



# Woodway Whisper



## Summer Newsletter

### Mayor's Message

#### Point Wells: We Need YOU to Get Involved

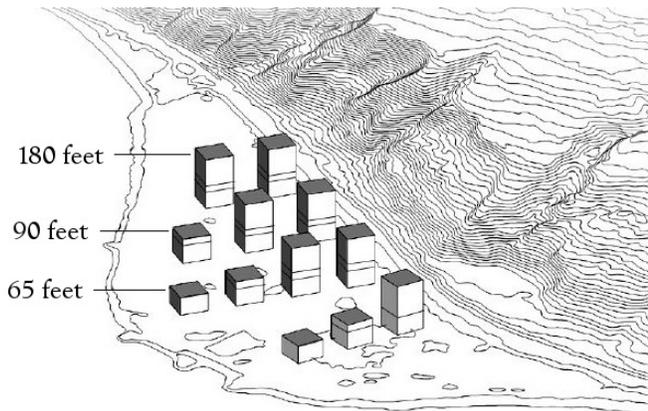
What will the future Point Wells site look like? As a neighbor, what would you like to see at Point Wells? The accompanying drawing and photo are examples of what may become reality.

The property owner requested new development regulations from Snohomish County that would allow up to 3,500 residential units and building towers as high as 180 feet. The City of Shoreline completed a traffic analysis study and determined that the 3,500 unit development would have

significant traffic impacts to local communities. As a comparison, 3,500 units would create a community approximately the same size as downtown Bellevue.

The density being considered will have several impacts on our community: increased traffic on Woodway Park Road, commuter vans traveling between Point Wells and the Edmonds Amtrak station, out of scale buildings located adjacent to single family homes, and views of Puget Sound and the Olympics blocked by building mass, lights, air conditioners, etc. I know many of you care about this, and I want to encourage you to get involved in the comment and planning stages of this development.

Frankly, our Town Council has heard more from residents regarding noise issues than what people want at the Point Wells site. What's most important to us and our future as a community? While I have not received any official proposal from the owner of Point Wells, this is when preliminary plans are being made between the project's architects, the owner, Snohomish county and surrounding communities.



Aerial drawing of potential building heights and locations at Point Wells.

See **GET INVOLVED** on page 2

#### Mark Your Calendars:

**Saturday, August 14, 2010**  
11 am to 3 pm, at Town Hall

*Join us at the Town Fair! Come by to enjoy lunch, live Dixieland jazz, children's activities, pony rides, information booths, a book swap, pie contest, lattés and Italian sodas, and more!*

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help with the fair. Students, if you need service hours, this is a fun way to get them. We also need adults to supervise some of the activities. If you are interested, please contact Town Hall at 206.542.4443.



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Snohomish County zoning requires the developer to hold community meetings to gather input from nearby residents. Those meetings are set for:

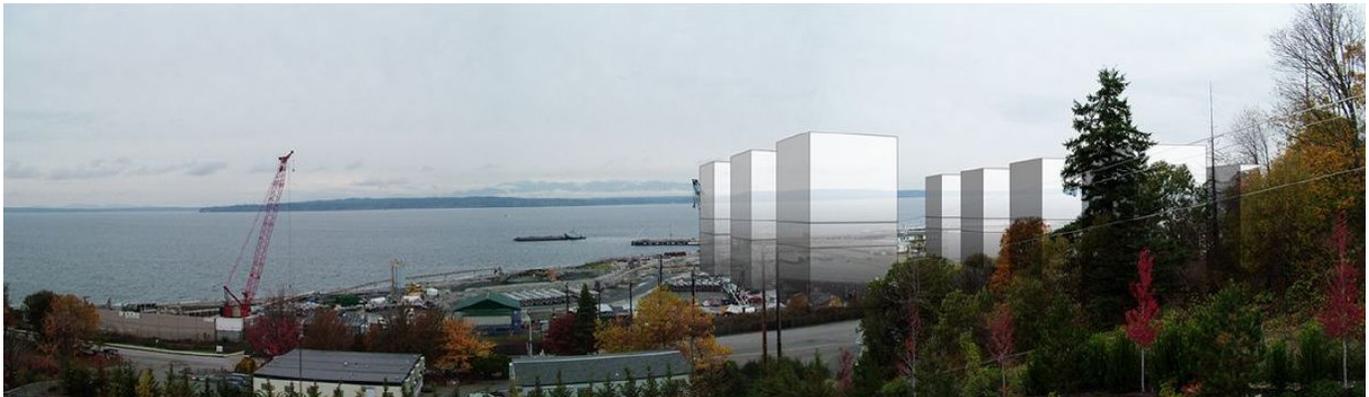
**Tuesday, July 27: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Edmonds Conference Center:** 201 4th Avenue N., Edmonds, WA 98020

