

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Muri and Members of the Town Council
From: Paul Loveless, Town Administrator
Date: June 24, 2022
Subject: Updates

Administration:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council Meeting – July 5, 2022, at 6:00 PM. - Hybrid

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83423365695>

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

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

Civil Service Commission – July 7, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81745799008>

Preservation and Review Board – July 27, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82514541455>

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 – July 20, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Zoom Invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85812798271>

Annual Town Roadside Herbicide Applications:

The Town's annual application of herbicides to combat weeds along road shoulders 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.

As part of our annual program, the Town also responds to and addresses issues raised by the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board.

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

Farmers' Market:

The Town of Steilacoom's 2022 Farmers' Market continues every Wednesday through August 24, 2022. The Market runs from 3 PM to 7 PM along Lafayette Street between Pacific Street and Main Street and Wilkes Street between Lafayette Street and Commercial Street. Those streets will be closed from noon through 8 PM.

Summer Concerts:

Summer concerts will commence June 29th with the 204th Army Band. Concerts are held in Pioneer Park and start at 6:30 PM.

Fireworks:

Possession and/or use of fireworks is illegal within the Town limits subject to fines up to \$250 and \$500.

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

Sunnyside Beach Community Clean-up:

Join us Tuesday, July 5th, from 10-11:30 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!

Community Development:

Code Compliance:

The Building Inspector/Code Compliance Officer focused on inspecting construction sites for erosion control measures, follow-up on code compliance issues, and reviewing building permit applications.

Community Services:

Steilacoom Summer Camp (K-12):

- Steilacoom Summer Camps are designed to entertain campers who enjoy indoor and outdoor games, crafts, learning about nature and themselves. Summer camp is located at Cherrydale Primary School and includes a field trip once a week to a local park or hike.
- Camp shirts are a mandatory. T-shirts orders must be made and shirts will be sent to camper's addresses. Order yours here: <https://www.customink.com/g/mxu0-00cj-90qn>
- Pre-registration is required and payments can be made online, by phone, or by check/cash at the Community Center.
- All camps are at least 50% off due to the Town receiving a Summer Enrichment and Experience for Kids (SEEK) Grant
- If you have extenuating circumstances besides Free/Reduced Lunch that you believe qualify you for up to an additional 40% discount (for a total of 90% off), please send an email to marianne.manning@ci.steilacoom.wa.us explaining why you are applying for the 90% discount. All cases will be evaluated individually.

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

Explorers Summer Pre-Camp:

- The perfect first camp experience for ages 3 ½ -6.
- Be Prepared to ... have FUN! Campers will spend a lot of time outdoors, allowing them to connect with nature, use their imaginations and get lots of exercise.
- Location: Steilacoom Community Center
- Pre-registration is required and payments can be made online, by phone, or by check/cash at the Community Center. Late registrations will be accepted until the camps are full.
- Schedule: Pre-camp meets weekly, Tues – Thurs
June 28-30; July 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28; August 2-4, 9-10
- AM camp: 8:30 – 12:30 \$ 97 per week reduced to \$48.50 due to the Town receiving a SEEK grant.
- PM camp: 1:00 – 4:00 \$73 per week reduced to \$36.50 due to the Town receiving a SEEK grant.
- A \$25 deposit per week will secure your child's spot.
- ****All campers need to be able to use the bathroom without any assistance.****

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

Kindergarten Ready:

- Kindergarten is a big step, even for children who have already spent time in preschool. Being ready for kindergarten can make all the difference in your child's kindergarten experience. Kindergarten Ready is a week-long class that will prepare your child for the full day kindergarten schedule. Class activities will develop and build on the skills necessary for classroom success.
- Location: Steilacoom Community Center
Pre-registration is required and payments can be made online, by phone, or by check/cash at the Community Center. Late registrations will be accepted until the class is full.
- Schedule: Monday - Friday, August 15 - 19
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Tuition: \$250 reduced to \$125 due to the Town receiving a SEEK grant; a \$25 deposit is required to hold a spot.

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

Emergency and patrol incidents

- 11 medical aid responses
- 24 suspicious circumstance/security checks
- 2 responses for persons in crisis/welfare checks
- 38 traffic stops
- 2 responses for residential/commercial alarms
- 1 response for animal-related incidents
- 1 death investigation, no suspicious circumstances observed
- 3 motor vehicle collisions
- 1 response for nuisance-related incidents (excessive noise/parties/etc.)
- 2 arrests for driving under the influence
- 1 response for parking enforcement

Crimes against persons

- 1 incident of indecent exposure
- 1 incident of domestic violence/disturbance or protection order violations
- 1 incident of road rage/weapon intimidation

Crimes against property

- 1 incident of online extortion
- 1 incident of vehicle prowling
- 1 incident of threats

Significant information:

This weekend, temperatures are expected to be high. Financial assistance exists for purchase of cooling appliances. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2hbztz8h>.

Increased patronage of Sunnyside Beach is welcome to see during the summer. However, please remember that parking is prohibited within marked bicycle lanes throughout town. Illegally parked vehicles may be subject to fines and impound.

With summer here, please find the following information regarding recreational fires within the Town of Steilacoom:

- For concerns regarding the safety of a fire, please call 911.
- For concerns about air quality related to a recreational fire, please call the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at (800) 552-3565, or visit <https://pscleanair.gov/>
- For additional information, visit West Pierce Fire and Rescue at: <https://tinyurl.com/2md3h2j7>

During the coming months, in response to concerns expressed by our residents, expect to see increased presence of your public safety officers on our roadways helping to reacquaint some drivers with our posted speed limits. Please slow down.

