

# Woodway Whisper

## Fall Newsletter

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### Mayor's Message

H a t s o f f t o H e a t h e r

- The 2007 Community Fair was a great success.
- Chinook Road is now open to traffic
- New Town employees are introduced to the public



Heather Frank,  
Community Fair Chairwoman

The fifth annual Community Fair was chaired by Heather Frank and what a fabulous job she did!! An energetic mother of two boys, she carefully organized all of the events. She brought new music, the Uptown, Lowdown Jazz Band, the first ever apple pie baking contest and our magician and bubbleman. This wonderful person spent months scheming, worrying and producing a wonderful Town Fair. Thank you, Heather!!

What I loved about Heather was her openness and willingness to give back to her community. It's infectious and I hope you're catching the "fever." Every community needs a "spark plug;" and Heather is ours. Thank you!

#### Mayor's Message

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### Official Stewards Recognized

Drs. Lanita and John Wright were honored at the Fair for their long time support of our community. The Wrights routinely walk our streets and enthusiastically pick up litter. Our Right-of-Way lands get personal attention from the Wrights. Thank you!!



Official Woodway Stewards

### Attention Woodway Woodworkers

If you didn't get a chance to build a birdhouse, there are a few kits left and are available at Town Hall.

Where has all the good wood gone? If you have access to weathered wood that would be useful for future woodworking projects at next year's fair, please call John Bush, 672-0996.



## W o o d w a y H a s a P a r t y !

Yes, we did and it was great! August 25<sup>th</sup> was a day full of activities for young and old. We all enjoyed bratwursts, salad, homemade cookies, and watermelon. Here are some interesting facts:

**QFC at Westgate** and their manager, **Randy Bennett**, were our "super heroes" for donating all of our food and drinks. Also, it's important to note that the QFC Starbucks "tips jar" provided the funds for our community to host this Fair. Annually, \$14,000 is collected and then donated back to local communities.

Randy Bennett, QFC's manager, took the day off from work, came to Woodway and worked cooking brats, judging pies, and generally making sure we were organized.



Randy Bennett,  
Manager, QFC Edmonds

He even jetted off in a mini crisis to get 80 more dogs for the grill, How do we thank him??? Drive to QFC, show your loyalty through grocery shopping.

Thank you, Randy!

**Sunrise Retirement Living** was another big donor for our Fair. Their generous cash donation helps offset the costs so that precious tax dollars are reserved for traditional municipal services. Sunrise also was present during the Fair, handing out "pot scrapers" and recipes for favorite summer dishes.

**Nama's Candy Store** in Edmonds donated chocolate coins for the Hay Treasure Hunt activity.

## A S p e c i a l T h a n k Y o u t o :

**Darcie Towle** for her popular tie-dye art. For the past five years, Darcie has been the source of ideas for the Fair's art and woodworking activities.

**John Bush** for constructing bird house kits and tool boxes. John worked non-stop during the Fair to keep the woodworking activities under control.

**Lynn Clark, Brenda Bush, and Trish Rogers** headed up the food committee. These ladies organized the food, supervised the BBQ chefs, tossed salads, and made sure everyone got fed.

**Sherri Knopik and Annika Karr** for chairing the apple pie contest. It was a hit!

**Kathy Hasson** for arranging the flowers.



John and Brenda Bush

**Adam Quinn**, our first resident magician. He kept the Fair kids mesmerized with his puppets and tricks.

**Jenn Marshall-Inman** for

constructing all of the bike decorations. There were lots of happy kids as they decked their bikes out in preparation for the parade.

**Timm Leighton** for manning the Master Gardener information booth, and Taylor and Blake Ange along with Councilman Kent Saltonstall for bringing their bug and honey bee displays to share with the Fair attendees.

**Winn Schillberg, Vivian Brehm, and Steve Forney**, for their all-around help setting up and working wherever



Adam Quinn,  
the Affordable Illusionist

### Continued Thanks:

there was a need. All three were indispensable.

**Kathryn Strecker** for securing gift certificates for our Hay Treasure Hunt.

Our student volunteers helped with set up and also staffed all of the children's activities: Petey Agelopoulos, Sonja Leite, Brooke Cavins, Christian Taylor, Jonathan Dang, Renee Owen, Randall Ersoz, Lauren Terry, Brandon Hasson, Emily Whitson, and Sarah Kaczka.

Deputy Clerk, Heidi Swenson, organized the staffing for all of the children's activities.

The wonderful homemade cookies were prepared by: Robin Blahous, Susie Kapoozie, Kaylun Brown, Carolyn Nyguen, Patty Guenther, and Hilary Quinn.