**Thursday, September 23: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center:** 18560 1st Ave NE Shoreline WA 98155

While Town staff and I have been active in following these issues, it only becomes meaningful when residents get involved. If you care about Woodway's future, then NOW is the time to act. Woodway might be "quiet" but now is the time to have opinions on this important issue!



Drawing of potential buildings superimposed on a photo taken from Richmond Beach Drive.



**BIKE SAFETY EVENT AND TIPS**



**READY TO ROLL**

Fire District 1 is hosting a bike safety event at Edmonds Fire Station 20 on **July 24 from 10 a.m. to noon**. The fire station is located at 23009 88th Avenue West, Edmonds WA. They will have a bicycle skills course, tours of the fire engine and medic unit, and helmets available for those who do not yet have one. Please join them for a fun and informative time!

**Establish the helmet habit early**

Have your children wear helmets as soon as they start to ride tricycles and if they are a passenger on the back of an adult's bike. If they learn to wear helmets whenever they ride tricycles and bikes, it becomes a habit for a lifetime. It's never too late, however, to get your children into helmets. Allow your child to participate in choosing their helmet. They'll be able to let you know if it is comfortable. And if they like the design, they are more likely to wear it.

**Wear a helmet yourself**

Children learn best by observing you. Whenever you ride your bike, put on your helmet. Plan bicycle outings during which all family members wear their helmets to further reinforce the message. The most important factor influencing children to wear helmets is riding with an adult who wears a helmet. Talk to your children about why you want them to protect their heads.

**Don't let children ride their bikes unless they wear their helmets**

Be consistent. If you allow your children to ride occasionally without their helmets, they won't believe that helmet use really is important. Tell your children they have to find another way to get where they are going if they don't want to use their helmets.

**Encourage your children's friends to wear helmets**

Peer pressure can be used in a positive way if several families in the neighborhood start making helmet use a regular habit at the same time.

## AUGUST 14 IS WOODWAY'S DAY TO PLAY!

The annual community fair will be held on Saturday, August 14 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The usual events plus some new children's activities are being planned. We are again asking residents to bring books for our second annual book swap. We are also encouraging residents who have a local business (honey, plants, craft items, etc.) and would like to display and sell wares to contact Town Hall. Please, this is a proposal offered only to Woodway residents. For the first time, we will have an espresso cart at the fair! Espresso beverages and Italian sodas will be complimentary, but you are encouraged to make a donation.

The schedule includes:

- 11:00 BBQ grills are fired up and the band starts the festivities
- 11:30 Children's bike parade
- 11:30 Deadline for delivering entries for the pie contest
- 1:00 Short program followed by children's entertainment
- 3:00 Close of events



While our barbeque is free of charge, you may want to bring money for one or all of the following: a 2010 fair commemorative children's t-shirt, a t-shirt to tie-dye (both adult and children's sizes), or to make a donation for pie or coffee. So before end of summer vacations and the start of school, soccer, and football seasons, let's kick back and enjoy our wonderful community! See you at the Fair!!

### A N O T E f r o m C h i e f H a n s e n

A reminder to all residents...you have access to the Town's ordinances via the Town's web page and I encourage you to read them.

