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WOODWAY WHISPER

TOWN OF WOODWAY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A NEW HOME FOR THE TOWN OF WOODWAY!!

It is official: our community will be getting a new 6,042 square foot facility. Construction is scheduled to be completed by early summer 2013! Here are the highlights:

Apr 2010: Council selected GGLO (a Seattle architectural firm) to conduct a needs assessment for our existing Town Hall to identify what was needed to bring the facility up to current safety and accessibility standards.

Sept 2010: Council reviewed options for a new facility. Potential costs of building new vs. a remodel were considered.

Oct/Nov 2010: The Mayor held three neighborhood meetings to obtain residents' input on whether Woodway should remodel or rebuild Town Hall. July 2011: The Mayor convened a committee of seven residents, all professionals in the local building industry, to review the needs assessment and the new building analysis. They recommended constructing a new building rather than remodeling the existing building.

Jan/Mar 2012: Staff & GGLO revised preliminary designs several times to reduce costs.

Mar 2012: Council established the final budget for the project and approved a schedule for construction documents to be created.

Sept 2012: Town opens the project for bid.

Oct 2012: Town receives seven bids. The contract is awarded

to the lowest bidder, Faber Construction.

Throughout this two and a half year process, the Council reviewed numerous financial scenarios to determine what revenue sources would be available for the project. Council used a ten-year financial forecast model as part of their analysis. On the expenditure side, three independent cost analyses were applied to the proposed building to assure that the project was within the scope of what the Town could afford.

Your Town officials have debated, projected, & questioned. They are now, finally, celebrating their decision. It's a huge step forward for our community!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING TOWN HALL BONDS?

The Town will be issuing approximately \$2.1 million in bonds for construction of the new Town Hall. Council has decided to give interested Town residents priority for purchasing the bonds. The 25-year, tax-exempt bonds will be rated in the "A" category and will be sold in \$5,000 increments. Terms of the sale, such as interest rate, will be provided by the Town's underwriter prior to purchase. If you are interested in purchasing Town bonds, please contact Town Hall at (206) 542-4443 or send an email to our Town Administrator at eric@townofwoodway.com.

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WHAT WILL THE NEW TOWN HALL LOOK LIKE?

The new building will be built on our current property and will house all of the Town operations. The first floor will include police and public works offices, a locker room with shower, garages, the public works shop, and storage. The main floor will include the Council chambers, a conference room, offices, storage, and a kitchen.

The building has been designed for three overall purposes:

- To provide an efficient and safe working environment for Town employees.
- 2. To include an attractive Council



The Final Town Hall Design

chambers that can be used by residents for private functions.

3. To fit in with and complement the existing residential

neighborhood.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in late November and last approximately 7 – 10 months.

POINT WELLS UPDATE

Last year, the Town of Woodway and Save Richmond Beach submitted an appeal to the Puget Sound Growth Management Board challenging some of Snohomish County's zoning regulations.

The Puget Sound Growth Management Board issued a ruling last spring that required Snohomish County to bring their codes into compliance with the State's Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements. The County was given a deadline of November 7 to submit these changes to the Growth Board, who will rule in early December.

The County's ordinance changes include reducing the maximum

allowable building heights to 125 feet and restricting density to approximately 2,600 total units. The ordinances also require the developer and local service providers to enter into binding agreements for infrastructure and utility services prior to submitting any permit applications to the County.

These ordinance changes would only apply to the Point Wells development if the State Appeals Court upholds the previous decision that Blue Square Real Estate's (BSRE's) development application is <u>not</u> vested. A new application would be required and these new ordinances would apply.

The vesting issue remains unsettled. Last fall, Save Richmond Beach and the Town of Woodway jointly filed an appeal with the King County Superior Court arguing that the developer's permit application, submitted to Snohomish County, was not vested (i.e. not legally binding).

The Superior Court ruled in favor of the Town's appeal and agreed that the permit should not be considered vested. That decision has been appealed by Snohomish County and the developer. Oral arguments were presented to the Court of Appeals in Seattle on November 7 with a decision expected in January 2013.

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2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Mayor has submitted a draft budget for Council review. As dictated by State law, the Council will hold two public hearings during their November Council meetings to receive comments from residents. It is anticipated that the Council will make a final decision at their December 3rd Council meeting.

The decision to build Town Hall and to purchase a 25-year bond is reflected in the 2013 budget. This one-time bond purchase "bumps up" the total for the annual budget. Subsequent annual budgets will only include an increase for the annual debt service for Town Hall.

