



Around Town

November, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

The weather has turned toward winter. As always, I ask you to check your home for three days of supplies: water, candles/flashlights, medicines and easily prepared food. While our electric utility is underground and not directly affected by weather, Steilacoom can be impacted by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transmission line interruptions outside of town. Please plan ahead.

Council will be considering at the November 1 Town Council meeting the following tax and rate recommendations for 2017/18. I have proposed a 1% increase to property tax; continue the EMS at the voter approved \$.50/\$1,000 assessed value. The following utility rate increases are also being recommended and these increases are primarily the pass through of increased costs to the Town by BPA, Lakewood Water, and Pierce County Sewer, and NPDES requirements. The recommendations are electric utility +4%, water utility +2%, sewer utility +2%, and storm water + 2%. Any rate approved by Council will take effect in Jan 2017.

At our budget work sessions, I reported that our buildings are

in very good shape and our vehicle fleet is also in very good shape. The Town remains debt free, the general fund and our reserve/replacement funds are all adequate to meet the 2017/18 budget projects and Town operations. All are welcome to attend the Nov 1 meeting with your comments on budget and rates.

The large road/utility projects in plan for the next two years are: 2017: 1st street and side streets; 2018: Begin Steilacoom Blvd from Puyallup to Far West Drive., 2018: Steilacoom Blvd. Several other grid and overlay road and utility projects will also be completed during 2017 and 2018 in accordance with the various 6-year plans.

In November, the presidential and many other ‘down-ballot’ races/issues will come before you. Please be informed and exercise your right to vote!! Remember that the Pierce County Assessor has a ballot drop-box at our Library
Ron Lucas, Mayor

News from the Superintendent

We are happy to announce the addition of Steilacoom Historical School District’s new School Resource Officer, Justin Hamrick. Officer Hamrick will work directly with our schools to monitor the safety and security of our school buildings and provide regular safety training for staff and students.

The new school resource officer program is a partnership between the Town and the School District with Officer

Hamrick working as a problem solver and liaison to community resources, while providing safety expertise around crime prevention.

Justin Hamrick is married with two children. He began his career with the Washington State Patrol in 2009. Justin joined Steilacoom’s Department of Public Safety in 2014 and enjoys spending time at our schools. His main purpose in his new role as Steilacoom’s School Resource Officer is to build relationships with students and increase community engagement.

Kathi Weight

COUNCIL ACTION

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

- Town Offices
- Town Council

ACTIVITY UPDATES

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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Boy Scout Troop 71 will be in your neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, November 5th, beginning at 9 am. Please have your donation visible from the street for pickup and delivery to the We Love Steilacoom Food Pantry located at Steilacoom Community Church. Bags will be delivered Oct 29th.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE – DONATE BLOOD – Cascade Regional Blood Center 253.383.2553

CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORIC ORR HOME

Let Heaven and Nature Sing
November 18-20

1811 Rainier Street
Steilacoom, WA 98388

Mark your calendars for the weekend of November 18-20.

Steilacoom Historical Museum Association (SHMA) is celebrating the holidays by showcasing one of its cherished treasures, the **Nathaniel Orr Home** built in 1857 by one of the Town's Founding Fathers.

Members will decorate each room with natural foliage, greenery, and fragrant herbs as well as historical artifacts to reflect Christmas as it was in the 1880-1910 period.

Local musicians will perform and local artisans will demonstrate their creations which will be available for purchase.

Slices of fresh apple pie with ice cream can be bought as well as small bags of cookies made with herbs and spices typically available to pioneer cooks. A member will be available to give information about the historic use of herbs.

The Museum Store has been restocked with beautiful holiday gifts, both current and vintage in design and will be open in the Museum.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family and your friends to take a step back into the past!!

Friday, November 18
5:30-8:00pm Members
Only Reception
Saturday, November 19
10:00-4:00 Open to Public
Sunday, November 20
12:00-4:00 Open to Public

Cost: \$10 per person
Children under 14 are Free
Information:
(253)-584-4133
steilacoomhistorical.org

RED RIBBON BAZAAR **Steilacoom High School** **Saturday, December 3rd** **9 AM to 4 PM.**

Nineteen years ago, visionary community members you may know started this tradition featuring **homemade handcrafted and other items** PERFECT for holiday giving and enjoyment. Caroling and Choirs, Bake Sales, Pictures with Santa, FREE Kid Crafts and Games, Kettle Corn, Silent Tree and Basket Auction and finally, drawing the winning Senior Class RAFFLE TICKETS for a Flat Screen TV, a FitBit Surg, BOSE Ear Bugs or a laptop. Email redribbonbazaar@hotmail.com for more information.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND BILL PAY

If you use "bill pay" through your bank to pay your utility bill, please verify that the account number on the payment is your current account number. (Everyone's number changed when we converted to new accounting software last year yet many payments are being received with the old number.)

