteer group of people from our community. Your financial support of this worthwhile celebration will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your support.



Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks Committee

This year's fireworks will be 10:30 – 11:00 pm, July 4, over the Sound

Did you know...

→ 4th of July fireworks are paid entirely by donations from individuals and businesses.



→ Every penny donated goes for fireworks.

→ The cost of fireworks displays is going up every year.

Please help support this great celebration with a donation.

Thank you for supporting our celebration.

Every donation...large or small... is appreciated

 \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

I'd like to volunteer to help, too.

Make check payable and mail to:

Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks Committee
PO Box 88207 Steilacoom, WA 98388

You can also donate on line at www.steilacoom.org

The Fireworks Committee is a 501c(4) organization. Donations are not tax deductible

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The 2015-16 school year wraps up June 15th, which means the next six weeks of school are jammed packed with end of year assessments, field trips, concerts and drama performances, recognitions, spring sports, graduation, and students anticipating moving to a new grade and often a new school building.

We are happy to share our student's activities and performances with the public and hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

May 24 - Cherrydale 1st Grade Concert – 6 pm

May 24-Pioneer Middle Spring Band Concert – 7 pm

May 25- Highly Capable Experts Fair – Steilacoom High - 5:30 pm

May 25- Cherrydale 2nd Grade Concert – 6 pm

May 26- Day of Champions Event at SHS – 9 am

June 1 - Cherrydale 3rd Grade Concert – 6 pm

June 2 - Steilacoom High Band and Choral Concert – 7 pm

June 7 - Pioneer Middle Choral Concert – 6:30 pm

June 11 - Steilacoom High Graduation – 1:00 pm at PLU

June 14 - Pioneer Middle 8th Grade Promotion – 4:30 pm

***Kathi Weight,
Superintendent***

PET OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

With summer on the horizon, many pets and their owners will be outside taking advantage of the nicer climate. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind all pet owners of our local requirements.

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.

Barking Dogs: Pet owners or caretakers need to keep their animals from disturbing the peace by frequent or long, continued noises, including frequent or habitual barking, howling, whining or yelping which continually disturbs multiple neighbors.

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Non-Emergency798-4721
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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

FIREWORKS

Possession and/or use of fireworks is illegal within the Town limits subject to fines up to \$250 and \$500 respectively.

Please be aware of the provisions and inform any family members, guests, or others of this regulation.