

TOWN OF WOODWAY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE TOWN IN TRANSITION

Woodway is definitely in transition these days. Our town staff is managing our day-to-day operations from a temporary office trailer located southwest of our old town hall on 114th Avenue W. You can access the office from the north via 114th Avenue W. or from the south via Timberlane Road and Eagle Lane.



Temporary office location

Faber Construction has begun framing in preparation for installing the building's roof. If you haven't seen the progress, take a drive or a walk on 114th to view the exciting changes.

If you are worried that we will be leaving the stark concrete wall on the west side of the property as is, the answer is no! That wall was necessary for structural reasons and we have landscape plans that will camouflage the blocks.



Lower level framing progress



January 2013 groundbreaking ceremony

A huge note of appreciation to all of the immediate neighbors for their patience and support of the construction activities. We are anticipating that the new Town Hall will be completed by this summer.

GARDEN DONATIONS WANTED

Do you have plants in your garden that you want to remove but aren't sure what to do with them? We are looking for plant donations for the new Town Hall and would love to talk to you! Please call Town Hall at 206-542-4443 to see if your plants will fit into our planting plan.

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POINT WELLS UPDATE

From our November newsletter, you might recall that the owners of Point Wells (BSRE) and Snohomish County elected to appeal a Superior Court judge's ruling that BSRE's proposed development was not vested.

Unfortunately, we can now report that the Appeals Court agreed with BSRE and has overturned the Superior Court judge's ruling. BSRE's application is now considered to be vested and permit submission activities can now move forward.

So, the ongoing saga of Point Wells continues. After careful consideration, the Town Council has decided to work with the community group Save Richmond Beach and request that the Supreme Court consider our petition to review the Appellate Court's decision. The Supreme Court is not required to review the decision, and we may not know if they have decided to take up the case for several months.

In the mean time, we continue to express to BSRE our willingness to

negotiate a settlement to this litigation in a manner that addresses their needs and our community's concerns.

If you have questions about the Town's efforts, please contact our Town Administrator, Eric Faison, at 206-542-4443 or eric@townofwoodway.com. You can also submit a comment to the Mayor or Council at townhall@townofwoodway.com.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

It takes the dedication of many people to keep Woodway running smoothly: staff in the Clerk's office, the Public Works department, our police force, and our elected and appointed town officials.

Woodway's Town Council consists of a volunteer mayor and five volunteer council members who are elected for four-year terms.

This fall, three Council seats and the Mayor's position will be up for election.

The council meets twice a month, and, in addition, the mayor and

most council members act as liaisons to various regional groups and committees. These groups and committees can require attendance at two to four additional meetings per month.

If you are interested in serving as Mayor or on Woodway's Town Council, you will need to file your intent to run with the Snohomish County elections office. **The filing deadline is May 17, 2013.** Filing information is available by calling Snohomish County at 425-388-3444 or on their website: <http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/>

Elections Voting/

All Woodway residents are encouraged to get involved in our community. If serving as an elected official won't work for you, please consider volunteering for an upcoming event. Call Town Hall at 206-542-4443 for details on volunteering and how to file for office with Snohomish County.

If you have any questions about the duties of the offices, the time commitment required, or anything else related to serving as an elected official in Woodway, please call Mayor Carla Nichols at 206-618-7777.

STORMWATER UPDATE

In 2007, following a community-wide vote, the Town created a Storm and Surface Water Utility. The Utility's purpose is to regulate the Town's storm water system, and to provide a funding mechanism for its maintenance and expansion. The development of the Utility was in response to a federal law that requires cities in urbanized areas to develop, fund, and implement stormwater plans and regulations for the protection of water quality.

Every developed parcel within the Town contributes to the funding of the Utility. The amount of your utility fee depends on your zone. Lots within the two-acre zone have a higher monthly fee than those in the one-third-acre zone. The amount of the fee is based on the estimated cost to complete projects identified in the Town's Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.

Woodway's adopted Stormwater Plan includes ten projects located throughout Town. They are in the following general locations:

- N. Deer Drive/Algonquin Road
- Makah Road
- South Dogwood Lane
- North Dogwood Lane
- Twin Maples (phase I & II)
- Woodway Park Road
- Chinook Road
- Wachusett Road
- Private Drive 226th Street S.W.

- Woodhaven Place

The Town has aggressively pursued completing these projects over the last five years. All but three have been completed – North Dogwood Lane, Woodhaven Place, and Twin Maples Phase II.

North Dogwood Lane is the least expensive of the remaining projects at a cost of approximately \$100,000. However, it currently is not highly prioritized due to the low number of impacted households, as well as the overall limited scale of the problem. The two remaining projects are the two most expensive projects within the Plan.

The Woodhaven Place project is complex because it is located adjacent to the bluff and the downhill property is not within the Town limits - it is in unincorporated Snohomish County. Attempts to negotiate with the owners of the downhill property for installation of a collection and distribution system have been unsuccessful. At this point, the most cost effective solution is to pump the water uphill to Woodway Park Road. This involves installing a pump station with a redundant backup system and pipe. The project is estimated to cost \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Twin Maples phase II project

is less complex, but still costly. Piping stormwater from Twin Maples is not a viable option. As a result, we will have to rely on an infiltration solution. Our initial cost estimate of an infiltration system is approximately \$450,000. Given the substantial changes needed to install an infiltration system, the Town has held several meetings with residents to discuss the project, addressing issues such as aesthetics, maintenance, and parking. We continue to work on ideas to phase the development, secure grants, or reduce costs.

