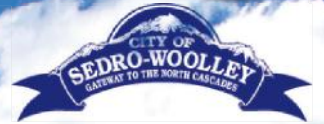


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IT IS AN HONOR TO INTRODUCE the inaugural issue of *Sedro-Woolley City Scene*; a quarterly magazine by, of, and for our City. City Scene is designed to educate and inform, and to tell our story in a positive way that highlights our accomplishments and our civic pride in getting things done the "Woolley Way." By the time you read this, I will have been Mayor for only four short months but already spring is upon us and much has happened.

I ran my campaign on leadership and an optimistic approach emphasizing three basic priorities; Public Safety, Critical Infrastructure, and Businesses and Jobs. Here are some highlights on those topics;

- If you have not noticed the increased "street presence" of your Police Officers, you haven't been looking. Our newly "beefed up" department is making a difference in both visibility and in criminals taken off the streets. When the County jail is completed in 2017 the affect will be even more noticeable. We will soon have an Officer qualified in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement by the State Patrol. Letting over-weight/illegal truckers know that slipping down Highway 9 and through our town will result in strict enforcement will reduce the potential for accidents and damage to our streets.
- Sedro-Woolley has done a great job in leading the growth that is coming to town. We continue to leverage State and Federal funds to improve arterial streets and traffic flow through and around our City while conserving scarce local funding. This summer will see the State Route 9/Jameson / Rhodes Road round-about project (safer for school busses, students, and pedestrians), Trail/Sidewalk enhancements along State route 20 from Hodgin Road to SR9 (improved safety along SR20 corridor and Cascade Trail), repave of Ferry Street to include sidewalk improvements, and the design phase of Fruitdale Road enhancements and repair.
- Progress continues at the former Northern State site as our partners: Department of Enterprise Services (DES), Port of Skagit, and Skagit County work with us to establish mutually acceptable terms for future research,



Mayor
Keith Wagoner

technology, and manufacturing uses. It is a complicated process; the first effort of this kind ever attempted in Washington State. I remain optimistic that together we will clear all the hurdles necessary to realize the potential of a Janicki Bioenergy technology and development center on the property. This synergistic approach ensures respect for historic aesthetics while bringing jobs and opportunities to our community. Success has the potential to revitalize the City and reinvigorate our historical role as a center of innovation and manufacturing.

Let us not forget the fun side of government; working with our schools, community leaders, service organizations, and citizens to create a better community; doing things the "Woolley Way." Nobody gets more done through volunteerism and cooperation than Sedro-Woolley. It is true historically and it is true today.

- Partnering with our school district and local industry, Sedro-Woolley is the first member of the Washington State STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering) Network in Skagit County. This is an important and unique opportunity to build futures for our students on a local level. "We believe our best employees can come from the schools in Sedro-Woolley, and the STEM Network provides an incredible opportunity for our youth." (Peter Janicki, Janicki Bioenergy)
- Dedicated parents, coaches, athletic clubs and service organizations in cooperation with the City are working to build and improve facilities at Tesarik, Winnie Houser, and Janicki Fields. These are projects that could not have been completed using only City resources. They provide safe and healthy options which keep our kids occupied and engaged in the fabric of our community. My hat is off to the many, many partners that help keep Sedro-Woolley moving ahead.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Sedro-Woolley City Scene*; as always, we appreciate your feedback and advice in making it even better. The good weather is coming; get out and enjoy your fantastic City.

– Keith Wagoner, Mayor

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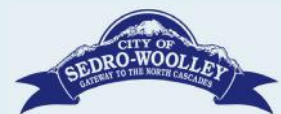
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Downtown revitalization key to a successful Sedro-Woolley



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THE CITY COUNCIL MET FOR A FULL DAY retreat on March 14th, 2016. This biennial event is intended as the time for councilmembers to articulate their goals and vision for the upcoming two years. Along with the city council and mayor, attendees to the retreat included all seven of the city's department heads and me.

Conversation was wide ranging and began with reports from each department head. The city's economics and economic health were also addressed in some detail followed by the council's discussion and prioritization of city resources. Much of the conversation from department heads included concern about staffing. During the recession, city departments cut staff and moved to a "do more with less" model. Now that recovery is well underway and demands for services are increasing, departments are stretched as they struggle to meet current demands. Customer service and the provision of excellent municipal services remains our primary goal at city hall and throughout the city's staff.

