

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: April 29, 2022
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – May 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88084688382>

Planning Commission – May 9, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83307091988>

Civil Service Commission – May 5, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136797235>

Preservation and Review Board – May 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89479403510>

Parks, Community Services, and Environment Advisory Committee – May 16, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86074324447>

Public Safety Advisory Committee – May 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87136579024>

Town Positions Available:

The Town is currently recruiting for Public Works Seasonal Maintenance Worker positions, Before and After School Program Recreation Aide positions, and Summer Camp positions. See the Town's official website at townofsteilacoom.org for details.

2022 Town of Steilacoom Spring Cleanup – May 19th:

One day FREE event - regular garbage/yard waste day.

Questions? Contact LeMay Refuse (253) 875-5053

The following items may be placed at the curb by 6:00 AM

- Your regular subscription solid waste cart(s)
- 3 Extra 32 gallon cans/bags/boxes of household debris
 - *No construction/demolition debris, rocks, concrete, bricks or asphalt*
 - *No TVs, computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, e-readers, DVD players*
 - *No household hazardous wastes*
 - *Not to exceed 40 lbs. per can/bag/box*
- 1 Appliance
 - *Washers, dryers, water heaters, etc.*
 - *Includes items with compressors (refrigerators, freezers, etc.) at no charge*
- Your regular subscription yard waste cart(s)
- 3 Extra 32 gallon cans/bags/boxes/bundles of yard waste
 - *Yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush, flowers, tree wood and branches less than 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length*
 - *Bundles not to exceed 40 lbs., 4 feet in length and tied with natural fiber rope/twine*
 - *Or place in clean 32 gallon garbage cans, boxes, paper or biodegradable bags*
 - ***NO YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS; they will NOT be picked up***

Disposal/Recycle Options

Before throwing things away, check the online Pierce County Recycling Menu at <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1509/Recycling-Menu> and see if there is somewhere to recycle, donate or dispose of unwanted items. Many options are free or cost less than going to the landfill.

- L&S Tire Company (253) 582-5556-takes tires for a fee
- Lakewood Goodwill (253) 983-0040- accepts TVs, computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, E readers and DVD players for FREE recycling under the WA State E-Cycle Program
- Pierce County Transfer Stations - FREE yard waste recycling for Pierce County residents

Public Safety Advisory Committee Online Survey:

The Public Safety Advisory Committee is requesting your input. Please complete the online survey at <https://forms.gle/rLGmVksRqwjumu348>.

See Something – Say Something:

If you see something suspicious or if you have been a victim of a crime, please contact the Department of Public Safety. For in-process emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies, please call either (253) 287-4455 or (800) 562-9800 or email crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Community Development:

Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

The Town Council will continue the public hearing on zoning ordinance text amendments regarding accessory dwelling units, home occupations, short- and long-term lodging or care facilities, parking standards, group care facilities and definitions at the meeting on May 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Setback Variance Request:

The Town has received a request for a variance to the street building setbacks for 417 Short Street. A public hearing before the Hearing Examiner will be held on May 17, 2022, starting at 10 AM virtually using Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85119957376>.

Code Compliance:

The Building Inspector/Code Compliance Officer is focused on inspecting construction sites for erosion control measures, following up on vehicles being stored on the rights-of-way, vegetation control, and reviewing building permit applications.

Community Services:

Before and After School Care:

Registration is now open for the Town of Steilacoom's Before/After School Program for 2021-2022.

Club AM and PM is offering before and after school care for Kindergarten - 5th Grade school students every day with the exception of national holidays.

- Location: Cherrydale Elementary
- Pre-registration is required and payments can be made online, by phone, or by check.
- Multiple child discounts are available as well as Military and Free/Reduced Lunch qualified students.
- Discounts cannot be combined.

- Part-time and full-time rates now available!

Additional information and registration is available on the Town's official website at <https://townofsteilacoom.org/156/Youth-Programs>.

