Woodway Whisper

TOWN OF WOODWAY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...

The rains are here, the leaves are falling and the Town Council, staff, and Mayor are preparing the draft budget for 2015. According to State law, local municipalities must present their budget and host two public hearings before adopting the budget for the next calendar year. The first public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 4.

The final public hearing will be on Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Budgets are a statement of priorities and I want to share what is being considered for 2015. See the charts below for a summary.

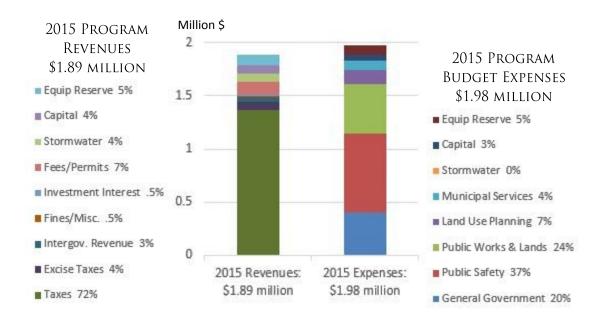
To help you understand the proposed budget, here's the list of new expenditures:

- Fire and police contracts are increased by 3% and 10% respectively. These two expenses represent 30% of our overall budget.
- Staff salaries would be increased by 2% over last year.
- A new police car will be purchased or leased. (It's been 7 years since our last purchase).
- A new ATV will be purchased as our current model is falling apart.
- Deer Creek Park will have trails, signs, and a picnic table installed.

A grant is being submitted to Verdant Foundation to help cover the costs.

- A new adult event is being considered. A party on the Woodway bridge would happen mid September, co-sponsored by the Town and private donors.
- As a continuation of our policy of planting gardens along our roadways, a right-of-way garden would be installed along Woodway Park Road north of the bridge.

Are we heading in the right direction? Have we picked your top priorities? Come tell us what you think.



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POINT WELLS UPDATE

By Eric Faison, Town Administrator

In our last Whisper, we provided an update on a lawsuit before the King & Snohomish County Boundary Review Boards, where the City of Shoreline proposed taking over the Ronald Wastewater Utility District. The Town did not contest Shoreline's request in King County, but the Town, Olympic View Water & Sewer District, and Snohomish County collectively opposed a takeover of Ronald's assets and services in Snohomish County. Those assets and services are located within the legal boundaries of the Town and Olympic View.

Shoreline prevailed in its "assumption" of Ronald in King

County, and we prevailed in preventing the assumption in Snohomish County. Shoreline has appealed the Snohomish County ruling to Snohomish County Superior Court. It may be some time before this issue is finally resolved.

With relation to the County's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Point Well's developer's (BSRE) project, there is no update. The County reports that the EIS is a complex document and will take time to complete. They do not currently have a publishable schedule.

Of particular note, with respect to the EIS, is recent discussion about an apparent County requirement that BSRE's project be connected

to two separate public roads. The Town has not received any concrete information about the status of this requirement, which essentially would require a connection between Point Wells and either Woodway Park Road or 116th Avenue W. Currently, BSRE has proposed connectivity to Point Wells solely through the Town's portion of Richmond Beach Drive, connecting to the region through Shoreline. Neither the County nor BSRE have engaged the Town with regard to any development conditions related to Point Wells that would involve permitting by the Town.

If you have questions about any of these topics, please feel free to call me at 206.629.5811.

Landslide Hazards Open House

By Elizabeth Mitchell, Councilmember

In October, a Landslide Hazards Open House was held in Edmonds. Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and Washington State Department of Transportation presented extensive information on landslide types, warning signs, and management techniques. More than 200 landslides have occurred in the last

ten years along the Seattle to Everett coastline. 80% of landslides are related to human activities, including poor slope management and drainage problems.

Landowners on bluffs can mitigate risk by employing proper drainage techniques, retaining native vegetation and ground cover on slopes, and regularly inspecting underground drainage systems and sprinkler systems. Bluff drainage problems should always be addressed by professionals such as geologists, engineers, and our own Public Works Department.

More information for landowners is available at DOE. For drainage information see: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/pubs/93-31/chap3.html.

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A BOIL WATER ORDER: COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?

By Lynne Danielson, Olympic View Water and Sewer District General Manager

The City of Mercer Island, The City of Portland, Oregon, and the Mount Baker Water Association have all issued Boil Water Notices within the last six months. The primary goal of every water utility is to make sure that the water being provided to its customers is safe to drink.

In the recent case in Mercer Island, there were water samples that tested positive for e-coli. This resulted in a boil water order for all customers of Mercer Island.