Councilmembers expressed concern about staffing as it relates to the delivery of services such as safe parks, drivable streets, walkable sidewalks, etc., and moved fairly quickly to a conversation about funding. While taxes and fees are options available to the city council to fund critical services, the council spent most of its time talking about ways to improve the whole economy in Sedro-Woolley thereby growing tax revenue without increasing taxes. Downtown revitalization came out as a priority objective with the belief that growth in and around the city, including commercial growth on SR 20, will be encouraged and supported by a healthy, vibrant and economically diverse central business district.

Stay tuned for more information on downtown revitalization as this becomes a topic of discussion at city council meetings. We will begin with a review of past plans and projects intended to revitalize downtown and move from there to an updated plan that will include downtown property owners, businesses and residents as well as the general public.

How are we doing?

The City of Sedro-Woolley prides itself on providing excellent customer service which includes reaching out to our residents and businesses with current information on projects and newsworthy events within the City. That's why the mayor and city council have decided to embark on a city magazine that will communicate in a format that we hope our readers find interesting and beneficial. In order to be successful we'd like to hear your comments regarding style, content and information covered in the *Sedro-Woolley City Scene*. Please forward your comments to Eron Berg, City Supervisor eberg@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us or at (360) 855-1661.

Thank you for helping make the *Sedro-Woolley City Scene* an effective way for the city and its partners to communicate with you!





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What's Going On At City Hall?

Listed below are locations of posted meetings, and notices of public hearings, and passed ordinances.

- City Hall bulletin board
325 Metcalf Street
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
802 Ball Street
- City website:
www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us
- All notices of public hearings and passed ordinances are posted in the *Skagit Valley Herald* and the *Courier Times*

City Council agendas, meeting minutes and videos of regularly scheduled meetings are posted on the City Website

Planning Commission agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the City Website

If you have any questions regarding meeting times, places, agendas or ADA access, please call City Hall at (360) 855-1661 for assistance.

MEETINGS

- City Council regular meetings:
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
7:00 PM, City Council Chambers
325 Metcalf Street
- City Council study sessions:
1st Wednesday of each month
7:00 PM, Public Safety Training Room
220 Munro Street
- Planning Commission meetings:
3rd Tuesday of each month
6:30 PM, City Council Chambers
325 Metcalf Street
- Library Board meetings:
Last Wednesday of each month
5:00 PM, Sedro-Woolley Public Library
802 Ball Street

Meeting times and places occasionally change, so it is advisable to contact City Hall 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting to confirm the location, date and time.

Meet your Sedro-Woolley Council Members



JUDITH DUNN LEE, WARD ONE COUNCILWOMAN

My boys and I moved to Sedro-Woolley 14 years ago. The boys made neighborhood friends right away. John Lee CPA also came to town 14 years ago, and as we became acquainted through church and professionally, we soon became the Lee and Duggan

household! John and I have the CPA office on Cook Road. Through acquaintances I was convinced to run for election to the City Council and the rest is history.



GERMAINE KORNEGAY, WARD TWO COUNCILWOMAN

I'm Council-member Germaine Kornegay in Ward 2. Before and since I was elected, I have been advocating for our city to attract more small businesses, along with a much needed grocery store, a park in ward 2 and more police. These are things that people

told me that they cared about. Quality of life is important to me too!

Since then we have seen our police department grow and acquire much needed equipment. We have acquired a quaint natural grocery store and our parks over all are getting some needed attention with more in the near future.

I would really like to see many things happen to further enhance our quality of life here at home in the future; a full service grocery store that we can be proud of, more mom and pop businesses run by people who care about our community as much as we do and over all infrastructural needs including our fire department. With patience, I am sure we'll get there. I advocate for the things we are lacking but in all honesty, I am pretty happy with the way things are going. And I really see things getting even better in the near future. I am proud of our city staff and council for doing so much with so little. I hope that you are proud too! Please feel free to call me anytime with questions.



JULIA JOHNSON, WARD FOUR COUNCILWOMAN

I'm delighted to have an opportunity to introduce myself to the Sedro-Woolley community through the City's first published magazine. This is my first year as a newly elected councilmember. I am proud to say that I have lived in Sedro-Woolley all of my

life. Along with my husband Eric, we have raised our two sons here and have enjoyed the community activities and opportunities Sedro-Woolley offers. Though economic times have created challenges for our city, the charm and hometown feel that makes Sedro-Woolley unique has remained. My decision to run for city council included a desire to maintain that small town feeling while providing opportunities for businesses, existing and new; making well-informed decisions about growth and development will assure that. I will continue to support public safety, public utilities and services, and encourage revitalization of downtown, all of which impacts each citizen of Sedro-Woolley. My vision is that people of all ages, lifestyles, ethnicities, and income will want to plant roots, raise families, and retire here in Sedro-Woolley. Thank you for this opportunity to represent you on the council."



