

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Pro Tem Crumley and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: March 5, 2021
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – March 16, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82576697955>

Planning Commission – March 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89859319444>

Civil Service Commission – April 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86878103286>

Preservation and Review Board – March 31, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496622292>

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

Planning and Community Development:

Public Notices for Applications:

On a trial basis, we are posting public notices for development applications on the Town's official website at <https://townofsteilacoom.org/>. Current applications are:

1. Comprehensive Plan revisions and zoning of the mill site at 4302 Chambers Creek Road.

Planning Commission Meeting:

The Steilacoom Planning Commission will continue their public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021, to redesignate and rezone the mill site property. The meeting is at 6:30 PM and may be accessed virtually via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84058089163>

Community Services:

Childcare:

The Town provides childcare from 7:00 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, 79 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 5 medical aid responses
- 27 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 4 response for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 25 traffic stops
- 1 motor vehicle collision

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of harassment/threats

Crimes against property

- 1 incident of fraud
- 1 incident of motor vehicle hit-and-run

The Public Safety Department wishes to thank Ron Lucas for his service to the town. Mr. Lucas has been the only mayor that most of our officers have worked for, and our organization has certainly progressed during his tenure. Our officers are committed to supporting our community during any periods of transition, and we offer our best wishes to Mr. Lucas.

Free firearm locks are available at our police station. During COVID, please call (253) 581-0110 ahead of time to arrange for pickup of one.

The non-emergency dispatch telephone number has changed. To reach a police officer NOT during an emergency, please call either (253) 287-4455 or (800) 562-9800.

Prescription drug disposal is available at the Public Safety building. During COVID, please call (253) 581-0110 ahead of time to arrange a time to visit us.

For concerns related to Public Safety, the following options are available on the Public Safety page:

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

To report persistent traffic concerns, please submit the following information via email to the department at: traffic@ci.steilacoom.wa.us.

- Location of concern.
- Time of day when the concern occurs.
- Description of the concerning behavior.

No-contact online crime reporting is available. Please see the Public Safety webpage for more details: <https://townofsteilacoom.org/160/Public-Safety>

South Sound 911 has a new non-emergency phone number: 253-287-4455. Please save this number and use for non-emergency police, fire, and medical assistance.

Public Works:

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew cleared and cleaned the culvert between Western Road and Chambers Creek Road; completed various sign repairs throughout Town; completed a stormwater inspection in the 600 block of Short Street; cut and prepared asphalt in various locations for permanent repairs; completed erosion control inspections at various building sites throughout Town; and performed other maintenance activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued installation of conduit and wire in support of the Marietta Street Lift Station project; assisted the Water/Sewer crew with lift station maintenance; performed end of month and end of line

readings; installed temporary power for lot 11 in the Tasanee development; reviewed submittals for the Marietta Street lift station upgrade; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew performed lift station maintenance; reviewed submittals for the Marietta Street lift station project; reviewed 30% plans for the Sunnyside pump station project; inspected new water and sewer connections in the 400 block of Stevens Street and the 2800 block of Marietta Street; continued sewer jetting; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew repaired water valves at the Community Center; commenced mowing around Town facilities; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Historic Stroll

Usher in spring with a healthy and fun Steilacoom event while making an impact on the lives of others at risk of hunger! Sunday, 25 April 2021: Steilacoom Kiwanis 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Historic Stroll to support the We Love Steilacoom Food Pantry. Suggested minimum donation of \$10/person or \$20/family. Choose your start time between 9 AM and noon.

The 5K non-timed, non-competitive event includes scenic views and trails. Local historians and Steilacoom Tribal members will be posted at historic sites along the 1 Mile route, eager to share Steilacoom's fascinating past. Register online with your donation at <http://www.kiwanisclubofsteilacoom.org/run-walk-registration/> by 22 April for a chance to win a unique, custom-made bird house. Up to 2 additional raffle tickets for each sales receipt dated between 17 and 25 April from any Steilacoom business. Drawing will be held 25 April at noon at the SHMA patio. Need not be present to win. All donors receive a Steilacoom Kiwanis bandana. Start and in-person registration will be at the Steilacoom Historical Museum patio at Rainier and Main St. COVID-19 guidelines will be observed. Questions? Contact Nancy Henderson at nehenders@comcast.net.

COVID-19 Update:

The Department of Health has released phases for vaccine distribution. For complete information visit the Department of Health's website. To find out when it is your turn visit FindYourPhaseWA.org. To stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 numbers in Pierce County visit the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website.

Maritime Heritage:

The [Maritime Washington National Heritage Area](http://www.maritimewashington.org) is launching soon—and we're working with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation to chart the course ahead! Help us determine how the heritage area can provide the most benefit by telling us what you value about Washington's maritime heritage and sharing your thoughts on the challenges and opportunities facing our coastal communities. Your input will help determine goals, priorities, and initiatives for the new Maritime Washington NHA. We hope you'll take a moment to share your thoughts! Take the survey at: www.preservewa.org/mwnha-survey.

Steilacoom Ferry Landing Ramp Repair

What's Happening

Pierce County is replacing the main hydraulic cylinder on the Steilacoom Ferry ramp transfer span which will improve the operation of the transfer span. The work is expected to run from March 1 to mid-April.

This work will take place at night Sunday through Thursday from 8:45 p.m.- 5:15 a.m. A barge will provide the contractor with equipment and materials to complete the work. The contractor hired to do the work is American Construction with a bid of \$420,000.

Impacts to the Ferry Schedule

Due to the work, there will be impacts to the ferry schedule:

- The first ferry run will depart from Anderson Island outbound to Steilacoom at 5:15 a.m. Mon.- Thurs.
- The final ferry run of the day will be departing Steilacoom at 8:35 p.m. Mon.- Thurs.
- There will be no impact to the ferry schedule Friday evenings, Saturday morning or evening, or Sunday morning.
- No impacts to the Ketron Island ferry schedule.

Boat Float:

During the construction on the ferry landing, the Town's boat float will be closed to the general public.

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