MAJOR BUDGET Changes in 2013

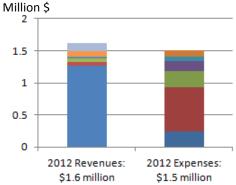
Dollar amounts are approximate.

- Town staff will receive a 3% salary increase (salaries have not been raised for two years).
- The Clerk-Treasurer position will change to part time, saving \$35,000.
- The police contract with the City of Edmonds will increase by \$29,000.
- The contract with Fire District 1 will increase by \$42,000.
- The state audit will cost \$10,000.
- A new copier, computers, and a mower will cost \$52,000.
- The bond purchase for Town Hall will cost \$2,245,000. The \$120,000 annual debt service for the bond will be funded by Real Estate Excise Tax revenue and the General Fund.
- No storm water capital projects are scheduled for 2013. We are growing the fund for future use.

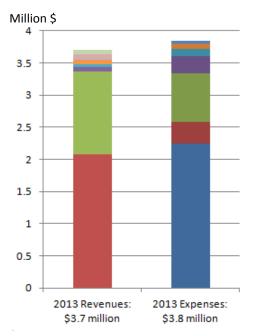
One final note: We are anticipating an expense savings from our 2012 budget of \$132,000 that will be added to our reserves, bringing the total to \$1.8 million.

If you have ideas or comments, please forward them to the Mayor and Council.









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THE 2012 WOODWAY FAIR WAS A SUCCESS!



Thank you for joining us for the 12th Annual Woodway Fair - residents enjoyed the parade, rode ponies, created benches, ate pies, listened to live music, and made new friends - see you next year!





























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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE FAIR GREAT

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the 12th Annual Woodway Fair!

Special thanks go to Kelli Terry, chair of the Fair Committee; Jan Teal, Val Rader, Brenda Bush, & Carolyn Echelbarger, Fair Food Committee; John Bush for the children's woodworking activity; the members of the Woodway Town Council and Planning Commission who cooked

and served the barbeque lunch; Annika Karr, chair of the Pie Contest; the Woodway Public Works crew who set up all of the tents, tables, chairs, and more; the student volunteers who ran our children's activities; and all of our wonderful sponsors.

When you are out and about, please take the time to thank our generous sponsors whose donations allow us to put on such a great Town Fair.

2012 Town Fair Sponsors:

PACE Engineers
Edmonds Landscaping
Swedish/Edmonds
QFC Edmonds
Landau Associates
Top Ten Toys
Five Bistro
The Wooden Spoon
Nama's Candy Store
Revelations Yogurt
Epulo Bistro



Kelli Terry, chair of the Fair Committee. Thanks, Kelli, for all of your hard work!



Jan Teal & Val Rader, Fair Food Committee. Thanks, ladies, for keeping us fed and happy!



Your hard-working Town Council and Planning Commission members prepare the barbeque lunch.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PIE CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all who entered; the pies were delicious!

First prize went to Jennifer Perenchio [pictured below at left] of Bella Coola Road for her blackberry pie.

Second prize went to Christine Wentzel [pictured below at right] of Woodway Park Road for her Key Lime pie.





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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

114th Avenue W. west of the Woodway Reserve will be closed to traffic during the construction period. Faber Construction's mobile office and the Town's temporary offices will be located on the closed portion of 114th Avenue W. Town operations and construction crew parking will be

located in this general vicinity. All construction traffic will be entering the construction site via 114th Avenue W. The playground will be closed during construction.

So, Woodway, get your construction hats on and get ready for big and beautiful

changes at 23920 113th Place W. This is going to be exciting, challenging, and perhaps frustrating at times, but well worth the temporary changes.

238th Street S.W. | A A A Street S.W. | A Str

BUSINESS AS USUAL?

Town business will continue in temporary offices located at the south end of 114th Avenue W. All Town operations, including police, will be located there beginning Monday, November 19. Office hours, phone numbers, and email addresses will remain the same.

Town Council meetings must 239th Place S.W. be held within the boundaries of the Town. Accordingly, the bi-monthly Council meetings will be held in private homes. Please check the Town's website for details and a schedule of meeting locations.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

From time to time, the Town receives complaints from residents that their neighbors are being inconsiderate – making too much noise, barking dogs, playing loud music late at night, etc. While we always encourage neighbors to talk with each other to address their concerns, the Town has a nuisance ordinance that makes these kinds of intrusions unlawful.