CHUCK OWEN, WARD FIVE COUNCILMAN

Hello, my name is Chuck Owen, and I hold the seat on the City Council for Ward 5. I chose to run for the Sedro-Woolley Council because I believe in the success of Sedro-Woolley. I'm not a politician, but I am a contributing member of this community, and

I want to do all I can to help our city succeed. I have lived here long enough to see the ups and downs, and I wish to be a part of the effort to further the greatness of our city, help maintain its strengths, and improve on its weaknesses. One of my main purposes on the council is to serve the citizens of this city. I strive to be a voice for the people, and to bring their cares and concerns before my fellow council members and the city administrators. I'm trying to encourage citizens to become more involved in city government. One way for people to do this is to attend the council meetings, and to let their voices be heard. One of Sedro-Woolley's greatest assets is the people of this community. I care about the people, and care about their ideas and input about our city. All in all, I serve on the city council to help do my part to keep Sedro-Woolley a wonderful place to live, work, and play, for the people here today, and for the future generations.



BRETT C SANDSTROM, AT-LARGE COUNCILMAN

Welcome to the first issue of Sedro-Woolley City Scene Magazine. I believe this publication will be a great source of information for those who love Sedro-Woolley as I do. I honestly think Sedro-

Woolley is one of those rare cities that doesn't need to rely on phony gimmicks to make a great city. We live in a special little part of the world full of independent spirit, a strong sense of community, where family activities abound year round, and recreation is around every corner.

As your City Councilman At-Large, I feel honored and proud to be part of the great progress our city has been making in bringing new business to town. We have made great strides in fully staffing our city police, helping make our city safe for residents and the business community alike. We have made family friendly a priority by investing in new park lands throughout the city and by working with community leaders to build exceptional new parks like the Sedro-Woolley Skate Park, the soon to be finished Tesarik Baseball Field, and the soon to be developed Winnie Houser Park and Playfields.

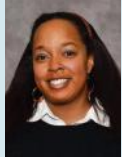
From Loggerodeo in summer to the long standing tradition of the decorated tree downtown in Winter, Sedro-Woolley is my home and I can't imagine calling another town my hometown.

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BY MARK FREIBERGER, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Did you know, the Sedro-Woolley Public Works Department includes Engineering design and review, Public Works Operations (Parks, Facilities, Streets, Stormwater and Cemetery Divisions), Solid Waste (including Yard Waste, Recycle and Fleet Operations) and Wastewater (including the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collections). The total number of full time employees is 25, with a part time mechanic and the part time Offender Work Program supervisor. In addition, we employ seasonal workers when the work load increases to assist with summer operations at Streets (1 total), Stormwater (1 total), Parks (4 total with additional 1 part time for flower baskets), Facilities (1 total), Solid Waste (1 total) and at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (1 total). The Offender Work Program, a unique and fiscally effective approach to filling in the City's resource gaps, has been in effect for 6 years. It is typically a consistent workforce used to keep downtown clean, picking up trash, cleaning sidewalks, weeding planters and maintaining the City stormwater ponds. Public Works Operations also oversees the Riverfront Park, Bingham Park and soon to be implemented Memorial Park Caretaker positions, and the Riverfront Park RV host. The total for all full, part time and seasonal positions is 37 employees.

