

TOWN OF WOODWAY

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE WOODWAY?

That question was the topic of a resident meeting held in early June. There were many ideas and suggestions provided, but one overarching theme emerged: People want to know more about what's going in Town. A secondary suggestion was that a variety of new activities need to be tried. Suggested activities included family movie nights, book exchanges, adult only socials, and guided biology walks through the Town's parklands.

Back to the big conclusion: we need frequent communication between Town government and our residents. While we already have the "Critical Incident" email list that the police use for emergency public safety issues (mostly burglaries), the Town also has a general email list for transmission of general news and events. This general list does not have as many

households signed on (fewer than 1/4 of all households are on this list). In this day of social media and Internet, we need to improve our lines of communication. As a community, we are only effective if we can quickly connect.

I would like each Woodway household to help us by either calling Town Hall or emailing Town staff to share your contact information. As a public agency, we are obligated to share these lists if they are part of a public records request. While that has occurred rarely in the past 10 years, I think it is worth it to have a quick and easy way to contact every household in Woodway in a matter of seconds.

A major improvement for our mutual communication needs is here with the Town's new and improved website, which will be going live later this summer. Our

Clerk Treasurer, Heidi Napolitano, has been working diligently to upgrade our website and its functions. The website will have a Town calendar where residents can check in and learn of meetings and Town events. Town staff will keep the calendar current so that a weekly check of the calendar will bring us much closer to our goal of being an informed and connected community. We anticipate using this new website to provide safety alerts, emergency management updates, and so on. Let's all get in the habit of checking the Town's calendar.

Thank you and happy summer,



## FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping make this year's fair better than ever? The Town is recruiting volunteers of all ages. You can volunteer to help with set-up, bake cookies, assist with activities on the day of the fair, or clean up afterward. See details on page 7.

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## COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TENT ENCAMPMENT ORDINANCE

*By Eric Faison, Town Administrator*

You probably have heard in the news over the past few years increasing concerns about the rise in homelessness throughout the region. Many communities in the area have adopted provisions in their zoning code to address the safety and sanitary concerns presented by unregulated “tent cities,” as well as temporary shelter provided by religious organizations. As part of its code update process, the Town is currently considering a new tent encampment ordinance that would prohibit tent encampments, except for those governed by State law.

The Town’s proposed code amendment is based on RCW 35A.21.360. The State statute provides that local communities can regulate, but not prohibit, tent

encampments operated by religious organizations. Regulations applicable to religiously sponsored tent encampment must be limited to provisions addressing general health, safety, and welfare concerns. As a result, the Town is proposing to ban non-religiously sponsored tent encampments and, pursuant to State law, to develop life/safety regulations for religiously sponsored tent encampments. The Town’s ordinance is based on similar ordinances from our neighboring cities.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance last month. The staff memo on the topic can be found on the Town’s website. The Commission will continue their discussion and make a recommendation to the Town Council on August 8 at 7pm. The

Council is currently scheduled to consider the ordinance at its meeting on August 21.

We should emphasize that this issue has not arisen because of a proposed tent encampment within the Town. The Town has not been contacted by anyone proposing to have a tent encampment, and we suspect that Woodway, being removed from public transportation, job centers, and other resources, is not the ideal location for a tent encampment. This proposed ordinance is the Town’s attempt proactively address a regional issue that is not currently addressed within our Code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to attend the Planning Commission or Council meeting, or send me an email at [eric@townofwoodway.com](mailto:eric@townofwoodway.com).

## FOURTH OF JULY

*By Carla Nichols, Mayor*

A big thank you to MOST OF WOODWAY for keeping things quiet and safe over the Fourth of July. While we had an officer on duty that night, there weren't any reports filed.

However, unofficially, there were observations of fireworks in the

south part of Town, near the Point Wells beach. So, how do we work together to solve this discrepancy?

We need residents to dial the non-emergency dispatch number, 425-775-3000, when you hear fireworks. A Woodway police officer will respond.

As responsible citizens, we don’t want to waste emergency services resources. The non-emergency number was created for situations exactly like these; public safety concerns are legitimate call requests. As taxpayers, we pay for these services, so do not hesitate to use them.

# WALKING WOODWAY

*By Henry Veldman, Resident*

Woodway is a walking community. Walking is a form of exercise recommended by many medical experts. 10,000 steps a day is encouraged to stay healthy and active. That equates to about 5 miles. How do you measure the steps? There are many devices available that count for you. Your phone and Fitbit devices come to mind.

