



Around Town

October, 2016

From the Mayor's Desk

Make sure you have **Sunday, October 2** on your calendar and all your friends' calendars. That's the **Apple Squeeze** day sponsored by the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association.

In August, I received some very good news as a study was released ranking the large, medium, and small Washington cities as **Safe Places**.

Steilacoom was ranked 10th for small cities 5-15K in population. Congratulations to all Steilacoom residents and our police staff. The complete study is at

www.valuepenquin.com/2016/safest-places-washington.

Remember when concerned or unsure of activity...call 911 for assistance.

October Scarecrow Contest

The Steilacoom Garden Club is again sponsoring a scarecrow contest during the month of October. We encourage you to display a scarecrow at your home and put it out for all to see! Decorate it any way you wish, using your creativity. There is no application form to fill out. Instead, members of the Garden Club will travel around town to view and judge the scarecrows based on four criteria: originality, workmanship, costume, and use of props. They will have a

category for businesses/organizations and one for residences. To make sure we don't miss any entries, please contact Mary La Tourelle at lafannin@msn.com or 253-588-5956 to let her know the location of your scarecrow. Judging will take place by October 15 with prizes awarded shortly thereafter.

The Town will soon begin the replacement of bulbs in all Town street and ornamental lights. The work is contracted and paid for under a grant we received from the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). Work will take about 90 days. We are an early grant awardee in converting to LED lighting under a state-wide funding plan. The annual savings for these new LED lights is estimated at approximately 75% of the current operational cost.

The Roe Street grind and overlay plus new gap sidewalk work is under way. Expect the **asphalt work to be completed either late September or early October**, weather permitting. Expect normal traffic disruptions during this window of time and plan your routes accordingly.

The November election is important. Please become informed about the candidates and issues and vote. Ballots should arrive by mid-October and you may use the Pierce County Auditor's secure ballot collection site at our library to turn-in your ballot.

Ron Lucas, Mayor

News from the Superintendent

On September 1st, we welcomed back over 3,100 students to our six schools! We are excited about the 2016-17 school year and cannot wait to share our accomplishments throughout the year with our community. With an outstanding and dedicated staff in the Steilacoom Historical School District, we are consistently seeking ways to enhance the educational experiences we provide. Recently, the school district was awarded a five-year Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Partnership Grant in the amount of \$1.25 million dollars. We applied for the funding with the goal of increasing the level of social and emotional health services for military-connected students. While the mission of the DoDEA Grant Program is to enhance educational opportunities for military-connected students, these funds may be used to support all of our children.

Nearly 40% of our district's enrolled students have at least one parent who is assigned to Joint-Base Lewis McChord (JBLM). Currently, the district partners with JBLM in variety of ways. We have two Military Family Life Counselors providing school based services on a daily basis. We have a nationally recognized Student 2 Student program, which welcomes new students to our schools and helps ease transitions by creating a positive environment of belonging. Our strong partnership with Madigan Army Medical Center

provides school based health clinics at Pioneer Middle School and Steilacoom High School.

As a school community, we are extremely proud of our relationship with our military families. Our military partnerships combined with the new DoDEA grant project will further enhance student support.

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

KIWANIS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

**Top Side Restaurant
215 Wilkes Street
Saturday, 10/15
8 AM to 10 AM**

Please come and support your local Kiwanis Club

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

We must all take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work and visit. "Don't wait, communicate. Make your emergency plan today!"
www.ready.gov/september

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.

EXPLORING ART

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

SUBSTITUTES WANTED

**September 27th
4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Professional Dev. Center
511 Chambers Street
Steilacoom, Washington**

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 is looking for substitutes!
If you are interest in subbing, please consider attending our upcoming Open House event to learn about opportunities with our school district.