LEAVES AND FLOODING

Leaves can combine with heavy rains to cause problems. Leaves in street gutters can clog storm drains, potentially causing flooding of neighborhood streets.

Citizens can help by promptly removing fallen leaves averting potential flooding and pollution to local creeks may be prevented. Everyone should check storm drains near their property to make sure they are free of leaves and debris, and they should rake leaves away from storm drains and dispose of them with the yard waste. Do not remove the grate!

Street sweepers cannot pick up large piles of leaves, so please do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street.

BETTER ROADS, CLEANER STREAMS **Six Simple Steps to Clean Water**

1. Help Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains. Never dump anything down a storm sewer.
2. Never Fertilize When it's About to Rain.
3. Carefully Dispose of Chemicals and Oil. Don't top off when you fill up your tank.
4. Clean Up After Your Pet. Dispose of waste in a trash can.
5. Practice Good Car Care. Fix leaks promptly and wash your car on the grass or at a car wash.
6. Properly Dispose of Travel Trailer Waste.

SAVE THE DATE
Kiwanis Winefest 2017.
January 27nd at the McGavick Center. Contact any Kiwanis member for tickets

DISABLED PARKING

Steilacoom Historical School District and Town staff continue to receive complaints concerning ineligible individuals utilizing spots restricted for disabled parking.

When confronted, individuals will frequently use the excuses that 1) I was only going to be a minute, 2) there isn't any other available parking close by, 3) no one else was using the spot, 4) I've lived in this community for a long time and will use whatever spot I want, 5) I'm involved with the activity that is occurring, or 6) I am eligible but my permit is in my other vehicle.

Illegal and/or improper use of a disabled parking spot or the clear zones between the spots even for "just a minute" (which is never just a minute) potentially denies a qualifying individual access to the facility or activity.

In order to legally use an appropriately marked disabled parking spot, the individual must have been issued and be displaying either the State issued license plate or placard. Failure to have either of these items on or displayed in the vehicle or illegal use of a disabled parking spot could subject you to a \$250 fine.

SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 is looking for substitutes! If you are interest in subbing, please go to the District's website to learn about opportunities with the School District.

BIKE HELMETS

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible. Here are a few tips so that you'll be safe while you do.

The Hard Facts:

More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent – yet only 45 percent of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet.

Top Tips

We have a simple saying: "Use your head, wear a helmet." It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.

Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights

Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.

When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It's also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.

Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own

Currently, there is no state law requiring helmet use. However, the Town of Steilacoom does require all individuals, regardless of age, to wear helmets while riding in Town. Applicable sections of the SMC follow:

10.32.030 Bicycle helmet required.

(a) Any person riding a bicycle, in or upon any public area within the corporate limits of the Town of Steilacoom shall wear a helmet, and shall have either the neck or chin strap of the helmet fastened securely while the bicycle is in motion.

(b) A parent or guardian is responsible for requiring that a child under the age of 16 years complies with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section while upon a bicycle in motion, or while bicycling or riding as a passenger in an approved seat apparatus in any authorized area.

(c) Failure of a parent or guardian to require a child under the age of 16 to comply with subsection (a) of this section may result in a citation being issued to said parent or guardian for a class III civil infraction. (Ord. 1163 §1(part), 1995)

BIKE RIDERS

While riding, please remember that the "rules of the road" apply to you, including but not limited to stopping at stop signs, not impeding traffic, yielding to pedestrians, etc.

**PET OWNER
RESPONSIBILITIES**

With many pets and their owners being outside taking advantage of the mild Winter, 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.

EXPLORING ART
5 – 6:30 PM on Tuesdays at the Community Center. For ages 12 years old and up.
\$50/month.

**CLUB AM AND CLUB
PM**

Club AM and Club PM offering before and after school supervision and activities for elementary school students will be accepting registrations effective August 1st.

The program will be offered at Cherrydale Elementary School and will start at 6:00 AM.

Pre-registration is required. We accept full time, part-time and drop-ins.

Fees are:

Club AM

Full time: \$225 per month

*Part-time: (3 days or less)
\$180 per month*

Drop In: \$20 per day

Club PM

Full time: \$225 per month

*Part time: \$180 per month
Half Days drop in: \$25 per
day*

Drop In: \$20 per day

For more information, contact the Community Center at 581-1076.

JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Registration for the Junior Explorers program is currently open for Fall classes. Participants ages 3-6 will participate in fun crafts, games, activities and much, much, more.

The program will run from 9:30 AM to noon or 1:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

The fee is \$250 per month. Space is limited so reserve a space for your child today. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Community Center at 581-1076 for additional information.

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Non-Emergency798-4721
Animal Control830-5010

Community Center

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

RECYCLE IT

Be green, don't trash it! Recycle your ink and toner empties at the Steilacoom Public Works at the front door entrance and also at the Steilacoom Community Center at the lobby reception window shelf. All proceeds go to supporting the Cherrydale School students for supplies & teachers' learning aids via the Friends of Cherrydale Woods.