What happens if there is an incident that causes Olympic View Water system to become contaminated?

The testing requirements for Olympic View Water and Sewer District consist of 15 monthly samples gathered throughout the water system. The District takes 18 samples to get what we have determined is a representative sample of the District. (Sampling information is detailed in the District's Coliform Monitoring Plan that is part of the Water Comprehensive Plan adopted by the State Department of Health.) These samples are then taken to a certified lab for testing.

If any of those samples test positive for e-coli or fecal coliform bacteria, public notice must be given within 24 hours and the Washington State Department of Health is notified. The District has specific procedures, which are to be followed in this situation, detailed

in the adopted Emergency Plan Manual. Public notices will be issued via the local media or by individual resident notification, depending on the level and type of contamination found.

There are a number of contaminants that the District tests for on a regular basis. Details of the District's water supply and testing results are mailed to all customers in the annual Water Quality Report.

More information can be obtained at the Washington State Department of Health website (http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/Contaminants/Coliform) or by calling the District Office at 425.774.7769.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Mike Quinn, Council position #4, has recently resigned from the Council due to a temporary relocation required by his employer. Mike has been a thoughtful and decisive community leader and we are sorry to see him leave.

The Council is looking to fill this Council position. We are seeking candidates who are interested in Town issues, municipal planning, and policy setting. You do not have to be an "expert" to participate. Effective leaders are those individuals who approach issues with an open mind and are willing to be thoughtful, fair, and patient.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest by Wednesday, November 12 to Town Hall. Candidates must be available the following Monday, November 17, to attend the Council meeting and to participate in an interview. If you have questions regarding time commitments and expectations, please feel free to contact Mayor Nichols or any of our Councilmembers. Call Town Hall at 206.542.4443 or email townhall@townofwoodway.com for details and contact information.

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TOWN FAIR 2014

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOWN FAIR

The 2014 Town Fair took place on August 23, 2014, on the lawn of the new Town Hall. The weather was beautiful and we had record attendance.

Residents enjoyed talking with their neighbors over lunch, listening to the Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band, and learning about community services and organizations. The children's activities included pony rides, the bike parade, a woodworking project with John Bush, and, new this year, a puppet show.

THANK YOU, FAIR SPONSORS!

This year, we had many generous sponsors. We appreciate all of your donations.

- Edmonds Landscaping
- PACE Engineers
- QFC Westgate
- Swedish | Edmonds
- Verdant Health Commission
- Top Ten Toys
- Nama's Candy Store
- Five Bistro
- The Wooden Spoon
- Epulo Bistro
- Allied Waste/Republic Services

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE FAIR POSSIBLE

Our Town Fair is a success every year because of the group of dedicated volunteers who work hard before, during, and after the event. Thank you, volunteers!

Kelli Terry worked tirelessly as the Chairwoman of the children's activities to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

Jan Teal, Val Rader, and Brenda Bush co-chaired the food committee, spending countless hours organizing donations, food, and volunteers.

Councilmembers grilled up the BBQ lunch. Student volunteers ran the children's activities.

Many people helped with the community booths, baked cookies, and lent a hand wherever necessary.

THANK YOU, CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, FOR LENDING US CHAIRS, TABLES, AND TENTS





Pie Contest Winners Bonnie Weber & Vivian Johnson

2014 PIE CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2014 Pie Contest winners! This year, we asked people to use stonefruits in their pies—there were many creative entries, including apricots, nectarines, cherries, and plums.

Bonnie Weber was awarded first

place for her nectarine plum pie. Vivian Johnson was awarded second place for her nectarine pie.

Thanks to everyone who entered, and a special thanks to Annika Karr, who organized the event and was the head judge. ISSUE 3, 2014 Page 5





The parade includes kids on bikes and scooters, the band, fire trucks, and the police car.



Mayor Nichols and her trivia contest participants





Activities for kids of all ages







Community organizations inform residents















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Woodway Arboretum Unit #22's Holiday Auction

Please join us for our annual Holiday Auction on

Wednesday, December 10 at 7pm

At the home of Jan Teal

Light appetizers, dessert, wine and coffee will be provided. Spouses, friends, and neighbors are always welcome.

RSVP to Jan Teal at 425.778.8477 or janteal@yahoo.com.

Please drop off auction items at Jan's between 10 am & 1 pm on the

day of the auction.

Suggested items: baked goods, jams, honey, wine, gift baskets, books, handcrafted items, plants, floral arrangements, holiday decorations, gift certificates,

& cash donations.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you can help with procurement or the night of the auction, please contact Jan Teal or any of the officers listed below. We look forward to seeing you!