There are several ways you can make a complaint. You can come to Town Hall and fill out a complaint form identifying your name, address, and a detailed description of the offensive act. The complaint form is located on our website and can be sent to Town Hall by mail or email. A police officer will then review the complaint and determine if the activity would be a violation of the nuisance ordinance. The officer may issue a citation.

You can also call 911. <u>Please let the</u> 911 operator know that it is a nonemergency call. We know that you might not consider these types of complaints emergencies, and therefore might be reluctant to call 911, but calling 911 is a valid alternative. The operator will dispatch an officer to investigate the complaint.

A violation of the nuisance ordinance is a misdemeanor, with a minimum citation of \$100 for the first offense. A serious or repeat violation could result in a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and one year in jail. When talking to your neighbor doesn't work, the Town can help solve the problem.

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TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government: Reviewed the 2013 preliminary budget. Adopted Resolution #12-361, adopting a financial reserve policy. Adopted Ordinance #12-541, authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds. Adopted Ordinance #12-540, amending the 2012 Budget Amendment.

Public Works & Lands: Approved Resolution #12-360, approving the 2013-2018 Six-Year Street Plan. Approved moving forward with the Town Hall construction and awarded the contract to Faber Construction. Authorized the

Mayor to sign the agreement with Olympic View Water & Sewer District for water main Replacement.

Land Use & Planning: Approved Ordinance #12-538, reaffirming certain SEPA categorical exemptions. Authorized the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Hearing Examiner contract.

Public Safety: Approved Ordinance #12-537, updating the Indigent Defense Standards. Authorized the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement among the agencies participating in the



Woodway Town Council

Regional Fire Authority Planning Process for consulting services. Authorized the Mayor to sign the Interlocal agreement for Police Services with the City of Edmonds.

<u>Building & Municipal Services:</u> Approved Ordinance #12-539, amending Title 14, Zoning.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

In September, the Planning Commission reviewed and approved a boundary line adjustment for a property on N. Dogwood Lane. The residence was built before Woodway's zoning

laws were in effect and is located very close to the old front property line. The applicant requested the boundary line adjustment to allow for a full front setback on their property.

Woodway Arboretum

Do you like to garden or would you like to know more? Then join the Woodway Arboretum, a small but avid group of gardeners of all skill levels.

We have great guest speakers at our meetings and take field trips to gardens around the area.

The group meets 3 times each year in addition to an annual holiday auction. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and neighbors in your community.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Jan Teal at (425) 778-8477 or janteal@yahoo.com.

WHOOPING COUGH DANGER

The dangers of whooping cough can not be underestimated. This is a very contagious disease and everyone needs to be vaccinated.

Adults and older children can spread whooping cough to infants, which can result in death. If you were vaccinated as a child, you will need a second vaccination.

This is urgent: in 2010, Snohomish County had 25 cases; in 2012, over 500 cases have been identified!

You can get vaccinated at a local drug store or one of several vaccination clinics being held in the County. Visit www.snohd.org/StopTheCough or call 1-800-322-2588 for details.



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23920 113th Place West Woodway, WA 98020

FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER



Notice: Town Hall will be closed November 15 & 16 for moving.

Town Hall will also be closed November 21 through 23 for Thanksgiving.

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

TOWN HALL STAFF: Code City Town Administrator Eric A. Faison

Class County Snohomish Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld Population 1307 Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician Heidi K. S. Napolitino **Business Hours** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public Works Director Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.

Town Hall Phone 206.542.4443 Public Works Crew Jarrod Romine

Town Hall Fax 206.546.9453 Scott Wynne townhall@townofwoodway.com Wayne Tanaka Town Hall Email Town Attorney

www.townofwoodway.com Building Official/Plan Checker Tom Phillips Website **Building Inspector** Public Works Dept Phone Scott Dorrance 206.542.0183

Public Works Dept Email publicworks@townofwoodway.com Police Chief Doug Hansen Police Dept Email John Westfall police@townofwoodway.com Fire Marshal Permit Email permits@townofwoodway.com Town Planner Bill Trimm

Carla A. Nichols **PACE Engineers** Mavor Town Engineer

Council Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m. Town Arborist

Planning Commission Chair Robert Allen Town Hearing Examiner John Galt Planning Commission Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. **EMERGENCY** 911

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Tom Whitson

LOCATIONS OF THE TOWN BULLETIN BOARDS:

Town Hall Front Porch 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