Some of our wonderful student volunteers

Behind the scenes but so important were our Public Works staff who erected tents and helped with all aspects of set up. Terry Bryant, Brent Massa, Ben Ellis, and Bryan Thomas.

This is a long list of participants/ volunteers and my apologies if I have missed someone. As one reads all of these names, it's clear that our fair is truly a **Community** fair; we all share in the work and the fun.

### Town Council Corner

**General**

**Government:**

Held a public hearing and approved Noise Ordinance No. 07-476. Updates were given on the computer/technology upgrades at Town Hall. Stormwater Utility Ordinance No. 07-477 was approved. Brief reception was held for Randy Burns, former Public Works Director. Heard an update on research into the Town's CDs and bank account options. Authorized the consolidation of the Town's CDs at Prime Pacific Bank. Code Update Ordinance No. 04-478 was approved. Discussed gas leak and procedures associated with that event. Introduction of Joyce



Woodway Town Council

Bielefeld as the new Clerk Treasurer. Discussed driveway width and sensitive areas impacts. An Ordinance revising

the Town's sign policy was passed. Introduction of Heidi Swenson as the new Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician.

**Public Works & Lands:** Terry Bryant assumed the Public Works Director position. There was much ongoing discussion about ivy in the right-of-ways. It was finally decided to remove all ivy from the bases of trees in the right-of-ways. Approved the Six Year Street Plan. A sanitary sewer easement was requested from the City of

Edmonds. Held public hearings and approved the opening of Chinook Road.

**Land Use & Planning:** General discussion of the future of the Point Wells site. Adopted a resolution stating Woodway's support for the Snohomish County Conservation 2008 assessment proposal. Authorized the Mayor to report back to the Council on budget figures for land use planning and legislation and to provide an estimate of costs to the Town for potential annexation and Comprehensive Plan changes for Pt. Wells. Discussed the Planning Commission's report on Underground utilities.

**Public Safety:** Heard report on SnoCom retreat and explanation of 911 tax. Discussed needed

## Public Works News

### Chinook Road Open

The Town Council held several public hearings during the summer to consider



whether to open Chinook Road in both directions or to continue with the original decision to open the road only for egress traffic (similar to Nootka). Several residents testified and a petition signed by 51 residents was presented for consideration.

It was decided to open Chinook in both directions as it would not only be a convenience for neighbors residing in the Estates, but it would ease traffic in other neighborhoods as well (Algonquin and Park Road).

The road is now open and motorists are cautioned to drive carefully as they will encounter Pt. Edwards condominium construction along the western section of Pine Street for at least six months.

### English Ivy - *Hedera helix*

English Ivy has a major impact on Woodway. You might be surprised to learn that the plant that many view as an attractive accent to well manicured lawns is actually listed by the State as a Class C weed. It is an ecological threat!

English ivy is a vigorous growing vine. It grows both as a ground cover and a climbing vine. As the ivy climbs in search of increased light, it engulfs and kills branches by blocking light from reaching the tree's leaves. This often leaves the tree with just a small green "broccoli head," with the tree eventually succumbing entirely from the infestation. Before its death, however, the added weight of the vines makes trees much more susceptible to blow-over during high rain and wind events. Trees heavily draped with ivy can be hazardous if they are growing near



roads, walkways, homes and other populated areas.

To combat the ivy and protect our trees, the Public Works Department has begun to cut ivy from the base of all trees located within the Town's right of ways. You can help in this

process. If you have ivy growing on your trees, simply cut the ivy at the base of each tree.

***The Public Works Department has a goal of reducing and eventually eradicating invasive noxious weeds such as ivy from all of the Town's rights of way. We encourage all residents to join the Town in this effort. Take a good look in your own yards and consider ivy removal as a gardening priority. It will be a long term project but worth the effort.***

### Traffic Count

The Public Works crew recently placed a traffic counting unit on various streets throughout the town. Here are the results:

- Algonquin averaged 765 vehicles per day with an average speed of 25.5 MPH.
- Woodway Park Road averaged 1720 vehicles per day with an average speed of 29.9 MPH.

- Timberlane had 1730 vehicles per day 28 MPH.
- 241<sup>st</sup> street saw 500 cars per day with an average speed of 25.7 MPH.

We will be looking at conducting regular traffic counts in the future as a tool in assigning police for traffic enforcement and in identifying areas for road maintenance.

## New Town Employees

There have been a lot of changes at the Town of Woodway recently. In the past three months we have said good bye to old friends and welcomed new faces at Town Hall.

