



T o w n o f W o o d w a y

23920 113th Place West
Woodway, WA 98020

T o w n I n f o r m a t i o n

T o w n H a l l D i r e c t o r y :

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1140
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Phone	206.542.4443
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Website	www.townofwoodway.com
Public Works Dept Phone	206.542.0183
Public Works Dept Email	publicworks@townofwoodway.com
Police Dept. Email	police@townofwoodway.com
Permit Email	woodwaypermits@comcast.net
Mayor	Carla A. Nichols
Council Meets	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Comm. Chair	George Stead
Planning Comm. meets	First Wed. of the month, 7:00 p.m.

T o w n H a l l S t a f f :

Town Administrator	Eric A. Faison
Clerk Treasurer	Joyce Bielefeld
Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician	Heidi K. Swenson
Public Works Director	Terry Bryant
Public Works Crew	Ben Ellis, Bryan Thomas
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Plan Checker/Bldg Official	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshall	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Arborist	Elizabeth Walker
FIRE DEPARTMENT Edmonds	425.775.4545
POLICE--Town Hall (non- emergency)	206.542.4443
EMERGENCY	911

T o w n C o u n c i l M e m b e r s :

Bill Anderson, Kevin Fiske, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Robert Schillberg

L o c a t i o n s o f t h e T o w n B u l l e t i n B o a r d s a r e :

Town Hall Front Porch	On Timberlane at 239th
On Woodway Park Road at Algonquin	On 114 th West at 239 th
On Chinook Road at 217th	On Willowick Road, north side
On Bella Coola west of Makah	

Woodway Whisper

Spring Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

D O N ' T F O R G E T T H E P A R T Y ! !

In just a few short days we will be hosting a wonderful event for all residents as we officially recognize our fifty years as an independent and very special municipality!

All residents were mailed an invitation in late February but in case you did not receive one, please consider yourself invited and mark your calendars for:

Sunday, March 16th
 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 A short program will start at 5:00 p.m.
 Rosary Heights
 23120 Woodway Park Road



Note: Parking will be limited so please carpool or weather permitting, walk! Police officers will be present to assist with parking at Rosary Heights and neighboring properties.

The reception's chair, Gwen Johnson, and many community volunteers have been working to make this a very special afternoon for all of us. Champagne, cider, and festive appetizers will be abundant. To add to the fun, folks are encouraged to wear '50-s vintage clothing.

A short program will feature highlights from our community's history, recognition of past Town leaders, a '50's trivia contest with prizes, and many opportunities to reminisce and reacquaint ourselves with friends and neighbors.

To assist in planning, please contact Town Hall with your RSVP. Either call 206.542.4443 or e-mail: townhall@townofwoodway.com.

Calling Woodway Parents!

Woodway parents of young children and Woodway grandparents with visiting grandchildren will soon have something to play with! The Town will be receiving a grant from Snohomish County to purchase needed amenities for the Woodway Reserve as well as the purchase of a complete play structure.

The Mayor and Council are soliciting volunteers to consult on what particular types of play structures would be appropriate. If you would like to participate, please call Mayor Carla Nichols at Town Hall, 206.542.4443.

Snohomish County PUD Tree Management

This spring Snohomish County Public Utility District, PUD, will be working in the Town of Woodway's rights of way. As part of the PUD's obligation to provide reliable electrical service to all of its customers, the utility has developed a vegetation management program for tree removal, selective removal of tree growth, as well as careful use of growth regulators and herbicides.

More than half the power outages affecting Snohomish County PUD customers in recent years were caused by trees. The major causes of power outages in Snohomish County are fallen trees and tree limbs that become entangled in lines, wind-blown branches that cross the lines as they fall to the ground, and tree limbs that grow into power lines.

PUD is working closely with the Town of Woodway to preserve trees wherever possible. In accordance with the Town's tree preservation policies, tree removal will only be considered after all options have been exhausted. Options include moving the power pole away from the trees, undergrounding the lines or using a different arm configuration to hold the lines. When trees are determined to be a hazard and tree removal is required, PUD has offered to "reimburse" the Town with vouchers for tree replacement. To date Snohomish County PUD has reimbursed the Town for 5 trees.

Where Does My Property Tax Money Go?

