



# Woodway Whisper

## Spring Newsletter



### Mayor's Message

#### CALLING ALL WOODWAY KIDS AND PARENTS

It is time to have a party. There are so many reasons for us to celebrate:

- We have our first Woodway playground
- It has been lovingly built by a Woodway resident, Dr. John Bush
- The play structure is awesome!!!

On Saturday, April 17th we will dedicate our new play structure and also personally thank Dr. Bush (he's the Community Fair birdhouse builder) for his great job building our play "towers." A brief ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m. followed by light refreshments.

### Point Wells Update

In our last report on Point Wells, we discussed the Council's decision to join the City of Shoreline and the Save Richmond Beach organization in appealing Snohomish County's designation of Point Wells as an "Urban Center." That appeal continues, but a hearing on the case has been postponed voluntarily as we engage Paramount and Snohomish County in settlement negotiations. We also await the County's adoption of Urban Center zoning regulations, which will place more specific design standards on developments within the County's Urban Centers, including Point Wells.

The Town continues to believe that the scale of development allowable under the County's Urban Center designation is inconsistent with the character of the surrounding community. It is the Town's hope that all sides can agree to conditions of development that will be reasonable. Any agreement must recognize the area's inadequate transportation infrastructure, lack of public transit and the limited density within the surrounding established residential neighborhood.

Woodway, Shoreline, and Save Richmond Beach jointly presented Paramount a letter that outlines issues including limiting the amount of traffic that can be generated by development at Point Wells, ensuring that Paramount mitigates any impacts to surrounding communities, maintenance of existing view corridors, and limitations on the height, scale, and bulk of buildings developed at the site. We will also engage the Snohomish County Council in a similar discussion.

If you have questions or an opinion about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Town Administrator, Eric Faison, by email at [eric@townofwoodway.com](mailto:eric@townofwoodway.com) or by phone at 206.542.4443.

#### Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., Town Hall

*Shoreline Master Plan Update Open House*

*Dedication of Woodway's first playground \*NOTE: The date for this event has changed\**

## MARCH 31 & APRIL 17 OPEN HOUSES ON SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Town has received a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Ecology to update the Town's Shoreline Master Plan (SMP). Pursuant to state law, all cities and counties that include "shorelines of the state" are required to keep their SMPs up to date to properly manage use and conservation issues. This is important to Woodway since the entire western perimeter of our Town includes the Sound.

This project gives Woodway residents a chance to articulate local concerns and to make sure that state regulations actually make sense and work for our community.

An important factor in updating the Town's 2002 SMP, is to understand how the Woodway community perceives the shoreline area. The final plan will provide direction on the future uses of our shoreline including Pt. Wells.

The Town invites all residents and surrounding neighbors interested in shoreline issues to attend the one of the following events:

- Open House, March 31 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in Town Hall
- Open House, April 17 between 10:30 a.m. and noon, Town Hall (immediately after the dedication of the new playground)

The Town's environmental consultants and Planning Commissioners will be available at both venues to discuss the plan's shoreline elements and to collect public comments. The Planning Commission will compile and evaluate public comments and prepare an overall vision statement to guide the development of new or affirmed goals, policies, and regulations about the future use and conservation of the Town's shoreline area. Comment sheets will also be available on the Town's website at [www.townofwoodway.com](http://www.townofwoodway.com).

The Town's existing SMP was adopted in 2002 and this new update must be complete by December 2012.

### The Future of Fire Services & EMS

Woodway experiences relatively few calls for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) but this service is our single greatest expense – amounting to approximately one-third of the Town's General Fund budget. Consequently, the future delivery of fire protection and EMS in Woodway remains an item of keen interest.

Previously, the Town contracted with the City of Edmonds to provide the Town with fire protection and EMS. Last November, the City of Edmonds decided to eliminate their fire department and contract for services with Fire District 1. Because of Edmonds' decision, the Town decided to execute a one-year contract with Fire District 1 and to use 2010 to analyze how services should be provided in the future.

The Town has had preliminary discussions with Fire District 1 and the Shoreline Fire Department about the prospect of a long-term contract. Of particular concern for the Town is the ability to maintain steady and reasonable cost increases over time. The Town is also investigating the possibility of establishing its own Fire Department as a means to control costs, with backup services to be provided by contract with Fire District 1 and Shoreline Fire Department. These conversations and our analysis will continue over the next six months.

### Brightwater Construction Update

In an effort to contain costs and construction delays, King County has replaced the contractor for building the Brightwater Tunnel. This decision impacts our community since work will continue at the Point Wells portal site for an additional year.