We recently held a farewell ceremony for Randy Burns, the Town's Public Works Director. Randy had been with the Town for over fifteen years before deciding to pursue a dream of starting his own business. We promoted Terry Bryant, our Public Works foreman, to become the new Public Works Director. Terry grew up in the Arlington area and went to college in Bellingham at Western Washington University. When he's not taking care of Woodway, Terry spends his time with his family and with friends on the back roads of Washington on his Harley. He is doing a good job working with his crew to preserve the beauty of Woodway.



Terry Bryant,  
Public Works Director

Terry has hired two new public works crew members, Ben Ellis and Bryan Thomas. Bryan Thomas came to us from the City of Edmonds public works crew, and spends his free time fishing and playing with his daughter. Ben Ellis worked for Snohomish County public works last summer, and spends his time away from Woodway volunteering with the Sultan fire department. Brett Massa, who has worked for Woodway off and on for a number of years is looking to start a career in the area of his degree and recently left the public works crew at the end of August.



Bryan Thomas and Ben Ellis,  
Public Works Crew

Upstairs, Cindy Thomas, the Town's Clerk Treasurer, decided to take the opportunity to return to her prior employer, the City of Mountlake Terrace, as a records clerk. Replacing her is Joyce Bielefeld, former Clerk Treasurer from the City of Tenino. Joyce brings with her an extensive and successful background working as a clerk/treasurer with a number of small cities, and we were fortunate that she was looking to relocate to our area. Joyce loves to spend her free time with her family, especially her granddaughters.



Joyce Bielefeld,  
Clerk Treasurer

Jill Massa, our former Deputy Clerk, is taking a little break from working. She was honored at the Town



Heidi K. Swenson,  
Deputy Clerk/  
Permit Technician

Fair on August 25<sup>th</sup> for her eleven years serving Woodway. Taking Jill's position as Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician is Heidi Swenson. Heidi has a strong background in permitting, having worked with numerous cities as the permits manager for a large home builder. Now that she's not spending all of her

time commuting, Heidi has time to get out hiking and to knit/crochet/quilt/watercolor/etc.

If you get the chance, please don't hesitate to stop by Town Hall and introduce yourself to our new staff. While the faces have changed, we continue our efforts to provide the residents of the Town of Woodway with friendly, professional, and efficient customer service.

# Community Fair 2007



# 1st Annual Pie Contest Results

The 1st annual Woodway pie contest was held this year at the Community Fair. It was a great success, with 12 pies entered! The pie contest was organized by Sherri Knopik and Annika Karr, and the judges were Randy Bennett of QFC at Westgate, Councilmember Bill Anderson, and Annika Karr.



Kelli Terry,  
2007 Pie Contest Winner

After much debate and agony (and tasty pie!) the first place award was given to Kelli Terry. Kelli also graciously helped with the balloons that afternoon. When asked her secret, she said that it was an old family recipe.

Second place went to Sonja Cobb, who accepted with her daughter. She said that her prize-winning pie recipe is a favorite of her children.



Champion Pie Awarded to  
Official Woodway Stewards

The first place pie was given to our Official Woodway Stewards, Drs. John and Lanita Wright, for their dedication to the Town and their efforts in keeping our rights-of-way clean.

Thanks to everyone who submitted pies. We hope you bake many practice pies during the coming year, and that even more Woodway bakers enter next year. And if you've got too many practice pies, I'm sure we can make a list of volunteer eaters to take care of them for you. Happy baking!



Sonja Cobb,  
2007 Pie Contest Runner-Up

## Residents Recognized

An impromptu poll was taken at the Community Fair, and Ida Kennedy was honored with an official Town of Woodway coffee mug for residing in Woodway longer than anyone else present.



Ida Kennedy



Also recognized was Woodway's newest resident; she was presented with a copy of the Town's history. She and her family are so new, in fact, we didn't even catch their names. So if this is your neighbor, please welcome her to Woodway!

## Meet the ladies of the Whisper!

For the last 10 years, these ladies have assembled the Woodway Whisper and prepared it for mailing. Front: Chrisanne Lundquist, Mary Alice Olsen, Winn Schillberg, Paula Stocklin. Back: Jill Massa - Former Editor, Ruth Day, Inger K. Saltonstall. Missing from picture: Jane Haugen, Pat Holtzmeyer, and Mayor Carla Nichols - Chief Editor.

We can always use extra help; call Town Hall if you'd like to lend a hand.





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## Town of Woodway

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### Town Information

#### Town Hall Directory:

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| 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. |

#### Town Hall Staff:

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| Town Administrator                 | Eric 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>              |

#### Locations of the Town Bulletin Boards are:

Town Hall Front Porch  
On Woodway Park Road at Algonquin  
On Chinook Road at 217th  
On Bella Coola west of Makah

On Timberlane at 239th  
On 114th West at 239th  
On Willowick Road, north side