APPLE SQUEEZE

The 43rd ANNUAL STEILACOOM APPLE SQUEEZE is coming Sunday, October 2 from 10-4 in historic downtown Steilacoom. Come press apples into cider, stroll the street fair of hand- made crafts, listen to toe-tapping music all day. Providing music are Curlew's Call, Steve and Kristi Nebel and Barleywine Revue. Eat great food including apple pie and ice cream in Town Hall and cider floats! Pick up some award-winning pre-squeezed cider by Lattin's Country Cider Mill. Children's activities will be available, the Steilacoom Tribal Museum and the Steilacoom Historical Museum will be open and there will be pony rides from noon to 4. See spinning and weaving demonstrations, and browse the vintage and reproduction apple labels in Town Hall. Bring a fruit and a leaf and our apple ID experts will tell you about your apple tree. Wander through the Nathaniel Orr historic orchard, visit the Orr Wagon Shop and check out the museum. For more information call 253-584-4133.

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Steilacoom recently installed pervious concrete sidewalks along the Lexington/Sequalish Street corridor. These sidewalks were partially financed through awards obtained from the Transportation Improvement Board and the Pierce Conservation District as part of a pilot project for utilizing low impact development techniques.

Low impact development is an approach to developing land and managing storm water imitating the natural movement of water on the site and attempting to infiltrate more of the water into the ground.

The environmental benefits of low impact development include:

1. Helping to remove pollutants from storm water,
2. Reducing the overall volume of storm water,
3. Managing high storm flows,
4. Replenishing streams and wetlands,
5. Reducing flooding and protect property by reducing runoff,
6. Protecting drinking water supplies and help to recharge aquifers.

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.)

WE LOVE STEILACOOM ASSOCIATION/FOOD PANTRY **1603 Rainier Street**

The We Love Steilacoom Association operates a food bank for low-income individuals and families. This is accomplished through the twice-monthly on-site distribution and a weekly distribution via a "back-pack" program done in coordination with Cherrydale School.

Food distributions are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Steilacoom Community Church – 1603 Rainier Street. Food donations may be dropped off at the Community Center or at the food bank during operating hours.

Financial contributions may be dropped off at the Community Center. A separate check, made payable to the Association, may also be sent in with your utility bill.

For more information, contact Paul Loveless at 581-1912 or Sharon Cornett, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 581-1076

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.

TO FLUSH OR NOT?

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 are 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 clog pipes and/or 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.

Flushing of disposable wipes continues to be a major problem in the Marietta/Deer Hollow area of Town.

RECYCLE 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.

DON'T MAKE A POOR CHOICE

Poor choices by pedestrians around railroad tracks unfortunately result in hundreds of fatalities and serious injuries each year in the U.S.

Washington Operation Lifesaver urges you to please follow these important safety tips around trains:

1. Trains operate on any track, at any time and in any direction. Most trains do not run on a schedule and, unlike automobiles, do not travel on the right hand side all the time.
2. Trains cannot stop quickly. Trains travel at high speeds through the Steilacoom area and take a mile or more to stop. By the time a locomotive engineer sees you, it's too late to stop in time.
3. Trains create optical illusions. Because of its size, an oncoming train always appears to be approaching slowly when in fact can be closing the distance to you at 100 feet per second or faster.
4. Two tracks can have two trains. Many people have been killed by not being aware a second train is approaching at the same time or just after the first train on another track.
5. You cannot always hear an approaching train. The geography of Puget Sound makes it difficult to hear approaching train noise. Some trains have

locomotive power at the rear instead of the front and are very quiet. Continuous welded rail with no joints to make a clickety-clack sound also make it difficult to hear an approaching train.

Make the right choice around train tracks – Stay Off, Stay Away, and Stay Alive!

For more information about being safe around trains, please visit Operation Lifesaver at www.oli.org.

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 that 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 an irrigation system back into your plumbing or drinking water supply. The program ensures that 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 is required. Please contact us at [\(253\) 581-1912](tel:2535811912) to discuss the permitting and inspection requirements associated with your irrigation system installation.

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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