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. Please visit our town website for more information.

Reminders:

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.

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

- Online crime reporting
- Anonymous reporting of suspicious activity
- Reporting of persistent traffic concerns
- Unwanted prescription medication
- Concealed pistol licenses
- Mental health support for youth
- When to call 9-1-1
- Department of Licensing disability and medical designation
- South Sound 911 Emergency Health Profile (A cell phone is required to use this service)
- Injured or deceased wildlife

Public Works:

Building Energy Efficiency/Replacement Project:

The contractor continues testing and adjusting the system to meet design specifications. The lighting contractor will commence work once the components arrive which appears to be mid-July at this time.

Boat Ramp Cleaning;

Town staff are scheduled to clean the boat ramp between June 27, 2022, and June 29, 2022. The work will consist of cleaning accumulated sand off the concrete paneled boat ramp located at 50 Union Avenue (next to the Pierce County ferry terminal) and depositing the sand into the upper tidelands on the nearby beach. No beach sand will be removed from the tidelands and the work is being conducted in accordance with and authorized by HPA Permit #2020-6-215+01.

Streets and Storm:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew focused on noxious weed control; maintained the 5th Street detention pond; maintained sidewalks on Union Avenue; performed inspections for erosion control; attended the annual first aid/CPR training; and performed other maintenance activities.

Electrical:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew met with BNSF staff and worked on the Union Avenue wayside horn mechanical failure; performed a service disconnection at the Marietta Street lift station for the replacement of the panel; attended our annual first aid/CPR training; and performed other maintenance activities.

Water/Sewer:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew coordinated with the contractor to install a switch at the Marietta lift station; performed inspections at the School District's maintenance facility; continued our annual hydrant maintenance; inspected sewer repairs in the 10000 block of 110th Avenue Southwest and the 1200 block of Pierce Street; jetted sewers; mowed rights-of-way; installed water meters to lots 2 and 3 in Norberg Estates; attended first aid/CPR training; and performed other maintenance activities.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds:

Crew Emphasis:

The crew mowed, trimmed, and maintained various parks and facilities as the weather allowed; supported the Farmers' Market; attended first aid/CPR training; continued activating and repairing irrigation systems; and performed other maintenance activities.

Other:

Emergency Food Network is seeking an AmeriCorps Home Delivery Program Associate:

Join the EFN team and be a part of our expanding program delivering groceries to hundreds of food insecure households in Pierce County, WA. EFN's Home Delivery Program has already made an impact on hundreds of individuals and families in our community. This program takes thoughtful management of recipients, volunteers, food inventory, data tracking, and more. We are seeking an AmeriCorps member through Washington Service Corps to assist in the management and growth of this impactful program.

Program Start/End Date:

September 1, 2022 – May 15, 2023 (9.5 months)

Learn more on EFN's website, or contact SamC@efoodnet.org or (253) 584-1040 if you have any questions.

Kayak Rentals:

KayakShare.com is a new self-serve kayak rental available at Sunnyside Beach Park in Steilacoom in cooperation with the Town. You may reserve in advance or rent on the spot (when available) during daylight hours year-round by going to KayakShare.com. See KayakShare.com for details, make sure to wear a lifejacket, and have fun!

4th of July Fireworks Display:

Come experience the fun in the Town of Steilacoom as we join with Americans across the nation in celebrating Independence Day as only our Town can. Lafayette Street becomes the center of our annual family-oriented, old-fashioned, hometown Independence Day Parade, Street Fair, Ice Cream Social, Beer Garden, and Dance.

The highlight will again be the professional fireworks display from a barge on the waterfront. For more than twenty years, Steilacoom has hosted one of the best Fourth of July celebrations and fireworks shows in the Puget Sound area.

Our fireworks are financed entirely by voluntary contributions from private citizens and businesses. Every dollar collected is put directly into the display. The expense to put on a fireworks display of this magnitude is in excess of \$40,000.

If you wish, you can contribute conveniently and securely online at the Town’s official website <https://townofsteilacoom.org/286/Fireworks-Committee> using PayPal or you may mail your donation to:

Steilacoom Citizens' Fireworks Committee
P.O. Box 88207
Steilacoom, WA 98388

A contribution in any amount will be helpful. Donors of \$100 or more are recognized by the Mayor in the “Around Town” newsletter. You can also become a corporate sponsor by donating \$500 or more. Each year this event is planned, organized, coordinated, and set in motion by an all-volunteer group of people from our community. Your financial support of this worthwhile celebration will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your support.

Please visit or thank the corporate sponsors for this year’s Steilacoom Fireworks Display

2022	Level	Website
LeMay/Pierce County Refuse	Gold	https://www.lemaypiercecountyrefuse.com/
Garrett Custom Homes	Gold	www.GarretteCustomHomes.com
RE/MAX Exclusive Steilacoom	Bronze	http://www.steilacoomremax.com
Quality Dentistry	Bronze	https://www.qualitydentistrywa.com/
HomeStreet Bank	Friend	https://www.homestreet.com/
Nyren Chiropractic	Friend	https://nyren-chiropractic-center-llc.business.site/
Lakewood Rotary Club	Friend	https://lakewoodrotary.com/
Sound Tax & Accounting	Friend	www.soundtax.com/
French & Associates	Friend	French@FrenchAsoc.com
Harriet E. Heyda & Associates	Friend	www.ameripriseadvisors.com/harriet.e.heyda

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.

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.

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