# COULD THE NORTHWEST AND WOODWAY BE NEXT?

Following the horrific earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, our television screens have reported many sad stories of devastation. The Pacific Northwest is not immune from a future quake and emergency preparedness professionals are poised to train communities to be ready for a variety of natural disasters.

How should your family be prepared?

Do you have an emergency plan?

How could you help your next door neighbors?

Woodway and the Snohomish County Emergency Services Coordinating Agency will answer these questions at a training session for residents scheduled for:

Time: Monday, April 12th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Nancy & Tom Howard's residence  
22439 Dogwood Lane

To assist us in the planning for this training, please RSVP to Town Hall at (206) 542-4443 or email [townhall@townofwoodway.com](mailto:townhall@townofwoodway.com) by April 9, 2010.

## WHAT IS IT, WHERE IS IT, WHY, AND HOW?



What: A 32' X 32' roofed structure, open on all sides, concrete floor + benches.

Residents can enjoy the natural setting of the Reserve. The Pavilion could be the site for picnics, family gatherings, quiet times in the forest.

Where: The Pavilion is located in the central part of the Reserve (closest to Town Hall), in the northwest corner of the parcel.



How: A financial grant from Snohomish County Parks Department funded the materials. Our own Public Works staff constructed the building and installed benches and trail improvements along the Reserve's inner trail.

Why: It's an amenity for the Reserve. Groups of visitors to the Reserve can enjoy a comfortable resting spot (particularly if it is raining); and

Your mayor and Town council would like to make the pavilion available to our community and are desirous of forming a small task force of Reserve Stewards who could assist with supervision of the Reserve (primarily on weekends during the summer months). The goal is to have the Reserve open for resident enjoyment during the late spring and summer months. If you are interested, please contact Town Hall.

### Save the Date!

The 2010 Woodway Town Fair will be on August 14 from 11 am to 3 pm.

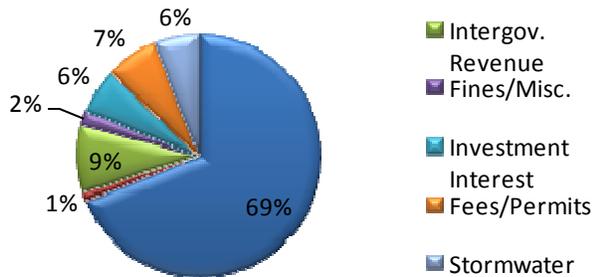
The Town will take part in the Edmonds Fourth of July Parade. Please call Town Hall if you're interested.

If you would like to be included in the Critical Incident email alert list, please send your email address to [townhall@townofwoodway.com](mailto:townhall@townofwoodway.com)

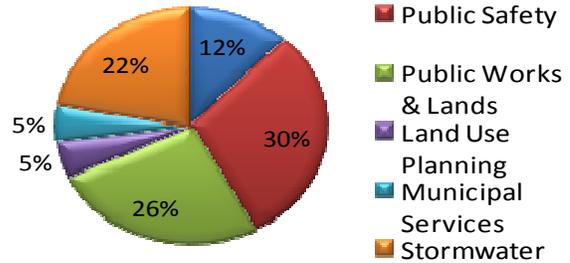
## 2009 BUDGET REPORT

It is a privilege to present to our community a summary of 2009 Town budget and operations.  
 Details are available upon request. Respectfully submitted, Carla A. Nichols, Mayor

### 2009 Program Revenues \$1.9 million



### 2009 Program Budget Expense \$1.9 million



Summary of Services	2008	2009
<u>Police Services</u>		
Woodway officers	1,745 hrs	3,190 hrs
Call-out by Edmonds Officers	97	78
<u>Building Department – Permits Issued</u>		
New Homes	1	1
Remodels	7	4
Clearing/Grading	4	8
Short Plat	1	0
<u>Environmental Protections</u>		
Tree Permits	53	57

### 2009 Stormwater Projects

All of these projects redirected ground water runoff that was either draining onto private property or pooling on our streets and redirected this water into our existing stormwater system.

- Woodway Park Road: Installed 700 ft. of stormwater pipe, 10 new catch basins, restored 600 ft. of bioswale.
- Makah Road: Installed 12 ft. of stormwater pipe, 2 new catch basins.
- North Deer & Algonquin Road: Installed 350 ft. of stormwater pipe, 9 new catch basins.