Public Works 2015 Accomplishment Highlights and 2016 Projects


- Funding secured for the **Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project**, the **SR20/Cascade Trail Phases 1A and 1B Project**, and the **Ferry Street Overlay Project**, to be constructed in 2016. Total value of the work is \$4,388,000.
- Funding secured for the **Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvements Project** Design Phase at \$300,000.
- **Riverfront Park Playground** (completed 2015)
- **Houser Playfields** (complete in 2016)
- **Babe Ruth Baseball Field Relocation** (complete in 2016)
- **Memorial Park Caretaker Residence** (complete in 2016)
- Partnered with Rotary to upgrade **Metcalf Playfields/Tesarik Little League Field** including the new restroom facility (complete in 2016)
- Chip sealed 1.5 lane miles of **Local Access Streets**.
- Maintained the **Stormwater Utility System** under our NPDES Stormwater Permit. Performed annual maintenance on the system, which includes 1,920 catch basins, 22 flow control or water quality systems, 207,304 lineal feet of gravity and force main pipelines and culverts, 58,835 lineal feet of ditch, two stormwater pump stations, and 24,500 lf of Brickyard Creek.
- In house design and construction of the **Greenstreet-Virginia-Dean Sewer and Roadway Project**, with a final cost of \$688,185.
- In house design and construction of the **John Liner Road Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project**, with a final cost of \$72,919.
- Maintained the **Sanitary Sewer Collection System**, which includes an annual program of video inspection and cleaning as needed. The system consists of 229,900 lineal feet of collector and transmission pipes ranging from 6" to 36" in diameter, with associated manholes and 11 Sewer Pump Stations.
- Restored drainage on failed systems on F&S Grade Road and from Central to Reed Streets.
- Assumed the **Recycling and Yard Waste Programs** on the expiration of the Waste Management contract, saving ratepayers from a rate increase planned by the contractor.
- Assumed 159 additional solid waste accounts (Carter Street vicinity).
- Managed **ERR Fund equipment replacements** and upgrades including police cruisers, fire engine, two solid waste trucks, asphalt pothole patching equipment, and an asphalt compactor, with total purchases of \$1,056,417.

As is evident from the list above, Public Works is working hard to keep our city moving forward. Please follow upcoming public notices on new projects and let us know how we are doing.



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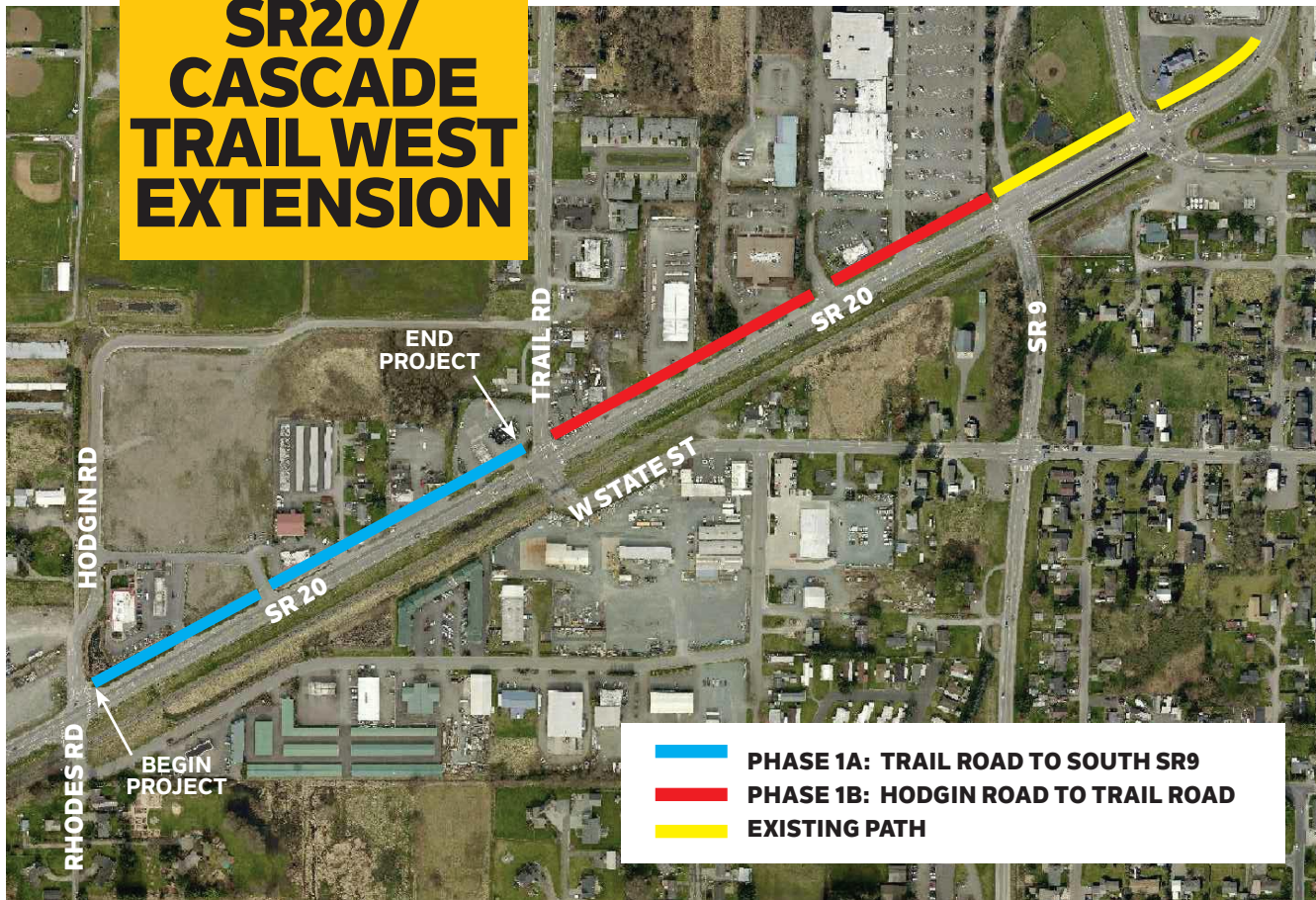
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SR20/ CASCADE TRAIL WEST EXTENSION