Depending on your stride each of us may count different steps when we walk, but, in general, 2,000 steps will equal a mile. So, here is a formula based on that premise,

- 1 mile = 2,000 steps
- 1/2 mile = 1,000 steps
- 1/10 mile = 200 steps

To help you map your daily walk towards 10,000 steps, a few routes are calculated for you. The routes begin/end at the stars, with the exception of the Dogwood Loop. If you have other routes measured, email me at [henryveldman@comcast.net](mailto:henryveldman@comcast.net) and we will update the routes.

To paraphrase Rick Steve’s sign off from his travel programs, “keep on walking”.

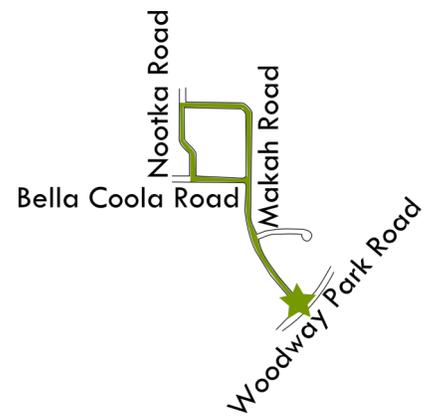
**ROUTE 1**  
1.6 miles = 3,200 steps



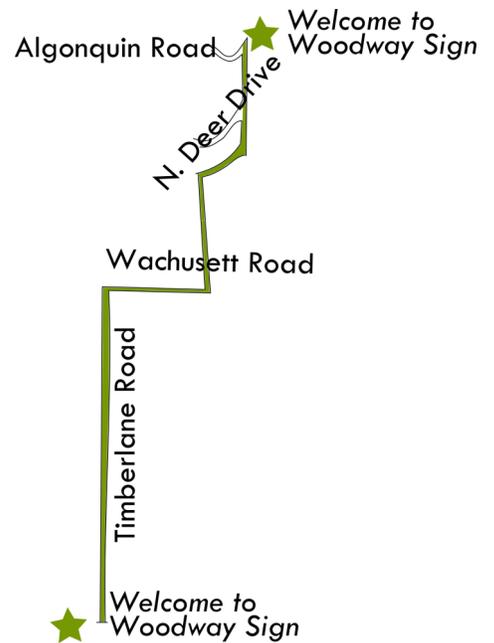
**ROUTE 3**  
.7 mile = 1,400 steps



**ROUTE 2**  
1 mile = 2,000 steps



**ROUTE 4**  
1.3 miles = 2,600 steps



# CHILDREN’S BOOK EXCHANGE

*By Stephanie Rothmier, Resident*

Calling All Woodway Youth Bookworms (and their supporters)!!! Several families are interested in creating a book exchange for our Woodway youth, and we think it is a great idea!

We are asking Woodway residents to donate any used or new books for the 18 and under age groups. Can you imagine your child/grandchild/niece/nephew wandering by Town Hall, browsing a selection of books to take home,

read, and return to share with neighbors? We can!

Please bring any book donations to the Town Fair; a booth will be set up at to accept your donations. Thank you!

## PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

### SPEED LIMITS

*By Terry Bryant, Public Works Director*

In an attempt to increase the safety of Woodway



residents, vehicles, and pedestrians, the Town Council passed ordinance 17-581 - Speed Limits. This ordinance allows for the speed limit on any road in Woodway to be lowered to 20 miles per hour, as long as several conditions (listed in WMC Section 9.20) are met.

The Public Works Department has assessed Algonquin Road and Dogwood Lane in accordance with the procedure laid out in the code. The assessment included collecting vehicle traffic data on both roads, which have narrow lane widths, pose pedestrian hazards, and have limited sight distance. The Public Works Director has consulted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and has concluded that both Algonquin and Dogwood meet the criteria to have the speed limit lowered from 25 mph to 20 mph.

Community meetings will be scheduled for residents who reside on both roads so comments and concerns can be heard prior to any changes taking place.

### TREE CODE CHANGES

*By Terry Bryant, Public Works Director*

The Town Council has adopted significant changes to the Woodway Municipal Code 16.12, Tree Preservation. Some highlights include the designation of Exceptional Trees; tree topping permits, and replacement tree requirements.