**Why is this important?** Recently, our officers have had to spend time on complaints where residents have not complied with some of our most basic ordinances. As an example, Chapter 6.08 of our ordinances covers those things affecting public peace and safety. Officers have had to respond to several noise complaints that are clearly covered by ordinance.

Please notice as you read through the ordinance that there is no time of day specified for activity that violates the ordinance, it is in effect at all times. Many of our residents have lived here or moved here to enjoy a "quiet place" and respectfully request that as good neighbors the Town's ordinances be complied with for the common good. Please be a good and lawful neighbor.

As an example, Section 6.08.031 states (paraphrased):

It is unlawful and shall constitute a public nuisance for any person to knowingly cause or make, or to allow to originate from their property, unreasonable noise that intrudes upon the property of another.

- A. Public disturbance noises shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
1. Sounds made by any domestic animal.
  2. Sounds made by any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except for emergency vehicles.

3. Sounds made in connection with any motor vehicle or motorcycle.
  4. Sounds made by the use of a musical instrument, a whistle, or a device capable of producing or reproducing sounds.
  5. Amplified sound audible fifty feet or more away from its source or which is plainly audible within another building or structure.
- B. The following sounds are exempt when performed between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m.:
1. Sounds relating to the maintenance or repair of homes and grounds.
  2. Sounds originating from construction sites.
  3. Sounds created by the construction, installation or repair of public utility services or public facilities.
- C. Enforcement. Whenever a complaint is received and a violation is verified to be in-progress by the responding Police Officer, or whenever it is stated in writing that any person is violating this ordinance, and a Police Officer has determined that such activity would constitute a violation, the Police Officer shall advise the person of the violation. Failure of any person to cease shall be considered a second violation of this section.
- E. Penalty. This could result in a misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or ninety days in jail, or both. A minimum fine for the first violation shall be one hundred dollars, and a minimum fine for a second or subsequent violation shall be twice the amount as for a first offense. (Ord. 07-476 (part), 2007)

## TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

**General Government:** Amended the Investment Policy. Adopted the Interlocal Agreement between Olympic View Water & Sewer District and the Town regarding cross connection control of water systems.

**Public Works & Lands:** Approved Ordinance #10-521, Amending Chapter 2.44 relating to Small Works Roster.

**Land Use & Planning:** Approved the professional services agreement with Bill Trimm for planning services for the Town of Woodway.

**Public Safety:** Approved a resolution supporting Woodway's participation in the community notification system for emergency events, MyStateUSA . Approved Resolution #10-349 in support of Bicycle Education Skills and Safety Training. Authorized mayor to sign the Traffic Violations Bureau Agreement.

**Building & Municipal Services:** Adopted Ordinance #10-522, amending Title 14 of the WMC related to zoning provisions, including calculation of building height and lot coverage. Adopted Ordinance #10-523 adopting the 2009 building codes, and excluding Appendix S, which would have required residential fire sprinkler systems in all new homes.

## PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The Planning Commission has been working on the Shoreline Master Program update. Alex Cohen and Margaret Clancy of ESA Adolfson have presented the initial shoreline inventory and are working on proposed amendments.

Farewell to Commissioner Heather Frank! We appreciate your enthusiastic service and dedication to Woodway.

## POINT WELLS UPDATE

In March, the Woodway Whisper included a report on Point Wells that indicated that the Town was working with the City of Shoreline and the community organization Save Richmond Beach in appealing Snohomish County's designation of Point Wells as an "Urban Center." This collaborative effort continues. Since that time, the County has moved forward with the adoption of zoning regulations to implement the Urban Center designation. The Town will appeal these regulations as well.

The Council's primary concern is that the County's Urban Center zoning was designed to apply to all designated Urban Centers throughout the County (most of which are located along I-5 or a State highway). As a result, the regulations would allow development at Point Wells that is probably more appropriate in areas supported by substantial transportation infrastructure. For example, the zoning would permit the construction of buildings as high as 180 feet and allow a population density exceeding that of all of Richmond Beach.