Pedestrian and Bicycle SAFETY MATTERS!



BY DAVID LEE, P.E., CITY ENGINEER

THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY HAS RECEIVED FUNDING to construct a 10-foot wide concrete shared use path (sidewalk) along the north side of SR 20 between Hodgin Road and the end of the new sidewalk at the SR 9 South intersection. In addition to the

sidewalk construction, the project also includes upsizing the existing storm drain main line from approximately 500-foot west of Trail Road east to SR 9 South. All of the work will be within the SR 20 right of way.

This project will complete a section of the Cascade Trail between Sedro-Woolley and Burlington, and will provide pedestrian and non-motorized access from Hodgin Road to West Ferry Street, the SKAT Transit hub and the downtown area. This improvement will greatly enhance the pedestrian access to the businesses located along the

north side of SR 20 between Ferry Street and Hodgin Road. The new path will connect to the existing shared use path running 1.3 miles on the north side of SR20 from SR9 South to SR 9 North/Township Street. When complete, the path will span 1.9 miles across the core of the city. Future projects will extend the path west to the city limits at Collins Road, and east to the city limits at Fruitdale Road.

The project is expected to take approximately three months to construct with a start date scheduled for early July 2016 and finishing around the end of September 2016. The construction costs are estimated at \$860,000 and funded by the city's Transportation Impact Fee (\$86,000), Skagit County Economic Development funds (\$220,000), and state and federal funding sources (\$555,000).

Sedro-Woolley Public Works is known for getting projects done, which is why the city has been so successful in obtaining funding from state and federal transportation funding agencies. In Woolley we make it happen!



JAMESON ARTERIAL EXTENSION TO SR9

BY MARK FREIBERGER, P.E.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

STATE ROUTE 9 SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 20 IN SEDRO-WOOLLEY will be getting a much needed makeover this year. This project began back in 2008 with a commitment by White Pass Investments, LLC, owner of the former mill site located east of SR9 at 1215 State Route 9 to donate right of way between Batey Street and SR9 that will allow extension of Jameson Street directly to SR9 and Rhodes Road. This project has been a top ranked project of the city's Transportation Plan since that time. Once complete, this project will provide safety improvements for school bus traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists and it will open up access to 50 acres of underutilized industrial property, increasing its desirability

for investment and development. The **Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project** includes a new roundabout intersection at Jameson Street and SR9, extension of Jameson Street across the mill site from Batey to SR9, and realignment of Rhodes Road to the new intersection. The project will enhance access to Jameson by eliminating the existing dog leg connection from Jameson to SR9 via Batey and West Nelson and the uncontrolled intersection at SR9, providing an attractive east-west arterial alternative to the congested SR20 corridor. The project will provide a safe pedestrian crossing of SR9 for children walking or biking to Sedro-Woolley High School from neighborhoods on Rhodes Road west of SR9. It will also greatly improve access to SR9 and Rhodes Road from Jameson for school buses traveling to and from Sedro-Woolley High School.

The city has hosted two public open house meetings, one on July 8, 2015 and a second on March 2, 2016. The Sedro-Woolley School district has been an active supporter and partner since the beginning

of project inception; additionally both Skagit County and WSDOT have provided support for the project.