Unit dues for the Sept. 2014-Aug. 2015 are \$20.

Jan Teal – Chair 425.778.8477

Val Rader – Corresponding Secretary 425.776.1101

Cheryle Hirst – Recording Secretary 206.629.4242

Timm Leighton – Program Chair 206.817.0525

Ruth Anderson – Treasurer 425.776.7389

A Visit from our Congressman

As part of the Town's regular Council meeting on October 20, Representative Jim McDermott paid a visit. After Mayor Nichols' short presentation to orient the Congressman to Woodway and it's unique characteristics, the Congressman then gave a short biographical summary of his career. Most of the presentation was a question and answer session with the 30+ residents in attendance. A very short reception followed.

CHIPPER SERVICE

Do you have tree limbs or branches that you would like turned into wood chips or removed from your property? Woodway has a chipping service available to residents for \$100 per hour, billed in 30 minute increments.

Chipping is done on the first and third Thursdays and must be requested before noon on Wednesday (the day before). The chipping schedule may change depending on demand.

To expedite the chipping process and save you money, the following requirements must be met:

- The chipping pile must be accessible to the Town's equipment
- 10" max. branch diameter
- All "butt ends" of braches must face the truck access point
- No leaves, yard debris, rubbish, noxious weeds, or old, partially decomposed wood
- Piles should be no taller than 5'

The Public Works website has additional information: http://townhall/pw/chipping_request.htm

Please call 206.542.0183 or email publicworks@townofwoodway.com or with any questions and to be added to the schedule.

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TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government:

- Adopted Ordinance #14-557, amending Woodway Municipal Code Title 4, Business Licenses.
- Accepted the resignation of Mike Quinn, Council Position #4, and thanked him for his thoughtful service.

Public Works & Lands:

- Held a public hearing on the Six Year Street Plan.
- Approved Resolution #14-375, approving the Six Year Street Plan.

- Accepted Iron Creek Construction's bid for the Twin Maples stormwater project.
- Authorized the Mayor to execute and sign the contract with Iron Creek Construction to complete the Twin Maples Stormwater Project and authorized a loan from the General Fund to the Stormwater Utility Fund to be repaid with interest over a three year period.



Woodway Town Council

Public Safety:

 Heard a report from Shoreline Fire Department's Chief Matt Cowan.

HISTORICAL WOODWAY

Over 25 years ago, a group of residents created a commemorative book showcasing Woodway home sites. That publication was well received; residents who have a copy value its sketches, photos, and historical text. It may be time for an update with particular emphasis

on the various artists who have resided in the Town.

The Town would like to create a task force to create an updated book. If you would like to be part of a fun project with a definite schedule, please contact Town Hall at 206.542.4443.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to Mrs. Helen Clouston, a Woodway resident of more than 50 years, on her recent 100th birthday!

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

The Planning Commission is working on the multi-year process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. The state-mandated update is completed every six years.

The Commissioners reviewed proposed changes to the municipal code that reflected the new goals and policies in the updated Comprehensive Plan chapters.

The Commissioners also reviewed Chapter 7, the Parks and Recreation Element. This chapter was updated to include the new Deer Creek Park property and acknowledge which of the previous recommendations for the Woodway Reserve have been completed.

In 2015, the Planning Commission will review the entire updated document and forward it to the Council for review and adoption.



FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER



TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

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Population 1307

County

Business Hours

Town Hall Phone 206.542.4443 Town Hall Fax

Town Hall Email

Website

Public Works Dept Phone Public Works Dept Email

Police Dept Email

Permit Email

Mayor Council Meets

Planning Commission Chair Planning Commission Meets

Code City

Snohomish

9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1-4:00 p.m.

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publicworks@townofwoodway.com police@townofwoodway.com permits@townofwoodway.com

Carla A. Nichols

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Robert Allen

1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL STAFF:

Town Administrator Eric A. Faison

> Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld

Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician Heidi K. S. Napolitino Public Works Director Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.

> Public Works Crew Jarrod Romine

Scott Wynne

Wayne Tanaka Town Attorney Building Official/Plan Checker Tom Phillips

Building Inspector Scott Dorrance Police Chief Doug Hansen Fire Marshal Todd Malo Town Planner Bill Trimm PACE Engineers

Town Engineer Town Hearing Examiner John Galt

EMERGENCY 911

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Kent Saltonstall, Tom Whitson

LOCATIONS OF THE TOWN BULLETIN BOARDS:

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