Public Safety:

Over the past week, 160 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 6 medical aid responses
- 43 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 3 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 73 traffic stops
- 1 response for residential/commercial alarms
- 2 responses for animal-related incidents
- 1 response for juvenile-related incidents
- 3 motor vehicle collisions
- 7 responses for nuisance-related incidents (excessive noise/parties/etc.)
- 5 responses for parking enforcement
- 1 arrest for criminal arrest warrants

Crimes against persons

- No significant events to report

Crimes against property

- 4 incidents of theft

Significant information:

Earlier this month, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) provided a press release regarding motor vehicle thefts statewide (<https://tinyurl.com/4fwyu7cx>). Below are the numbers of vehicle thefts, and apparent theft attempts, within the Town of Steilacoom during the same time frame:

- 2019 – 9 (less than 1 per month, on average)
- 2020 – 10 (less than 1 per month, on average)
- 2021 – 9 (less than 1 per month, on average)
- 2022 – 8 (an average of 2 per month, so far)

Based upon our current numbers, we are seeing an increase in motor vehicle theft, along with the rest of our state. However, late last year, 3 new officers for our department completed their police academy training. As a result, Public Safety has increased the quantity of available patrol officers on the street. This has already been demonstrated in the consistent increase in traffic enforcement and ongoing consistency of security checks and suspicious circumstance investigation. One such example was a likely interrupted and prevented overnight theft from one of our local businesses earlier this year. Public Safety continues to appreciate the concerns expressed by our residents and we encourage the continued use of our Crime Tips and Traffic Concern email submissions.

Announcements:

Steilacoom Alert (CodeRED) is a new emergency notification system for the Town of Steilacoom. At no cost, persons may opt-in to receive emergency and general notifications, to include:

- Missing persons/children
- Evacuation notices
- Natural disasters
- Boil water advisories
- Inclement weather warnings
- Criminal activities
- Road closures/traffic alerts
- Shelter in place/lockdowns

The Town of Steilacoom will be joining a nationwide network of emergency notifications which can be accessed from the no-cost cell phone app (CodeRED Mobile Alert). Persons may also opt-in to receive notifications from many of our surrounding towns and cities, to include:

- Tacoma
- Lakewood
- Puyallup
- University Place
- Bonney Lake
- Sumner
- Orting
- Buckley
- Carbonado
- Wilkeson

Ways to opt-in:

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3zumsxsv>

- Text "SteilacoomAlert" to 99411
- Call (866) 939-0911

Questions about the program?

- More information can be found on our department website: <https://tinyurl.com/2yr6tbv6>
- Email Public Safety at: CodeRED@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Reminders:

Please visit our department website (<https://tinyurl.com/2bz3jzey>) for assistance with:

- Online crime reporting
- Anonymous reporting of suspicious activity
- Reporting of persistent traffic concerns
- Unwanted prescription medication
- Concealed pistol licenses

In-progress emergencies can be reported directly to 911. To reach a police officer NOT during an emergency, please call either (253) 287-4455 or (800) 562-9800.

The lobby of Public Safety is open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Staff remain available by phone and appointment from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Helpful links:

When to call 9-1-1: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9bs3ej>

Department of Licensing disability and medical designation: <https://tinyurl.com/mpfypjsb>

South Sound 911 Emergency Health Profile: <https://tinyurl.com/ycktkeze> (A cell phone is required to use this service)

Injured or deceased wildlife:

- City of Lakewood Animal Control: <https://tinyurl.com/d7n3hjzn>
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: <https://tinyurl.com/579d8k6d>

Public Works:***Building Energy Efficiency/Replacement Project:***

Air Systems Engineering is on hold waiting for parts for the Community Center. A portion of this work will be delayed at least until mid-May due to challenges in receiving two of the HVAC units. The lighting contractor will commence work once the components arrive. The contractor is also adding additional duct work to the Town Hall portion of the project in order to obtain sufficient air flow.

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assembled the spray tanks and pumps in preparation for the annual pesticide application, right-of-way mowing and sweeping; seasonal worker interviews; and performed other maintenance activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew replaced fuses and other components at the Sunnyside pump station in response to a system failure on Sunday; completed utility service disconnection/reconnections for nonpayment; completed repairs on City of Lakewood streetlights in accordance with our interlocal agreement; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew concentrated on generator maintenance at pump stations and lift stations; inspected water and sewer disconnections in the 1300 block of Union Avenue in preparation for demolition; inspected a new sewer installation in the 1900 block of Starling Street; inspected a sewer repair at Steilacoom Community Church; picked up the sewer jet from the repair facility; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew mowed, trimmed, and maintained various parks and facilities and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:***Steilacoom Tribal Cultural Center and Museum Clean-up:***

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? We are having another Work Party at the Steilacoom Tribal Cultural Center and Museum on Saturday, April 30, 2022, starting at 10am.