The estimated project cost is \$3,174,000 including \$462,000 in right of way donations. Skagit County Economic Development funds were used for preliminary design in 2009. The Skagit Council of Governments awarded federal STP funds totaling \$225,000 for the final design phase and \$700,000 for the construction phase of the project. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) awarded \$1,725,000 in state gasoline tax funds that provided the final construction funding needed for the project. Total grant funding from TIB and federal transportation funds is \$2,650,000. The city's matching funds for the project total \$56,000. Our partner the Sedro-Woolley School District is contributing \$6,000 for sidewalk improvements near the High School. The project design is complete, and has been advertised for bids to close on March 31, 2016. Construction is scheduled to take place between May and November 2016.



For more information please contact Mark A. Freiburger, P.E., Director of Public Works at **360-855-0771** or **mfreiburger@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Great Things Are Happening!

BY JOHN COLEMAN, PLANNING DIRECTOR/BUILDING OFFICIAL



IF BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY IS CONSIDERED AN ECONOMIC INDICATOR, then economic recovery and prosperity is apparent in Sedro-Woolley. Building activity increased to pre-recession levels in 2015 and that trend is expected to continue through 2016. The Building Department issued 40 new single-family building permits in 2015 compared to a total

of 23 permits in 2013 and 2014 combined. Local property owners have also expressed interest in developing mixed-use commercial developments that will provide housing and work space options for the growing technology sector. In 2015 The Planning Department was also busy with major land use projects such as the annexation the former Northern State Campus into City limits along with a handful of residential properties (approximately 230 acres); adoption of a subarea plan and approval of a Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement for the future redevelopment of the Center for

Innovation and Technology (formally known as Northern State); and adoption of six municipal code amendments – all of which were completed to promote the development of a destination mixed use campus accommodating education, research and development, manufacturing, hospitality, commercial uses and future headquarters for Janicki Bioenergy.

In addition to the land-use permitting related to the Center for Innovation and Technology, the Planning Department and Planning Commission have been working on updates to the Sedro-Woolley Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Area boundaries. Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that the cities in Skagit County periodically update their Comprehensive Plans. Sedro-Woolley's Comprehensive Plan was last fully updated in 2005. The city began its Comprehensive Plan update process in 2011. In the past two years alone over 22 public meetings and hearings have been held regarding the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan and the city's Urban Growth Area.



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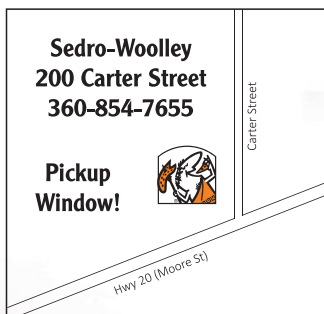
Meet Our New Building Inspector/Plans Examiner, TONY NISKANEN



My wife and I moved to Washington two years ago. Previously I worked at the City of Happy Valley, a small suburb on the east side of Portland, Oregon. Happy Valley is similar in size to Sedro-Woolley and has a similar small-town feel where everybody seems to know one another. I have worked on projects ranging from over a thousand new homes to several new schools. Additionally, I hold numerous code certifications in both residential and commercial inspections and plan reviews. With my co-worker's local knowledge and experience, and my added expertise, the Sedro-Woolley Building Department can now take care of all your projects "in house". Our goal is increased efficiency in order to reduce your overall project duration and to be a source for answering your construction questions. Feel free to call me anytime (as long as I'm not hunting or fishing!) at 360-899-6001. I look forward to meeting you. — Tony



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BY CHIEF DEAN KLINGER

AN EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE BEGINS WITH the action taken in the initial minutes of an emergency which are critical. A call for help to emergency services that provide full and accurate information will help the fire department respond with the appropriate apparatus and number of personnel. National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA) sets professional standards. One of which is NFPA 1710, this standard is regarding response times. First responders need to arrive at the emergency within 4 minutes of the dispatch time 90% of the time. It is the goal of every department to meet these standards and Sedro-Woolley is proud to state that Sedro-Woolley Fire Department meets this response standard within the City of Sedro-Woolley. The 2015 statistics for number and type of calls are shown in in the following page.

