

# Woodway Whisper

## Mayor's Message

### Thank You for Many Years of Service

Council members Peter Block and Henry Veldman will be completing their terms at the close of 2007. Both gentlemen have volunteered for many years and have provided leadership and direction for key community projects. Collectively they have given 21 YEARS of service to Woodway.

Council member Block assumed office in 1994. While Peter participated in many Council decisions, the following issues are prominent:

- Negotiator for the Woodway Highlands settlement
- Supporter of the Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Original sponsor of Town's investment strategies
- Guided transfer of sewer system to Olympic View Water & Sewer District
- Chair of the Pt. Wells/Pt. Edwards Advisory Committee

Council member Veldman was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1999 and served as co-chair; he was appointed to the Town Council in 2006. Henry provided a sense of continuity between community planning issues and the legislative role of trying to put those planning ideals into common sense legislation. He also served as a member of the Pt. Wells/Pt. Edwards Advisory Committee.



Council members Block and Veldman receiving plaques of appreciation

We have a lot to appreciate in these two individuals' long-term service to our community. As you see them around Town, take the time to personally express your appreciation. As your Mayor, let me be the first to say *Thank you.*



### Arbor Day and Tree City Award

Mayor Nichols issued a proclamation that recognizes October 22<sup>nd</sup> as Woodway Arbor Day. The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska and over one million trees were planted.

This year on Woodway Arbor Day, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources presented the Town of Woodway with the Tree City award. The award, consisting of plaque, flag and signs were given to the Mayor and the City Council after a tree ceremony had been preformed earlier in the day. Mayor Nichols, Councilman Anderson, Councilman Schillberg and Town Administrator Eric Faison, *all pictured at left*, assisted in the planting of a Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*). Both the plaque and the flag can be seen at Town Hall. The Tree is growing on the corner of 240<sup>th</sup> and Timberlane Road.

### Community Involvement

Have you driven over Deer Creek Bridge lately? Woodway resident Sonja Cobb, *pictured*, braved the elements to decorate our bridge recently. This tradition, now in its second year, provides Deer Creek Bridge with evergreen swags that truly add to our Town's holiday spirit. Sonja, the Town of Woodway thanks you!!



### Town Hall Operating Hours

Starting in January 2008, Town Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to better accommodate residents' and contractors' work schedules. No more knocking on the locked door!

### Business License Reminder

If you are planning any home improvement projects, be sure to check with your contractor to confirm that they have a license to conduct business within the Town of Woodway.

### Pet Tags

If you have a pet, please stop by Town Hall to purchase a pet tag. To better serve our pet owners and to be compliant with our local animal control ordinance, these tags are necessary.

### Storm Water Bills Are Coming

Based upon a general community vote last year, a storm water utility was approved, followed by Town Council action which authorized the creation of the utility effective July 2007.

As you may recall, residents' rates are based upon the average amount of existing impervious surface (such as rooftops, patios, driveways) in each of the Town's four zoning districts. Rates will be the same for all residents in a particular zone. The base fee for all residents is \$7.42 per month. The second portion of the fee is based on the zoning district. **The totals that follow are your approximate 6-month totals.**

- Woodway Highlands neighborhood: **\$77.**
- Residences located on Berry Lane, Eagle Lane, Heberlein Road, Quail Lane, Richmond Beach Drive, portions of Timberlane Road, Totem Pole Lane, Woodhaven Place, 112th Place W., 113th Place W., 114th Avenue W., 115th Place

W., 116th Avenue W., 240th Street S.W. (Ivy Lane), and in the Twin Maples neighborhood: **\$75.**

- Residences located on Bella Coola Road, portions of Chinook Road, Makah Road, Nootka Road, 106th Avenue W., and 226th Place S.W.: **\$99.**
- Residences located on Algonquin Road, portions of Chinook Road, N. Deer Drive, S. Deer Drive, N. Dogwood Lane, Dogwood Lane, S. Dogwood Lane, Dogwood Place, Kulshan Road, Point Edwards Place, portions of Timberlane Road, Wachusett Road, Whitcomb Place, and Woodway Park Road: **\$114.**

To assist with personal budgeting, plan on receiving a utility bill in January and July of each year. Instructions for bill payment will be included in the statement mailed to you in January 2008.

### Storm Water Projects

Now that we are going to have an additional bill in the mailbox, you probably are wondering just what that bill will be paying for. Here is a list of the first eight projects that have been approved for funding:

Twin Maples	Completed in 2007	\$50,000 *
Woodhaven ROW Improvement	Scheduled for 2008	\$73,000
Woodhaven Conveyance Project	Scheduled for 2008	\$103,000
Wachusett Conveyance + Catch Basins	Scheduled for 2008	\$57,000
North Deer & Algonquin	To be scheduled	\$29,000
Woodway Park Road	To be scheduled	\$60,000
Makah Road	To be scheduled	\$49,000
Chinook Road	To be scheduled	\$47,000

\*Estimated budget for engineering design and construction costs

Future Whisper articles will provide periodic updates on these storm water capital projects.

1958 was a very good  
year . . .