While appealing the regulations, we are simultaneously working with the City of Shoreline on a draft interlocal agreement, which will be negotiated with Snohomish County. This agreement, if approved by the County, would ensure that Paramount mitigates any impacts on the infrastructure of surrounding communities and maintains existing view corridors. It also would place limitations on the height, scale, and bulk of buildings developed at the site.

As we proceed with these negotiations, the developer of Point Wells is hosting two meetings to hear community concerns and ideas. Please see page 2 for information on times and locations of the Point Wells Developer's Community Meetings.

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.

## WOODWAY'S PLAY AREA DEDICATION

Woodway's play area was officially opened in April. The downpour of spring rains did not dampen the excitement of the Woodway's children and parents who came to show their appreciation for Dr. John Bush's craftsmanship in designing and building the play structure. Thank you, John, our local hero!

John sent the following to Town Hall after the dedication:

Dear Woodway Friends and Neighbors,

Wow!! What an incredible honor. I didn't anticipate recognition for working on the playground. The ceremony was wonderful, and the dedication is greatly appreciated.

I enjoyed learning new techniques while building all the structures, and I had a valid excuse to buy lots of new tools. It's important to thank Mayor Nichols for getting the park project "off the ground" and her constant support, and the City Crew, Terry, Michael, and Bryan.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the gift fund. My very own Tig welder. What a generous gift. I have wanted one for a long time, but would never have bought one for myself. Thank you. thank you.

It's great to see the kids enjoying the playground now as I'm sure they will for years to come.

Thanks to all and best wishes,

John Bush



Mayor Nichols and Dr. John Bush at the dedication



### ATTENTION ALL WOODWAY BAKERS!

Get ready for our fourth annual pie baking contest at the annual Woodway Town Fair on August 14. This year, any fruit based pie will be encouraged. So gather up some fabulous summer fruit and your rolling pin, and show us what you've got!

Details: Entrant must be a resident of Woodway, no store bought pie crust or filling, and one pie per contestant.

## Brown Owl Bridge Inspection

In early July, Public Works Director Terrance Bryant worked with employees of Washington State and Snohomish County to inspect our bridge. Washington State Department of Transportation requires that all bridges be inspected annually. Additionally, once every five years, a major, more in-depth inspection, including an Under Bridge Inspection, must be performed. These inspection services are currently being offered by the State of Washington at no cost to cities with a population under 5,000. The truck and operator cost \$800 per hour so this is a significant savings for the Town to ensure the health and safety of the Brown Owl Bridge.

This year, the Brown Owl Bridge received its major inspection. The entire span of the bridge was inspected and the Town will be receiving a detailed report in November. Additionally, Snohomish County Local Agency Bridge Engineer Grant Griffin will come and speak about the health of the bridge to the Town Council after the report has been finalized.



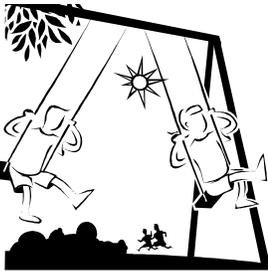
A bucket operator assists a Snohomish County bridge engineer during the bridge inspection.



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

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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	<a href="mailto:townhall@townofwoodway.com">townhall@townofwoodway.com</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.townofwoodway.com">www.townofwoodway.com</a>
Public Works Dept Phone	206.542.0183
Public Works Dept Email	<a href="mailto:publicworks@townofwoodway.com">publicworks@townofwoodway.com</a>
Police Dept Email	<a href="mailto:police@townofwoodway.com">police@townofwoodway.com</a>
Permit Email	<a href="mailto:permits@townofwoodway.com">permits@townofwoodway.com</a>
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  
Woodway Park Road at Algonquin Road  
Chinook Road at 217<sup>th</sup>  
Bella Coola Road west of Makah

Timberlane Road at 239<sup>th</sup>  
114<sup>th</sup> West at 239<sup>th</sup>  
Willowick Road, north side