

TOWN OF WOODWAY



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

TOWN HALL UPDATE

As has been reported in past Whisper articles, the Council has been discussing Town Hall.

With the assistance of GGLO (our architecture firm), the existing building was assessed for structural deficiencies, then a task force of seven residents was asked to review the project and make recommendations to the Council. The Town shared preliminary sketches of what a new Town Hall would look like at our 2011 Community Fair and at three separate meetings throughout the fall. Last November, we also hosted a Town-wide workshop on the subject.

At the last Council meeting, the mayor and staff were authorized to continue through the design phase

with GGLO and to secure construction bids for construction of a new building. A budget of approximately \$2.3 million has been approved for the entire town Hall project, which includes planning, design, and construction of a 6,462 square foot building.

Here are the most frequently asked questions about a new Town Hall:

Why do we need a new Town Hall?

We have a 50-year-old building that is tired and structurally deficient. It is costly to heat in the winter and it lacks adequate space for our staff (police headquarters resemble a large closet; no shower facilities for our public works crew). There are cracks in foundation posts,

inadequate supports for walls, and our Council Chambers do not have legal emergency exits.

Why does it cost so much for a new Town Hall?

It costs more to build a public building than to build a private home. Our construction costs are affected by the State of Washington requirements that all public buildings be constructed using labor unions' "prevailing labor rates." Labor costs are a major contributor to the total cost.

Will my taxes be raised because of a new Town Hall?

No. A financial plan has been developed that includes a 30-year municipal bond. These rates are at an all time low. Current real estate

GIVE 'EM A BRAKE

With Spring quickly approaching, the Public Works crew will be working in the rights of way throughout Town. We will be mowing, line trimming, and weeding relatively close to the driving lanes. Please slow down and give 'em a brake.



TREE BANK

Will you be removing native trees or shrubs from your yard? Consider donating them to the Town's "tree bank"!

Residents can notify us of plants they would like to donate, and as the Town needs them, we will contact you to arrange pick up/drop off.

If you would like to participate, please call 206.542.0183.

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excise tax revenues will be used as a down payment and annual real estate tax revenues will be used to fund the debt service on the municipal bond. These real estate excise revenues are restricted and cannot be used to fund ongoing services such as fire protection or police services. Additionally, a small amount (less than 5%) of our annual operating funds may be used toward the bond's annual debt payment.

Adequate access for the public.

In the past 50 years, the federal

government has passed laws regarding public access to services. Woodway has not addressed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. To put it simply: if a resident in a wheel chair came to Town Hall and while here, that resident needed to use the restroom, they would have to leave as the doorways and the space within our current restrooms are too small. We need to plan for our future and ADA is part of that equation.

What if the bids are higher than

the budget approved by the Town Council?

The Council has been quite clear that if the bids are higher than the agreed upon amount, the project will be delayed until the Town's fiscal position can accommodate those higher costs.

If you would like more information about Town Hall, please call me on my mobile at 206-618-7777.



A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH RESIDENTS

Currently, we have two ways of communicating electronically with residents:

1. Critical Incident List

Last year, Police Chief Hansen created a "significant event" email list for residents who were interested in receiving timely notices of emergencies in Town that threaten residents' safety. For instance, if a house break-in occurs, the email will alert all interested parties and solicit assistance from residents who may have observed a suspicious vehicle or event that will lead to solving crimes in our community. This list is used for emergencies only!

2. Bi-monthly Town Council agenda and minutes

A number of residents receive these official documents on a regular basis by email rather than by accessing the Town's website. Interested residents should contact Town staff to be placed on the email list.

This list has occasionally been used by the Mayor to send periodic updates regarding the Point Wells development.

Future Communications

We are proposing a new email distribution list whose purpose would be to distribute pertinent community information to residents. It would not replace the

critical incident list, which is reserved for emergency-oriented communication.

The new email list would provide timely updates on community-wide issues such as Point Wells, Snohomish County government actions that affect Woodway, and other local issues of importance.

