



Around Town

June 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

The Town has begun the Steilacoom Boulevard road project; completion target is early fall. Work has started at the west end and the road is closed to all traffic to allow for the road profile to be established after clearing soil and very limited tree cutting and pruning under the direction of an Arborist. Continuous closure of the road will allow the construction crew to completely build the curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes, perform utility upgrade, and lay asphalt sooner. Crews will then move to the East end from Madrona Pt Road to Far West Drive or entering Lakewood. Your App for Maps will show Steilacoom Blvd closed. Detour routes are clearly marked with arrows and electronic signs.

Our annual Farmers' Market starts on June 19 downtown. Please come and enjoy the festivities and support the vendors.

Summer concerts begin June 26th in Pioneer Park. Watch for the schedule in next month's Around Town. Once available, it will also be posted on the website. Both events are center pieces of our terrific summers.

The Steilacoom Citizens Fireworks Committee has completed plans for the "Best Fireworks on the Sound" at 10:30 PM on the 4th of July. Please welcome Fireworks Committee members if they knock on your door distributing valuable information and requesting financial support. All money collected pays for the fireworks. Everyone involved are volunteers. This annual patriotic 4th of July tradition is part of the fiber of Steilacoom...I ask you to be as generous as you can. Enclosed is information on ways to contribute on-line or by returning funds with your utility bill.

Congratulations to all 2019 graduates for your success albeit university, community college, or high school. From all residents of Steilacoom, we wish you well in your professional or continued academic pursuit. Oh, and hug your proud family for their support and encouragement.

The Steilacoom Garden Club once again held their popular plant sale on May 11. Thank you for your support and note that all their work and funds are turned right back into Steilacoom beautification or decorations in the Christmas season. Next project for the Garden Club is the sale of a cookbook—look for it at various events held this summer.

As summer approaches and you visit Sunnyside Beach remember that the Puget Sound

water is normally a **very cold 50 degrees**. Please watch your time in the water and especially monitor your children. Most importantly, enjoy our beautiful beaches and parks!

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:

Town Offices

Town Council

Message from the Superintendent

Our school district loves to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff. Here are two recent recognitions!

Steilacoom Historical School District selected Lance McMurphy, Director of Food Services for Sodexo, to receive the Washington Association of School Administrators Community Leadership Award. The district contracts with Sodexo for all food service operations. Lance goes above and beyond to create partnerships in our community on behalf of students. In a society where the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is more than twice the rate of those without a disability, Lance has worked to eliminate barriers for our students. Lance makes a difference for Steilacoom students, by providing them an opportunity to practice employability skills in our school kitchens and cafeterias. He has also hired some of our

students with disabilities who have graduated because he recognizes and celebrates the unique contributions they provide to our community. We appreciate his dedication to our students!

Christian Ashford, a Steilacoom High School

Junior, is the Washington State Military Youth of the Year. Christian is active in the Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Youth Center in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. He attended and gave a speech at a gala dinner in Seattle, attended a breakfast event with Governor Inslee and has moved onto compete at the national level in July. Congratulations to Christian, his family and the JBLM Youth Center for this noteworthy honor. The district's partnership with JBLM School Liaison Office provides direct services to our military connected students and their families. We appreciate this important partnership.

Kathi Weight, Superintendent

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Steilacoom Garden Club Plant Sale was a HUGE success, thanks to our fabulous community. Special shout-outs to the Boy Scouts, Pierce Conservation District folks, plant donors, garden club members, H&L for raffle donation, and ALL the community members who purchased plants!! Look for beautiful results throughout Town!



The Steilacoom Farmers' Market will launch the 2019 season on June 19th, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the corner of Lafayette & Wilkes Street. Bring your family and friends to meet new and familiar vendors and producers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're inviting residents, schools, and community groups to participate with us as Market Ambassadors on Wednesday mornings, afternoons, or evenings. Complete the application on our website and contact our Market Coordinator allison.leevers@ci.steilacoom.wa.us for details.

STEILACOOM SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Steilacoom Summer Day Camp!
Grades K-6
Monday-Friday
6am-6pm
Located at Saltar's Point School

\$170/week – K-6

\$150/week – 7-9

Discounts

10% siblings

20% military

20% free/reduced lunch

*may not be combined

HIGH SCHOOL

Want to be a camp counselor?

Come volunteer at Camp.

Spaces are limited.

For details, call 253-581-1076

DISABLED PARKING

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 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.

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.

YARDWASTE DISPOSAL

Please dispose of yardwaste and other vegetative debris properly either using your yardwaste bin or correctly composting the material. If composting, please keep in mind the location of your bin/compost area and be considerate of your neighbors.

Also, placing yardwaste in an alley, even if unimproved, is illegal and could subject you to a \$250 fine.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Please keep your car engine off, doors locked and do not leave valuables in plain sight when your car is not attended.

Also, please remember to keep your home's doors and windows locked.

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 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.

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.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Due to health and safety considerations, animals whether on or off leash, are not allowed on School District property.

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Non-Emergency ...253 798-4721
Animal Control... ..253 830-5010

Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 253 581-1076
Before and After School Prog.
Meal Site
Youth and Adult Classes

TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Town Council:

1st and 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday at 6:30 PM

Preservation and Review Board:

4th Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Civil Service Commission:

1st Thursday - 2 PM at the

Community Center.

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.

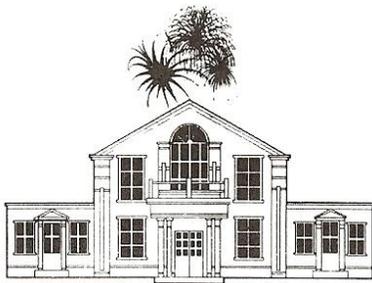
The highlight will again be the professional fireworks display from a barge on the waterfront. For more than twenty years, Steilacoom has hosted one of the best Fourth of July celebrations and fireworks shows in the Puget Sound area.

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 \$35,000.

If you wish, you can use the form below and mail in your donation or you can contribute conveniently and securely online using PayPal at <http://www.townofsteilacoom.com/286/Fireworks-Committee> or <https://tinypurl.com/v5mbbdrq>.

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.



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

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500

Other

Name

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Address

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Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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 online at <https://tinypurl.com/v5mbbdrq>.

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

Thank you for supporting our celebration.