"Exceptional tree" means a tree that, because of its unique historical, ecological or aesthetic

value, constitutes an important community resource, as determined by the Director. All trees with a diameter of thirty inches or greater are exceptional trees. These trees can only be removed if a certified arborist determines them to be hazardous.

The full code can be read at <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Woodway/#!/Woodway16/Woodway1612.html#16.12> and Woodway Town Staff can answer all your questions.

### FOURTH OF JULY FLAGS

*By Carla Nichols, Mayor*

Thank you to our Public Works staff for their gift of displaying flags for our community on the Fourth. They were wonderful reminders of our Country's legacy. Director Terry Bryant wanted to do something positive for the Town, especially since the summer flower baskets were not feasible due to staff limitations. The flags were a small gesture, took only a few staff hours, and created a positive addition to our streets. Thank you Director Bryant and staff!

### MYTH VS. FACT

*By Carla Nichols, Mayor*

**Woodway myth:** There are people camping/living in the Town's Reserve.

**Woodway Fact:** False. We have never had an incident of that nature in any of our Reserve lands, paths, or Deer Creek Park. Our Public Works crew walks all our trails at least 3 times each week to check for safety concerns.

There was an incident last year where a person was found camping in the Town's right-of-way, near Timberlane Road. That individual was asked to leave without incident.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

*By Anita Veldman, Resident*

Some residents have expressed an interest in starting a neighborhood watch program. According to Police Chief Hansen, the Town does not offer a program or have the budget for a neighborhood watch.

He suggested anyone interested in starting a neighborhood watch on

their block to start by talking to their neighbors. If there is interest, go online to National Neighborhood Watch, which is a resource for starting a neighborhood watch program.

If you would like a police officer to attend a meeting to answer questions, contact Chief Hansen at [police@townofwoodway.com](mailto:police@townofwoodway.com) or call Town Hall (206-542-4443).

## WOODWAY READY!

*By Henry Veldman, Resident and Chair*

Experts tell us that it's only a matter of time before a major disaster strikes our region, most likely an earthquake. Since July 17, earthquakes ranging from a magnitude 7.7 in rural Russia, 6.4 in Peru, and a 3.7 near Soldotna, Alaska have struck.

Emergency preparedness also focuses major power outages, fallen trees due to wind storms, forest fires, and more. Being prepared is important for you and your family's safety. If a major situation occurred tomorrow, would you and your family know what to do?

Woodway is divided into 10 zones with co-captains designated for each zone. In 2016, a number of sessions were held throughout

town focused on training neighbors about emergency preparedness. The co-captains presented information from the Washington State Department of Emergency Management including the "Map Your Neighborhood" and "Emergency Preparedness Guide" pamphlets.

The groups talked about:

- Being prepared to be on your own for at least a week because of Woodway's isolation and other priorities for the emergency services. This includes having adequate food, water, and first aid available.
- Supporting each other in our neighborhoods - taking care of children and those not able to take care of themselves. Parents or spouses may not be together

## OPEN POSITION AT TOWN HALL

Our Deputy Clerk-Permit Technician, Sara Graham, will be leaving us at the end of July. Please visit our website for job details and application instructions: <http://townofwoodway.com/documents/parttimeDeputyClerk-PermitTechcompletead-july.pdf>.

Sara, we wish you all the best in the future!

when an event occurs. Families may be separated.

- Taking care of pets.
- Being aware of possible gas leaks.

Since many residents weren't able to participate last summer, we would be happy to provide additional educational brochures and training sessions at Town Hall, if there's enough interest. We will also have information available at the Town Fair.

The training sessions lasted about an hour. One of the side benefits acknowledged by many participants last year was, "We got to know our neighbors".

If you're interested in further training, please contact me at [henryveldman@comcast.net](mailto:henryveldman@comcast.net) or find me at the Town Fair.

## A WALK THROUGH WOODWAY

By *Chris Cantu, Resident and Book Committee Chair*



Town residents received an invitation to attend a party on June 15 in celebration of the Town's newest publication, *A Walk Through Woodway*. What an evening it was! Residents enjoyed a thoughtfully prepared evening during which they visited with old friends and new neighbors, sampled delicious appetizers and excellent libations, all while enjoying the great jazz sounds of a trio of professors from Edmonds Community College.