As the digital world becomes accessible to more people and we get used to instant news, it makes sense for Woodway to have one more mechanism for timely communication. If you are interested in being placed on this new email list, please email townhall@townofwoodway.com.

TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government: Held two public hearings about the 2012 budget. Approved Resolution #11-357, authorizing a 1% increase in property tax. Authorized the Mayor to sign the contract for legal services. Adopted Ordinance #11-531, adopting the 2012 Budget. Adopted Ordinance #11-532, amending the 2011 budget. Discussed the Town Hall project. Designated Councilmember Anderson as Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Saltonstall as the

alternate Mayor Pro Tem.

Land Use & Planning: Adopted Ordinance #11-530, amending Woodway Municipal Code pertaining to the allowable method of sewage disposal for preliminary plats. Approved Resolution #11-358, setting a public hearing date to take public input and consider the vacation of a portion of 240th Street S.W. Held a public hearing on and adopted Ordinance #11-533, vacating the western 160 feet of 240th Street S.W., to accommodate the proposed new



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Town Hall while retaining an easement for future utility use. Adopted Resolution #12-359, accepting the Planning Commission's resolution and intent to adopt the Woodway Shoreline Master Program Update.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

The Planning Commission has completed the required Shoreline Master Program update. In December, they adopted Resolution #2011-02, which forwarded their recommendations to the Council.

In February, they held a public hearing to review some housekeeping amendments to the Woodway Comprehensive Plan

that would update the land use, transportation, and capital facilities/utilities elements.

The amendment of the land use element does not reflect a change in policies, but rather a clarification of the existing text. The changes to the transportation element clarify certain text and address Richmond Beach Drive N.W. to be consistent with the City of Shoreline policy

on volume of daily car trips. The amendments to the capital facilities/utilities elements have been proposed to allow for building a new Town Hall, Maintenance, and Operation Center and would require that enhanced or extended electrical transmission and telecommunication lines be installed underground.

TIMEBANKING IS COMING TO WOODWAY

The SWEL Time Bank launched in Shoreline in November 2011. Timebanks use a low overhead, self-organizing internet-based system to help people exchange their talents, passions, and resources with other members. At its

simplest, an hour you spend doing something for a SWEL Timebank member goes into the bank as a time hour. Then you have a time hour to spend having another SWEL member do something for you. People of all ages are welcome.

For more information about SWEL Timebank, visit www.sweltimebank.org, email sweltimebank@gmail.com, or call Jan Stewart at 206 365-5527.

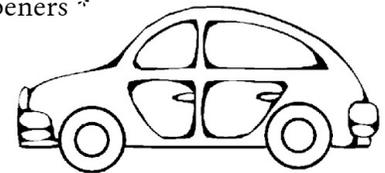
ARE YOU AN EASY TARGET FOR CAR PROWLERS?

Help law enforcement deter theft in our community by making your vehicles a less attractive target for would-be burglars and thieves.

- Keep all your doors, windows and sunroofs shut and locked.
- Install an alarm system and/or a vehicle tracking system.
- Consider using a steering wheel locking device.
- Have a locking fuel cap.
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.
- Take your keys out of the vehicle.
- Never leave a vehicle running unattended.
- Don't leave your garage door opener in your vehicle when parked in front of your house.
- All items with personal information on them should be taken out of the vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas and avoid isolated places.

ITEMS MOST OFTEN TARGETED BY THIEVES

* Purses * Back packs * Wallets * Briefcases * Mail and legal documents * Laptops * Personal electronics * Cell phones * CDs * Sunglasses * Car audio/video equipment * Retail purchases * Clothing * Golf bags * Sporting gear * Medicines * Garage door openers *



STORMWATER – WHAT IS IT, WHERE DOES IT GO ?

Every year, Puget Sound suffers an oil spill equal to more than half an Exxon Valdez; it happens drop by drop. Stormwater from roads, parking lots, and elsewhere carries 6.3 to 8 million gallons of petroleum into the Sound every year, according to Washington State Department of Ecology.