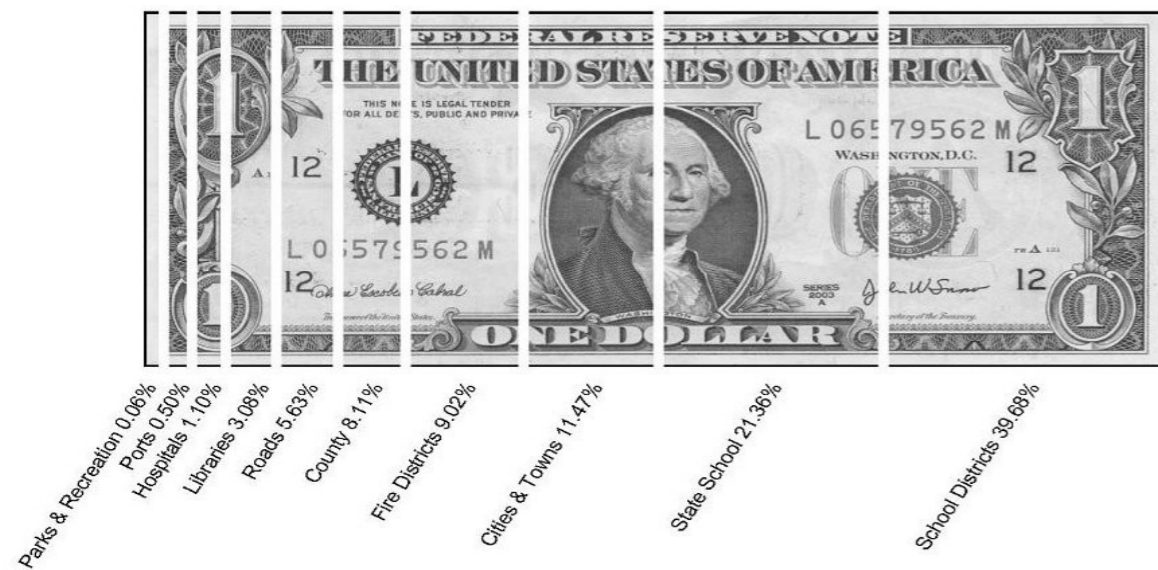
This is a familiar question with some surprising answers. Taxes are not entirely a local matter. State laws plus local levy elections dictate how your tax dollars are spent.

Take a look at the graphic below and you'll see that for every dollar collected from property taxes, your Town of Woodway only receives 11¢.

Woodway's unique organization plus our policy of funding only basic governmental services have successfully kept taxes low. Woodway is lowest in levy rates for all of the cities and towns in Snohomish County!

Snohomish County Distribution of Taxes 2008

\$885,944,926



Notes from your Police Chief

Since the first of the year there have been two burglaries in the town. One was in the North Dogwood area and involved a theft of tools from an unattached shop. The other was on Makah Road in Woodway Estates where items were stolen out of car that was parked in a garage. Both of these crimes involved entry through unsecured doors.

As I discussed with one of the above victims, Woodway is a safe community but residents must do all that they can to avoid being victims. Be diligent in locking your doors, securing windows, and properly using your alarms. Never leave anything in your car; we see many thefts of wallets, keys, electronics, and other "attractive" items that could've been avoided if they had not been left in a vehicle.

Below are some basic around the home security reminders... be smart about your personal safety.

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Exterior lighting should be installed to allow you to see someone approaching your house from the front and/or the back, also for safety on slippery surfaces. Consider motion sensor or photo cell to save on electricity and to extend the life of the bulb. Shrubbery should be trimmed and maintained in such a manner as to prevent someone from concealing themselves from your view.

Items in the yard such as ladders, tools, and equipment

should be secured as they may be used to enter your home.

GARAGE

Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. The opener along with your vehicle registration is another key to your residence. If you plan to be gone for an extended period of time, de-activate your garage door by unplugging it, or throwing the circuit breaker (caution: first check for freezers etc. which also may be on that circuit). In addition, the garage door should be secured by placing a bar through the rail or using a 'C' clamp or other fixture to secure it.

WINDOWS

Secure sliding glass doors and windows by "drilling and pinning" to prevent them from being compromised vertically or horizontally. Commercial pins for this purpose can be purchased locally or a wooden dowel may be used. Check all windows to ensure that they close tightly, no broken glass, and that the locks engage securely.

ALARM SYSTEMS

There are many types of Home Security Alarm Systems. Your particular needs and lifestyles will help you determine the type you may want to purchase. There are local businesses that specialize in this product and offer the expertise you need to make an informed decision. Shop around! Use your alarms but make sure any family members and employees know how to use the alarms to avoid false alarm calls or fees.

Town Council Corner

General Government: New Council Members Mike Quinn and Kevin Fiske were sworn in. Reaffirmed Council member Jim Smith, City of Lynnwood as the Town's Snohomish County Health Board Representative. Designated representatives to various regional committees. Designated Council Member Anderson as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Schillberg as the alternate. Approved a tax and license audit agreement. Approved the 2008 Town Arborist contract.

Public Works & Lands: Heard a report on unpermitted work done by Point Edwards Condominiums within Town's right-of-way. Adopted Ordinance 07-

486 allowing underground stormwater facilities within the setback area of a residential lot. Approved the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and Woodway for improvement to the Woodway Reserve. Approved the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and Woodway for the 2008 Road Overlay program.

Land Use & Planning: Confirmed new Planning Commissioners Jan Ostlund and Tom Howard. Heard audience comments regarding structures in the setbacks. Discussed the setback issues, including children's play structures and recreational vehicles. Approved Ordinance 07-485 amending various sections of the

Woodway Municipal Code relating to Landslide Hazard Areas. Reconfirmed current Planning Commissioners George Stead and Jim Wilmer. Decided that the Town will contract with ESA Adolphson to update the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Ordinance. Heard a report and discussed the proposed road and driveway standards. Adopted the Road Standards/Driveways for Fire Access. Discussed further structures in setbacks, and agreed to schedule two public hearings.

Public Safety: Heard concerns regarding December's rash of car prowls.