### 2009 Accomplishments

- Conducted 8 neighborhood meetings. Shared information and gained residents' opinions.
- Sponsored a community vote in August. Voters approved levy rate increase for general Town operations. Voters rejected proposal to purchase Rosary Heights property.
- Appointed Tom Whitson to replace retiring Council member Robert Schillberg.
- Continued dialogue with Snohomish County regarding proposed development of Pt. Wells and its impacts to local community.
- Completed road overlay of Woodway Park Road, south of bridge and the southern portion of Timberlane Road.
- Adopted new critical areas ordinance.
- Installed viewing pavilion and trail benches in the Central Reserve.
- Amended short subdivision requirements.
- Transferred franchise agreement with Verizon to Frontier.
- Completed a state authorized audit with no findings.
- Received \$50,000 grant to update Woodway's Shoreline Master Plan.

### Plans for 2010

- Sponsor Community Fair August 14, 2010
- Dedicate children's playground, April 17, 2010
- Research and develop plan for Town Hall improvements

<p><b>2010 Projected Capital Projects</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asphalt overlay of Dogwood Lane</li> <li>• Asphalt overlay of Woodway Park Road north of Brown Owl Bridge</li> </ul>
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## TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

**General Government:** Approved Ordinance #09-517, amending the WMC to allow for additional administrative enforcement procedures regarding public utility taxes. Appointed Lynnwood Councilmember Jim Smith as Woodway's representative on the Snohomish County Board of Health. Designated regional committee representatives for 2010. Heard a presentation by Bob McChesney, Port of Edmonds, on the future of the Harbor Square complex. Approved Ordinance #09-518, amending the 2009 budget. Directed staff to revise the investment policy. Authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to purchase four Certificates of Deposit. Approved Resolution #10-346, supporting state legislation HB 1744, allowing more flexibility in the use of Real Estate Excise Tax funds.

**Public Works & Lands:** Approved Ordinance #10-519, amending Chapter 11.01.130, Stormwater Utility, changing the due date for stormwater utility bills.

**Land Use & Planning:** Received a \$50,000 grant from the State of Washington to update the Town's Shoreline Master Plan. Confirmed Mayor Nichols's reappointment of Tom Howard and Jan Ostlund to the Woodway Planning Commission. Approved the bluff drainage improvements at the Teal residence. Adopted Ordinance #10-520, amending WMC Title 14 adding provisions for Conditional Use Permits.

**Public Safety:** Signed the Interlocal Agreement for Fire/Emergency Medical Services between Woodway and Fire District 1. Discussed future Fire/EMS services. Approved the agreement for police services with Edmonds. Approved Resolution #10-347, Supporting HB 2351, an act related to funding enhanced 911 Emergency Communication Systems.

### 911, WOODWAY POLICE, & COMMUNITY SAFETY

Our police chief, Doug Hansen, chaired two community meetings with interested residents during the month of January. The purpose of the meetings was to share information regarding how the 911 call system and our local police department work to protect Woodway. The meetings' dialogue focused on strategies to protect private property and persons.

The two meetings were held at Town Hall with standing room only for one of the meetings. A lively question and answer session ensued with conclusions such as:

- Residents should not hesitate to call 911 whenever they observe a questionable activity or person
- Residents should be proactive in creating layers of protection within their homes. Locked doors, **ACTIVATED** security systems, locked cars (even in driveways) and so on. Visit the Town's website to read a detailed article on personal safety
- Residents should get to know their immediate neighbors and be aware of routine cars and traffic. By doing this, neighbors can look out for each other and be alert to unusual situations

Personal responsibility and a proactive strategy to provide "layers" of protection are vital keys for success.

Chief Hansen also pledged cooperation to work with smaller groups of residents who may want to organize a neighborhood block watch program. Contact Town Hall staff if you are interested.

### PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

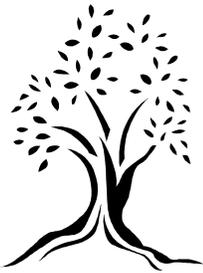
The Planning Commission has started the Shoreline Master Plan update process. They will be hosting two open houses in the next month to garner public opinion. Please see the article about the open houses on page 3.



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Woodway, WA 98020

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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	1180
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	Jim Wilmer
Planning Commission 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. S. Napolitano
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Bryan Thomas, Mike Sears
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Plan Checker/Bldg Official	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshal	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Arborist	Elizabeth Walker
FIRE DEPARTMENT Edmonds	425.775.4545
<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, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Tom Whitson

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 :

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