The more porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like our Reserve, wetlands, and grassy areas captures rainwater and allows it to filter into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces



like roads, driveways, roofs, and sport courts prevent the rain water from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. We rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff to nearby waterways.

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into our streams and eventually into Puget Sound. These pollutants include sediment, oil, pesticides, pet waste, chemicals, fertilizers, and heavy metals from roof shingles and motor vehicle brakes. They cause harm to fish and wildlife populations and can foul our drinking water.

What can you do?

- Consider using a porous pavement when replacing your driveway.
- Use fertilizers sparingly.
- Sweep or blow off driveways rather than using a hose.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash rather than in the street or in your driveway; if you do wash your car at home, do so on the lawn so the water can be absorbed.
- Never dump anything down the storm drain! It is meant only for rainwater.

ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS INCONSIDERATE?

You might have been bothered by a neighbor playing loud music, running a chainsaw, or otherwise making a lot of noise at unreasonable times and wondered what to do about it. The Town can help; our nuisance ordinance makes these kinds of intrusions into Woodway's peace and quiet unlawful.

There are two ways to make a complaint. The first is to call 911 and let the operator know that it is a non-emergency call. The operator

will dispatch an officer to investigate the complaint. If an officer confirms that there is a violation, the officer may issue a warning or a citation.

Alternatively, you can come to Town Hall during business hours or mail in a signed written complaint identifying your name, address, and detailed description of the offensive act. An officer will review the complaint to determine if the act constitutes a violation of the nuisance ordinance, and may

issue a warning or a citation.

A violation of the nuisance ordinance is a misdemeanor, with a minimum citation of \$100 for the first offense, and a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and/or one year in jail. We always encourage neighbors to talk to each other and work out problems without involving the police. But, if that option is not available, the Town can help solve the problem.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE IN WOODWAY

Are you interested in learning about transportation options in Snohomish County? SNOTRAC, the Snohomish County Transportation Coalition, strives to address the transportation needs of people unable to transport

themselves due to a disability, age, or income. SNOTRAC has the right resources to help you. There are a number of programs available to Woodway residents to assist with their transportation needs.

Please contact Danette Klemens, Mobility Manager for SNOTRAC at 425.265.2227 or dklemens@sssc.org for more information or to schedule a training session.

BE AWARE OF BALD EAGLE NESTS

There are four confirmed bald-eagle nests located within Town boundaries. Bald-eagle habitat is protected under Washington State's Bald Eagle Protection Rules. If you plan any construction or tree cutting/trimming, you may need a Bald Eagle Management Plan. Even though bald eagles have been delisted nationally and in the state, they remain protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Please visit the Town's website for links to a map of Woodway's protected eagle nest areas; the US Fish & Wildlife Service website, which contains guidelines for avoiding disturbance to nesting bald eagles through use of buffers and timing restrictions; and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website, which contains more information about the state rules and contacts for additional assistance.

Before you begin any work, please review this important information.



A bald-eagle management plan is required for many construction projects and any tree-cutting within 800 feet of an eagle nest.



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Woodway, WA 98020

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TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1307
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Phone	206.542.4443
Town Hall Fax	206.546.9453
Town Hall Email	townhall@townofwoodway.com
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	permits@townofwoodway.com
Mayor	Carla A. Nichols
Council Meets	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Chair	Robert Allen
Planning Commission Meets	1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL STAFF:

Town Administrator	Eric A. Faison
Clerk Treasurer	Joyce Bielefeld
Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician	Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Bryan Thomas Jarrod Romine
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Building Official/Plan Checker	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshal	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Engineer	PACE Engineers
Town Arborist	
Town Hearing Examiner	John Galt
EMERGENCY	911

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Tom Whitson

LOCATIONS OF THE TOWN BULLETIN BOARDS:

Town Hall Front Porch
Woodway Park Road at Algonquin Road
North end of Chinook Road
Bella Coola Road west of Makah Road

Timberlane Road at 240th Street S.W.
114th Avenue W. at 239th Place S.W.
Willowick Road, north side