Upon scene of any emergency there is a certain expectation of professionalism that

our citizens, staff and NFPA expect. This level of service takes a great dedication of time and training of our firefighter. Our Volunteers firefighters train approximately 60 hours a year. Those hours does not include the initial training of the fire academy or specialty training such as Hazardous Materials Technician or Confine Space Rescue Technician in which several members are certified in. Much of the annual training is with our neighboring fire district, for we respond to several of their calls for them through a contracted agreement or through a county wide mutual aid agreement. Sedro-Woolley Fire Department believes if we work together we should train together.

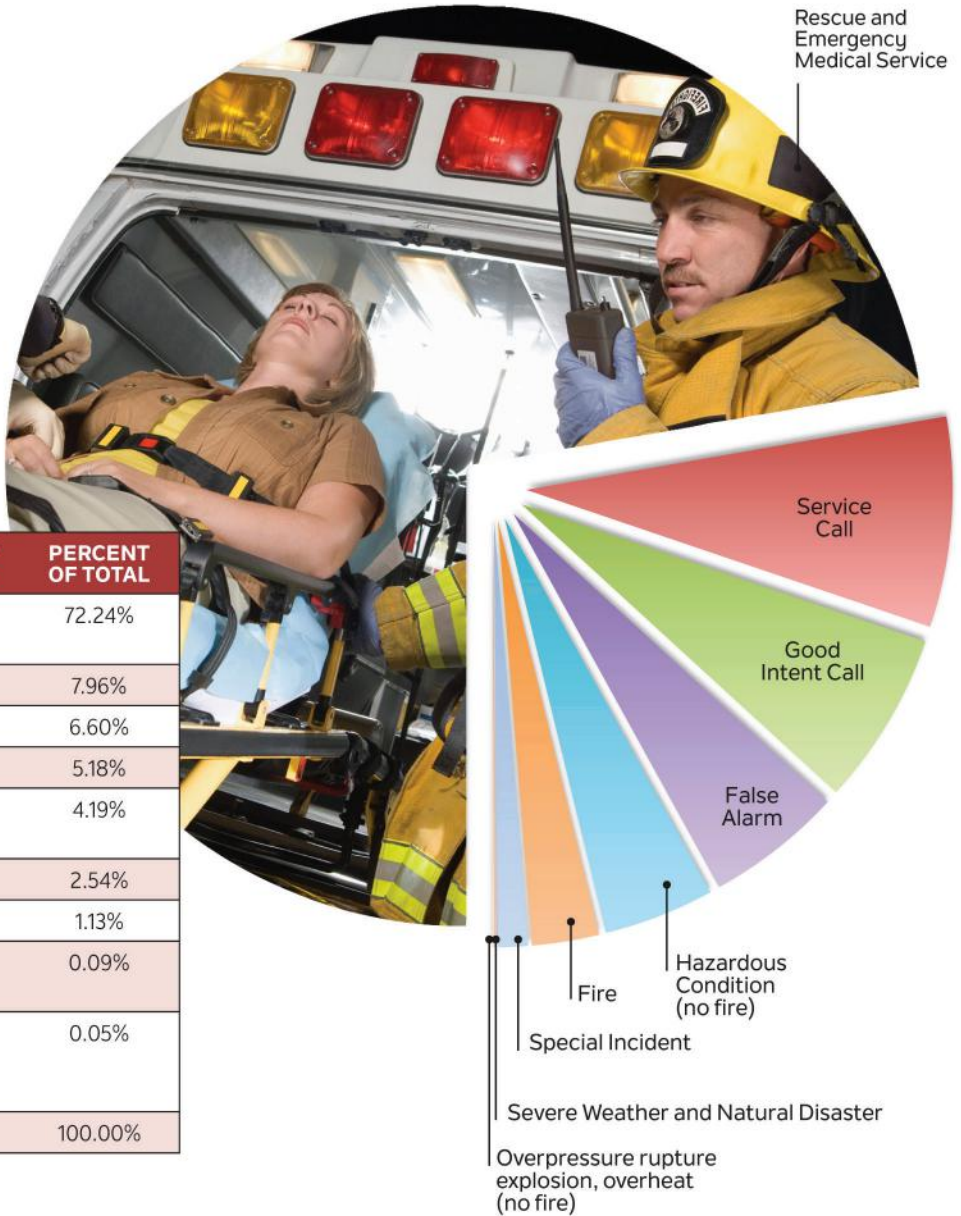
Finally we would like to thank our citizens for their support, not only financial support through tax dollars but moral support in the numerus letters we have received.