Ike was President,  
Mamie was wearing hats,  
**Woodway** was created!

1958 was a special year in the history of our community as that was the year the Town incorporated. 2008 marks our halfway mark to our first century. Stay tuned as Town government will be planning several events to commemorate this milestone in our local history.

### A Note From Your Fire Marshall

So where are you and what is your emergency? Seconds on the clock may literally mean the difference between minor damage or major catastrophe, or life or death. Well-marked addresses shown **AT THE STREET** help firefighters and paramedics find you fast, quickly identifying which driveway or gate leads to your home. At a minimum, always post numbers on your house whether you can see them from the street or not.

There are no specifics for what type of sign or numbers to post, however, the following suggestions will help emergency responders best identify the way to your emergency. Six-inch numbers with 3/4-inch wide stroke is recommended. While your numbers may be larger or smaller, the key is this: can an average person read it legibly from the street? Contrast the color of your address numbers with the background where they are mounted. Brass is difficult to see on any background. Nighttime visibility is a consideration since emergencies don't always occur in daylight. Reflective letters and/or sign stock, or electrical illumination work very well.

## Public Works News

With fall over and winter in full swing, leaf collection has been an ongoing activity for the Public Works crew. Besides the aesthetic appeal, leaf collection helps to prevent flooding by keeping catch basins clear. The leaves are composted and then used on the Town's flower beds in the spring. Leaf collection takes place near the road edge, so please keep a watchful eye for the public works crew.

Are you ready for a winter storm? Winter in Woodway can bring

### Fire Training in Woodway

Woodway resident Leif Hellenen donated his vacated residence to the Fire Department for non-burn training purposes rather than performing a traditional demolition. This gesture goes a long way in assisting the Fire Department in their training needs and our Fire Department was grateful for the donation.

The firefighters used smoke to simulate fire conditions, and

high winds and stormy conditions. High winds can bring down trees and limbs that can knock down utility lines. Town hall has leaflets that can help you prepare for such emergencies. Stop by, pick one up, and be ready!

Speaking of downed limbs, the Town of Woodway offers chipping service at a rate of \$84 per hour, charged in 15 minute increments. Public Works chips on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month. Call (206) 542-0183 to schedule your chipping.

practiced traditional search and rescue techniques. After the training has been completed, the shell will be destroyed traditionally. The Hellenens plan to rebuild and continue to raise their family in Woodway.



### Town Council Corner

**General Government:** Council was informed that the State audit will begin in November. An audit of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) earnings was reported to the Council. Ordinance 07-480 was approved, authorizing deferred benefit compensation payments to current and former staff. The Investment Committee recommended that the Town's investment policies be reviewed and one new CD be purchased. A public hearing was held to introduce the preliminary budget to the Council and public. Passed resolution 07-320 naming the Clerk/Treasurer as Auditing Officer. A budget work session for 2008 was held. Heard a presentation on the Brightwater Project.

**Public Works & Lands:** Chinook road was reopened after Council approval. Council agreed to proceed with the LID drainage concept for the Woodhaven storm water project. The Town was proclaimed a Tree City USA. The Beautification Committee requested some actions be taken by the public works crew.

**Land Use & Planning:** Heard a presentation on the Edmonds Crossing project. The scope of the anticipated project was discussed, including concerns over additional noise for the Estates neighborhood. Driveway standards were reviewed and continued discussion of the proposed updates to the steep slopes ordinance. Discussed structures in the setbacks (play structures). Reaffirmed Town policy to allow underground storm water facilities to be located in setbacks.

**Public Safety:** Snohomish County Solid Waste requested that cities/towns identify a central location for refuse in an emergency. Council authorized the purchase of reflective road closed signage.

**Building & Municipal Services:** Council denied a request to have the Edmonds Fire Dept. perform a controlled burn, and opted instead for a non-burn training situation. WMC chapter 13.04.30 was amended to clarify when building permits may be submitted in relation to new subdivisions.

### Planning Commission Update

Recent action and discussion:

- Based on information provided by Snohomish County PUD regarding effectiveness, cost, private property tree removal, maintenance, etc. we recommended against installing Town-wide underground utilities.
- Approved a Code Amendment for timing building permits and subdivision platting.
- Approved recommendations for consistency in administering development applications within a geologic hazard area.

- Discussed updates regarding recent Short Plats.
- Approved Boundary Line Adjustment for 22829 Park Road.
- Approved the Six Year Street Plan for 2008.

It was with mixed feelings that the Commission congratulated Mr. Kevin Fiske on his election to the Town Council. The Planning Commission needs to recruit new members. Please consider joining the Commission. You are most welcomed to attend our meetings for a personal look, and to meet all the members. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2 January 2008.



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

23920 113th Place West  
Woodway, WA 98020

«first name» «last name»

«Address»

«City/State/Zip»

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 1:00 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	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
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>

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

Bill Anderson, Peter Block, Kent Saltonstall, Robert Schillberg, Henry Veldman

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 <sup>th</sup> West at 239 <sup>th</sup>
On Chinook Road at 217th	On Willowick Road, north side
On Bella Coola west of Makah	