

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Ron Lucas and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: September 11, 2020
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – September 15, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82828930684>

Planning Commission – October 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Civil Service Commission – October 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

Preservation and Review Board – September 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86233053438>

(*) Meetings are being conducted via Zoom. Additional information is on the applicable meeting's agenda.

Council Future Agenda "Look-Ahead" Issues:

Copies of the Agenda and staff reports are available at all Town facilities once published. The Agenda and Council meeting minutes are posted to the Town's official website once approved.

Community Services:

Fall Childcare:

The Town will be providing childcare this Fall from 6:15 AM to 5:45 PM at Cherrydale School.

Registration is currently open. Additional information is available on the Town's official website or contact the Community Center at 253.581.1076. <https://townofsteilacoom.org/156/Youth-Programs>

Public Safety:

Over the past week, 97 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

- 7 medical aid responses
- 23 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 8 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 3 incidents of domestic disturbance
- 11 traffic stops
- 3 parking enforcement responses
- 3 alcohol/narcotic possession response
- 1 death investigation
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Since July 30 and until further notice, the Pierce County Fire Marshall has declared a county-wide burn ban. This ban includes prohibiting the use of charcoal as a fuel in portable devices, such as barbeques. Additional information, to include how to report suspected violations, may be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6rcn69t>

Suspicious Activity:

If you observe suspicious activity, please contact Public Safety - non-emergency number – (253) 798-4721 as soon as possible. To anonymously report suspicious activity please email the Department at crimetips@ci.steilacoom.wa.us

Public Works:

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued vactoring catch basins; swept streets; removed damaged trees, branches, and other debris from last weekend's windstorm; maintained regional stormwater facilities; restriped the Union Avenue parking lot along with shifting wheel stops in preparation for installing a fence; and performed other maintenance activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew replaced two faulty secondary boxes on Montgomery Street, conducted a planned power outage on 5th Street to energize new services on Linda Lane; responded to an unplanned power outage on Shannon Street caused by faulty wiring; performed end-of-month readings; and performed other system maintenance.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Parks Department with the removal of flags and hanging baskets; reviewed 90% plans for the upgrades to the Marietta Street lift station; inspected a side sewer replacement in the 1400 block of Maple Lane; continued hydrant and water meter maintenance; and performed other routine maintenance.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew removed flags and flower baskets including replacement of broken flag brackets; performed buildings and grounds maintenance activities including mowing but especially at the various which are experiencing continued heavy use; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Pierce County Alert:

The fires in East Pierce County remind us of the importance of being connected so that if an emergency strikes, we are informed.

Don't wait until an emergency to realize you aren't connected to Pierce County's emergency alert system.

Through PC Alert residents sign up to receive notifications about emergencies that affect the areas/locations they care about. The service is free and people select what notifications they want to receive and for what geographical areas.

When severe weather hits, flooding occurs or unexpected road closures arise, the county's emergency management system will send out time-sensitive messages. Alerts are also used for missing person bulletins and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Alerts can be received via home, mobile or business phone, email address, text message and more. Users can receive alerts on up to 10 different devices. Users only receive alerts for the areas they choose and will not receive alerts for areas that don't affect them.

Read more on the [Pierce County Department of Emergency Management website](#), [sign up here](#), or text pcalert to 888777 and complete the sign up with your address.

Eckenstam Johnson Road repairs:

What's happening:

Pierce County Ferry riders should expect to see Pierce County dump trucks on the ferry during early morning and mid-morning runs on weekdays from Sept. 14 through early December. Crews will avoid using peak commute runs.

Crews will time their trips to minimize impacts to ferry riders. Loading preference will be given to ferry riders if the ferry is nearing capacity on a run.

The trucks will carry rocks to Anderson Island that are needed for November repair work along Eckenstam Johnson Road. The road shoulder is eroded in three locations following several winter events the past few years.

Hauling information:

We expect to use early morning runs from Steilacoom and late morning runs from Anderson Island. We will review ridership data to refine our schedule.

Crews will conduct general road maintenance on Anderson Island while they wait for the mid-morning runs.

The dump trucks are approximately 30 feet long. They are about 8.5 feet wide, which allows them to fit in one lane. The trucks will haul approximately 2,822 tons of material to the island, ranging in size from gravel up to 3.5-ton rocks.

November repair work:

We will provide additional information about the repair work in the coming weeks, including an expected start date and traffic impacts.

Once the November work starts, ferry riders can expect to see Pierce County pickup trucks traveling to Anderson Island on weekdays. Additional equipment will also be brought over on the ferry, including two excavators that will be staged on the island while work is underway.

Questions – Contact Paul Loveless at 253.581-1912 -- Town's Official Website - townofsteilacoom.org