To provide context on the scale of these three projects relative to available resources, total annual revenue for the Utility is about \$80,000 a year. Of this amount, \$20,000 is used for ongoing maintenance of the existing system, with the remaining \$60,000 a year available to improve and expand the system. With the completion of recent projects, the Utility will have a projected cash balance at the end of 2014 of \$33,000. As a result of this limited funding, Council will be evaluating options and prioritizing the projects this Spring. If you have any questions about the Utility and/or existing or potential projects, please feel free to contact our Town Administrator, Eric Faison, at eric@townofwoodway.com, or by calling Town Hall at 206-542-4443.

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (RFA)

Two years ago, the Woodway Town Council and Mayor agreed to join elected officials from the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Brier, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Mill Creek, and Fire Districts 1 and 7 to explore the feasibility of creating a regional fire service. South Snohomish County officials had been discussing the cost and complexity of fire and emergency medical response services for over ten years and a regional fire authority seemed to be a good option to explore to improve service.

Beginning in March 2011, the group met twice each month in committee meetings and as a large group to discuss all aspects of the potential RFA. The committees developed a level of service plan and a financial forecast model that would provide adequate funding for the RFA. Additionally, the committees created a public communications plan and a governance model.

There were many reasons for pursuing the RFA service model: consolidation of service programs, more efficient use of expensive

public safety resources, and the introduction of a funding mechanism called a “fire benefit charge.” This funding tool would shift some of the financial burden from single-family homes to commercial property and other types of structures that typically use more fire services. At the outset of this planning effort, it was assumed that communities such as Woodway (all single family, no commercial) would benefit from this shift in funding.

A third party consultant was hired to evaluate the progress of the group. The consultant concluded that, while there was much more to be done, the initial planning and financial forecasting were appropriate.

Each entity needed to decide by February 2013 whether they would continue to participate with plans to take this new program to the voting public in the fall of 2013. Each community and fire district had their own unique needs and reasons for researching whether the RFA would be good for them. Ultimately, only Fire District 1 and the cities of Brier and Mountlake

Terrace expressed interest in continuing this planning effort. In the end, the other cities and fire district cited higher costs and, in some cases, loss of municipal control of local fire departments as the reasons they decided not to participate.

For Woodway, our only avenue to participate rested with the City of Edmonds. By state law, all entities of an RFA must form a contiguous land mass. If Edmonds did not join, Woodway would not have been adjacent to the other geographical areas of the RFA and thus, not eligible to join. Additionally, the estimates for the cost of Woodway’s fire services via the RFA were considerably higher and, in the end, not a viable option.

If the remaining parties do form an RFA, Woodway could revisit this proposal in the future if one of two situations occurs: (1) Edmonds decides to join or (2) the state laws regarding boundaries of an RFA are changed. A vote of Woodway residents would be required to allow admission to the RFA.

TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government: Held two public hearings on the 2013 budget. Approved Resolution #12-362, increasing property taxes by 1%. Authorized the Mayor to sign the 2013 contract for municipal legal services. Adopted Resolution #12-363, authorizing the disposal of surplus property and furniture. Approved Ordinance #12-542, adopting the 2013 budget. Designated Councilmember Anderson as Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Saltonstall as Alternate Mayor Pro Tem. Designated representatives to

various regional committees. Approved Ordinance #13-544, approving changes to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Public Works & Lands: Heard updates on the progress of the Town Hall construction project.

Land Use & Planning: Reappointed Jennifer Ange to the Planning Commission.

Public Safety: Adopted Ordinance #12-543, amending Chapter 5.04 of the WMC relating to potentially dangerous dog declarations. Heard a presentation on the Regional Fire



Woodway Town Council

Authority (RFA) funding options by Robert Eastman, Captain/EMS Division, of Fire District 1. Adopted Resolution #13-364, withdrawing as an active voting participant of the Region Fire Authority Planning Committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

The Planning Commission has been preparing for a busy year to come. They are making plans to begin a review and update of the Woodway Comprehensive Plan, as

required by Washington State regulations. This update must be completed by June of 2015.

They will also suggest updates to

the Woodway Municipal Code so that the Town's development code remains consistent with the Comprehensive plan.

REMEMBERING FORMER MAYOR ROSS WOOD

A long-time resident and former mayor of Woodway, Mr. Ross Wood, passed away this past November 12. Mr. Wood was born September 29, 1931, in New York City, attended Cornell University, and received a degree in chemical engineering.

In 1955, Ross married Jeannette R. Picciano, whom many of us know as a former mayor of Woodway and

state senator. The Wood family moved to Washington in 1959 when Ross joined the Boeing Company. He earned a Masters Degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Washington in 1962; after 35 years of employment with Boeing, Ross retired in 1994.

Ross and Jeannette's home was a lively one with six children under one roof!

Ross served on Woodway's Town Council for many years and then as Woodway's mayor from 1994 through 1997. He was also active with Holy Rosary Church of Edmonds, the Stevens Hospital Foundation, Community Transit, and various planning organizations within Snohomish County government.



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Woodway, WA 98020

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NEWSLETTER



TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1307
Business Hours	9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 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	Jarrold Romine Scott Wynne
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 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:

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