The Mayor thanked the committee (Shelley Dreyer-Green, Terry Olmsted, John Wright, Lisa Marquart, Cheryle Hirst, and Chris Cantu) for more than two years of preparation and the commitment required to bring forth the Town's latest publication, which everyone has agreed was worth the effort. The committee members expressed how gratified they were by the results of their work and also by their continued friendships. John Wright read a passage from the book, which can be described as an appreciation, in both words and photographs, of the natural beauty of our Woodway surroundings.

This book makes a great keepsake or gift and copies are available at Town Hall, at least until this printing runs out. They will also be sold at the Town Fair. So don't wait to get yours!



Committee members shared a group hug during the celebration.



Mayor Nichols welcomed residents and thanked the volunteers.

## CHANGES TO RICHMOND BEACH ROAD IN SHORELINE

By *Eric Faison, Town Administrator*

A Town resident recently asked whether the Town was going to take a position regarding the City of Shoreline's proposal to redesign Richmond Beach Road between 24th Ave NW and Dayton Avenue N. The City is considering re-striping the street from four lanes

to three lanes (including a center turn lane). The project also would add bicycle lanes in each direction. It is our understanding that the project is intended to reduce a well-documented history of collisions, and to enhance pedestrian & bicycle safety on their streets.

The Town generally does not take positions on projects located

entirely within another jurisdiction and for which we anticipate having little influence. Moreover, it's not entirely clear that the Town will be impacted by the proposed change. We understand that Shoreline is conducting extensive public outreach. We encourage anyone interested in the project to engage in that process to ensure that their concerns are heard.

## TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

### General Government:

- Adopted Ordinance 17-579: general code updates.
- Reviewed changes to the fee schedule.
- Approved the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edmonds for Custodial Services and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- Heard a presentation by Interim Director Jeff Ketchel of the Snohomish Health District on some of the District's current areas of focus.

### Public Works & Lands:

- Took public comment on proposed changes to the tree code.
- Adopted Ordinance 17-580 – Tree Code amendments.
- Held a public hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, 2018-2013.
- Approved Resolution 17-391: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, 2018-2013.

### Public Safety:

- Mayor Nichols declared June 2, 2017 to be National Gun

Violence Awareness Day. Heard a brief presentation from local volunteers with the Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America organization

- SnoCom Director Terry Peterson, SnoPac Director Kurt Mills, and Karen Reed, project consultant, presented information about the potential SnoCom/SnoPac 911 Communications merger.
- Adopted Ordinance 17-581 – Speed Limit Change Procedures.

## TOWN FAIR 2017 FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to the recent staff and budget cuts, we will have more volunteer opportunities than in other years.

- Teens: We need you to help set up equipment and supervise children's activities. Your Fair activities count toward your high school community service hours.
- Adults: We're looking for people to help with set-up, tear-down, bake cookies before the fair, and to help with lunch on the 12th.

If you are interested, please call Town Hall at 206-542-4443.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band will be back! They have a large repertoire of Dixieland jazz that is loved by young and old alike.

**Special Guests:** IMAGINATION BAND! Concert starts at 1 pm.

There will also be many of the traditional children's fair activities - pony rides, a fishing pond, coin toss game, face painting, and more.

The photo booth will be back, operating earlier this year: between 11 am and 1 pm .

New this year: a children's book exchange! Details are on page 3..

## FOOD AND DRINK

The BBQ lunch, served by your Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners, is free of charge.

We will serve brats, hot dogs, Caesar salad, watermelon, cookies, and an assortment of cold beverages.



## PIE CONTEST

Attention all Woodway bakers—start your ovens for the ninth annual pie contest!

Details will be posted on flyers around town in August, or contact Town Hall.



# TOWN OF WOODWAY

23920 113th Place West  
Woodway, WA 98020

## SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER



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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1335
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to 1p.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	Robert Allen
Planning Commission Meets	1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

#### TOWN HALL STAFF:

Town Administrator	Eric A. Faison
Clerk-Treasurer	Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Deputy Clerk/Permit Tech	Sara Graham
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Jarrold Romine Scott Wynne
Town Attorney	Greg Rubstello
Building Official/Plan Checker	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshal	Todd Malo
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Engineer	PACE Engineers
Town Hearing Examiner	John Galt
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>

#### TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bill Anderson, Tom Howard, 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 240<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
114<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. at 239<sup>th</sup> Place S.W.  
Willowick Road, north side