We will be doing things like cleaning up outside the building, gardening, yard work, etc. If you have a truck and are willing to haul things away--like brush & branches--that will be helpful! If you have any tools feel free to bring them along. If you don't have any tools but you have a lot of elbow-grease, we will appreciate that too!! Every little bit helps.

The timing is estimated. We will be starting at 10am and we will keep going as long as there are volunteers available to work. If you can only come for a few hours, we will appreciate any time that you can contribute. One final note: If you are a Steilacoom Tribal Citizen and would like to use this time toward your annual volunteer hours, this will count!

If you have any questions, please feel free to send us a Facebook Message. We look forward to volunteering with you! <https://www.facebook.com/SteilacoomTribe/>

Enroll Now for Kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year!

Full-day Kindergarten is free -- and it's an important part of your child's success! You can enroll electronically on the Steilacoom Historical School District website, <https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/Page/4179>.

We are already planning for staffing and curriculum needs for the fall. **Enroll now and receive a Kindergarten Welcome Box!** You will also receive important district communications over the summer, including food service and transportation information. Please please contact our Enrollment Department at enrollment@steilacoom.k12.wa.us or (253) 983-2228 for assistance.

Sunnyside Beach Community Clean-up:

Join us Saturday, June 4 from 8-9:30 A.M.

Steilacoom Public Works will provide grabbers and bags, but it is suggested to bring gardening/work gloves if you have them. Please feel free to reach out to Liz Grasher with any questions at elizabeth.grasher@ci.steilacoom.wa.us. Sunnyside Beach Park address: 2509 Chambers Creek Road. See you then!



GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE



The Steilacoom Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 to 12:00 in the Multipurpose Court on Lafayette Street next to the Bair Bistro. There will be a variety of plants: perennials, annuals, groundcovers, shrubs, bulbs, and vegetable and herb starts. This is a great time to fill up your garden with some new and different plants. Garden-related items will also be on sale. And do not forget Mother's Day is the next day!!!

Proceeds from the Plant Sale support the Garden Club civic projects including the flowerpots downtown, the Scarecrows around town and the Scarecrow contest in the fall, and the Christmas swags for businesses and for the 42nd Military Memorial. The Garden Club has been providing civic beautification projects for Steilacoom since the 1920's, so this is an organization you want to support.

DONATIONS OF PLANTS are needed! We appreciate your support by bringing plants to the site the previous day with a label (so we know how to sort them). We ask that no invasive plant species be donated, e.g., Shasta Daisies. Plants can be brought to the Multipurpose Court between 4:00-6:00 on Friday May 6th or at 7:30 Saturday morning.

Library Exploration Series:

The Friends of Steilacoom Library and the Pierce County Steilacoom Library present the award winning author, Steve Olson for the final presentation in the 2021-22 series on Friday, May 13 at 2:00 pm via zoom. Mr. Olson, sponsored by Humanities Washington, will present on “Atomic Washington: Our Nuclear Past, Present and Future”. A long time Washingtonian, he grew up in Othello, just 15 miles away from the closest nuclear reactor at Hanford. He is the author of “Mapping Human History” and “Eruption: The Untold Story of Mt. St. Helens”. His most recent book, “The Apocalypse Factory” tells the story of Plutonium and the making of the Atomic Age and contains significant information on Hanford. To register go to the Pierce County Library Web Site (piercecountylibrary.org), click on the calendar, select May 13 and the presentation.

Little Free Pantry:

The Town of Steilacoom in partnership with the We Love Steilacoom Association and the Lakewood Rotary are sponsoring a Little Free Pantry at the Community Center. Stop by and drop a nonperishable food item off or if in need, pick something up.

We Love Steilacoom Association – Steilacoom Food Bank:

The We Love Steilacoom Association operates a food pantry/bank located at the Steilacoom Community Church, 1603 Rainier Street, Steilacoom, Washington, 98388. You do not need to be a member of the Church to obtain assistance through the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry has weekly distributions on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Preregistration is not required. For an emergency food need or if you would like additional information, contact Paul Loveless at 253.581.1912.

Ron Lucas Classic Golf Tournament:

The Steilacoom Historical Museum Association presents the 2022 Ron Lucas Classic Golf Tournament on May 14, 2022. The 9-hole scramble will take place at the Meadow Park Golf Course.

Register and pay online by May 11 at tinyurl.com/shmagolf

Cost

- \$50 – Individuals
- \$180 – Foursome

Prizes

Questions – Contact Paul Loveless at 253.581.1912 or paul.loveless@ci.steilacoom.wa.us