



Around Town

June, 2014

From the Mayor's Desk

As summer approaches, I want to remind all residents-- new and old -- that with the increased usage of our parks along the Sound always be careful when crossing the RR tracks into Sunnyside Beach. Also remember while it is warm on the shore.....the Puget Sound water temperature is very cold and requires close attention for those swimming! Let's have another safe summer.

The Lafayette Street grind and overlay project is complete. As I write, the Sequalish Street project is scheduled for asphaltting with some final concrete work and wall building remaining in the project. Sequalish Street should be completed by the 4th of July. By working through the winter, this project is scheduled to be complete almost three months early.

In July, expect the cedar siding to be replaced on the

old administration building next to the multi-purpose courts on Lafayette Street. This work will not interfere with the Farmers' Market nearby.

Please note, the Steilacoom Concert series begins in June and ends in August. The concerts are held on Wednesdays in Pioneer Park.

Our Public Works Director Mark Burlingame recently attended a briefing with the BNSF engineering team working on Saltar's Point Park Bridge. The BNSF is the lead on this project and we are hopeful the work will be completed this summer.

The Town just turned in over 68 lbs. of excess or outdated medicines, pills, and prescriptions for disposal. I remind all that our secure disposal container is inside Public Safety and available during normal weekday hours.

Thank you to the Steilacoom Garden Club for your extraordinary volunteer work for Steilacoom. The availability of plants and expert advice has never been better and sales at the recent plant sale reached a new high. Funds from the Garden Club support the Town's hanging baskets all

summer and swags throughout Town for the Christmas Holiday season plus flowers at the 42nd MP BDE Memorial on JBLM. Thank you!

4th of July is around the corner. The Steilacoom Chamber will take the lead with coordinating the parade and daytime activities down town. Remember the very "Best Fireworks" on the Sound will start at 10:30 PM off shore and can be seen from all over Town. Our fireworks show is funded entirely from donations from you. Once again please welcome the Steilacoom Fire Works Committee at your door as they hand out information and ask for a donation OR return your donation in the envelope in this bill. (Separate check made payable to the Steilacoom Fireworks Committee please). Steilacoom is very proud of the decades residents have sponsored 4th of July Fireworks!! See you on the 4th downtown.

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

ACTIVITY UPDATES

The weekly Activity Updates are published in the Suburban Times and the South Puget Sound News. Their website addresses are:

www.thesubtimes.com

and

www.southpugetsoundnews.com

FIREWORKS

In 2009, the Town Council adopted ordinance 1456 amending the Steilacoom Municipal Code to make the possession and/or use of fireworks illegal within the Town limits subject to fines up to \$250 and \$500 respectively. Due to State law, 2011 was the first year this ordinance was in effect and enforced. Please be aware of the provisions and inform any family members, guests, or others of this regulation.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Steilacoom Garden Club sends a big "shout out" of thanks to those who supported this year's plant sale. Many donated plants to sell and others came to shop - and some even did both. This year's proceeds of over \$1,900 will go toward the purchase of Steilacoom's colorful hanging baskets along Lafayette Street and the wreaths at Christmas. Summertime weeding will keep the gardeners busy. Attending several garden

tours is also being planned by the group - so it isn't "all work and no play."

**NORTHWEST
SOUNDRIDER – PUGET
SOUND SUP RACE**
August 17
Sunnyside Beach Park
7 AM to 4 PM

JUNIOR EXPLORERS

Junior Explorers now registering for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ages 3-6. Come Explore
COLORS, NUMBERS,
LETTERS, SONGS, AND
FUN!

AM class runs 9:30 am to
12pm.

PM class runs 12:30 pm to
3pm.

Half day Kindergarten care and
District bus provided.

Classes fill up fast so register
early.

Steilacoom Community Center.

\$180 per month.

LEADERS IN TRAINING

Become a teen leader in our
Leader In Training (LIT)
Program! Grades 7 and up
Obtain your CPR

certification along with a
week of training, and have a
blast with your friends!

Opportunities are available
to volunteer in town all
summer including summer
camp.

Camp runs June 16-20, 2014.

\$200

Space is limited, register at
the Steilacoom Community
Center today!

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.

**WE LOVE
STEILACOOM
ASSOCIATION/FOOD
PANTRY**

**THE FOOD PANTRY HAS
RELOCATED TO OBERLIN
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH AT 1603 RAINIER
STREET**

The We Love Steilacoom Association operates a food bank for low-income individuals and families. This is done through the twice-monthly on-site distribution and a weekly distribution via a “back-pack” program done in coordination with Cherrydale School. The Association also provides need-based assistance for utility payments and, to the extent funds are available, scholarships for Steilacoom High School students.

Food distributions are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Oberlin Congregational Church – 1603 Rainier Street. Food donations may be dropped off at the

Community Center or at the food bank during operating hours.

Financial contributions for any of the programs, including the scholarship program, 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

**PET OWNERS’
RESPONSIBILITIES**

With spring 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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Community Center

2301 Worthington St. 581-1076

Before and After School Prog.

Meal Site

Youth and Adult Classes

Fitness/Exercise Classes

Chamber of Commerce

SteilacoomChamber.org

***Steilacoom – A Historic
Community – Help Keep It
Clean – Don't Litter***