

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: May 19, 2022
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – June 7, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035934235>

Planning Commission – July 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878669269>

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

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86379823442>

Preservation and Review Board – May 25, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

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

Parks, Community Services, and Environment Advisory Committee – June 27, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81091518976>

Public Safety Advisory Committee – June 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87420723176>

Town Positions Available:

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

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

New Steilacoom Community Garden Needs to Grow Partners, Volunteers:

Here's your chance to sow the first seeds of success in the new Steilacoom Community Garden!

Our goal is to provide a fun place to learn about gardening, grow food for our families, and share our harvest with our neighbors.

While we get organized and search for a site to call home somewhere here in Town, the Dupont Community



Garden is hosting us by providing two large (24x 4 feet) raised-bed garden plots to feed our own families and to share half of what we grow with our food-challenged neighbors through the "We Love Steilacoom" Food Bank. Creating a new community garden is literally a hands-on, "from the ground up" effort. Our ability to set down permanent roots and grow from a seedling of an idea into a real community garden depends on you!

If you are a school, church, service organization, business, sponsor, or nonprofit seeking to expand your community service footprint, a community garden is a perfect partner.

If you would like to volunteer to help create our first community garden - or simply to sign up for free garden space within one of the Steilacoom Community Garden plots at the Dupont Community Garden - please email us at steilacoomgarden@gmail.com or call Carol Saynisch @1-253-988-8790.

Sunnyside Beach Seawall Project:

At the June 7 Council meeting, representatives from Moffatt and Nichol, a coastal engineering consulting firm, will be presenting issues and proposed solutions to the seawall failure at Sunnyside Beach. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Zoom invite <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035934235>

Community Development:

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, 149 Public Safety incidents occurred in town, including the following:

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 12 medical aid responses
- 44 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 8 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 62 traffic stops
- 3 responses for residential/commercial alarms
- 1 response for juvenile-related incidents
- 3 responses for parking enforcement

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of fraud/identity theft
- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance

Crimes against property

- No significant events to report

Significant information:

Since March of 2021, Washington State has been under a state of emergency regarding a crisis of mental health involving our state's youth. Please visit our department website for a list of available resources in Pierce County: <https://tinyurl.com/2yr6tbv6>.

Announcements:

On June 14, at 11:00 am, a test of Steilacoom Alert will be launched to those who have subscribed by that time.

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/ycktkenze> (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 end-of-May due to challenges in receiving two of the HVAC units. The lighting contractor will commence work once the components arrive. The contractor completed working in Town Hall installing additional duct work to obtain sufficient air flow.

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew focused on right-of-way mowing, sweeping, tree-trimming, sidewalk maintenance, and open ditch maintenance; and performed other maintenance activities.

Annual Town Roadside Herbicide Applications:

An initial application of herbicides to combat weeds along road shoulders has started and will continue through August. Targeted noxious weeds and brush control applications will occur through the end of November as needed. Only federal and state-approved herbicides are used.

The Town uses Cheetah Pro and Scythe along rights-of-way adjacent to roads and Mirimichi and Scythe on sidewalks. (The Town previously discontinued the use of Round-up.) Both are applied only by certified pesticide applicators using manufacturer's recommendations and under the guidance and inspection of the USDA. The applicable Safety Data Sheets are available on the Town's official website.

Town of Steilacoom Street crews will also mow, cut brush and trim trees along roads during the spring and summer, however, the extent of this work this year may be reduced due to COVID-19 impacts. The work, which will be carried out weather permitting, is part of the Town's integrated roadside vegetation management program.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew repaired a secondary service in the 2400 block of B Street; coordinated with the design engineers with the BPA/Tacoma interconnection project including reviewing draft plans; continued maintenance on Lakewood street lights in accordance with our agreement; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew assisted the Electric crew with the secondary replacement on B street and repaired the side sewer at the same location; performed inspections at the Steilacoom School District maintenance facility project;

inspected a sewer repair in the 1200 block of Rainier Street; mowed and trimmed around lift stations, pump stations, and wells; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew continued activating drinking fountains and irrigation systems in various parks; mowed, trimmed, and maintained various parks and facilities as the weather allowed; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

The Man Market

The Topside Bar and Grill is excited to host The Man Market on June 11th from 10-3. There will be a variety of vendors for guests to pick up a Father's Day gift, or something for themselves! This Market will feature all things manly, however, there will be something for everyone. The Market is held in the Topside Bar and Grill's parking garage. Each vendor will be bringing their handmade products. The Market is open to all, and the Steilacoom community is invited to come and check out the Market and support these small businesses. Please watch the Topside Bar and Grill's Facebook page at Topside Bar & Grill and Instagram at Instagram @topsidebarandgrill for sneak peeks of what vendors will be joining us.

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 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!

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.

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