Dedicated Volunteers

The City has 30 dedicated volunteer Firefighters but always needs more. The volunteers make up the back bone of the department and without them we would not be able to provide the service you have come to expect and need. If interested in becoming a volunteer Please contact the department at 360-855-2252. This is your chance to become part of an organization that is dedicated to the service of the community.

Number and type of calls made to Sedro-Woolley Fire Department in 2015

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1533	72.24%
Service Call	169	7.96%
Good Intent Call	140	6.60%
False Alarm & False Call	110	5.18%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	89	4.19%
Fires	54	2.54%
Special Incident Type	24	1.13%
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	2	0.09%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear (no fire)	1	0.05%
TOTAL	2122	100.00%



Volunteers Needed

The Sedro-Woolley Fire Department is seeking volunteer firefighters. If you are interested please visit the City's web site (www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us) and click on the employment link on the left.

For questions, call: 855-2252



THE 2016 SEDRO-WOOLLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



BY CHIEF WILLIAM "LIN" TUCKER

THE 2016 SEDRO-WOOLLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT is a new and improved agency with a lot to offer. Our Department has changed radically in the last two years, the previous Chief, Doug Wood, retired in 2014 and I was appointed to the position. My name is Lin Tucker; I am a 23 year veteran of this Department, coming to Sedro-Woolley

after 7 years in the Navy. With eight new Officers, one new Code Enforcement Officer, one new Receptionist/Records Clerk and a part time Transcriptionist, we are fully staffed at a level that we have never seen in the history of the City.

We have a current commissioned staff of seventeen Officers and three Reserve Officers. This number of people allows us to participate in the County SWAT Team, the Multiple Agency Negotiation Team, the Skagit Multi-Agency Response Team and several other training positions that give the people of Sedro-Woolley some of the best trained and prepared Police Officers anywhere.

Did you know that seven of us regularly teach classes at Skagit Valley College? Most of these are in the Law Enforcement and Parks Academy, but I teach a Cartooning and Sketching class in the Continuing Education Department.

All of the things that we do, help prepare all of us to better serve the people of Sedro-Woolley. That service includes a Chief that regularly responds to calls and has a hand in the daily policing of the City. We are in a unique position. We aren't a little town anymore, we are a small City. Big enough to have some of the same problems that major cities have, but small enough that you can walk to City Hall and get in to see the Mayor or Police Chief when you need.

I attribute the success of our Department to the support we receive from the citizens, the City Council, the Mayor, the City Supervisor and the City Employees that keep things running.



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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Protecting Your Neighborhood and Quality of Life

BY CHIEF WILLIAM "LIN" TUCKER

IN 2014, THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY GAINED A VALUABLE RESOURCE when we hired Laura Carr as the Code Enforcement Officer. We were sorely lacking in the area of City Code compliance and several problem properties needed to be addressed. Officer Carr took on the task, bringing a wealth of experience in the areas of Code Enforcement, Animal Control and as a Reserve Police Officer.

Officer Carr works within the Police Department but in conjunction with the Building and Planning Department to ensure that problems are solved. We have taken the approach of using whatever City Department is most appropriate to solve City Code problems; Officer Carr is often called on to lead and organize these City resources. We work with property owners to resolve issues as quickly and easily as possible.



LAURA CARR
Code Enforcement
Officer

A sizable portion of Officer Carr's time is devoted to Animal Control. She has a wealth of experience in this area and has developed working relationships with the area Veterinarian clinics and Animal Rescue/ Shelters. She uses these relationships as well as those she's established with local businesses to care for lost and abandoned animals.

Did you know that it doesn't cost anything to get a dog license in the City of Sedro-Woolley? All you have to do is stop by the Police Department and fill out an information card. We have a rather large Kennel area where we temporarily house lost/found animals, until they can be returned to the owners. In 2015, roughly 82% of the animals recovered by Officer Carr were returned to the owner or placed with a new family.

Not all animal recoveries go as planned, in 2015, this clever character took over my car, while we were trying to catch her. The other picture is a recovered lost dog prior to its return to the owner.



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CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE

We Aim To Keep You Safe!

BY CHIEF WILLIAM "LIN" TUCKER

IN THIS UNCERTAIN WORLD, a lot of people are getting their Concealed Pistol License. This has prompted me to send out a reminder to those folks who are carrying their concealed pistols.

Be aware of your surroundings, just because you are carrying a firearm does not guarantee safety. We wear armor at work that will, at least, stop the round in the weapon we carry. Officers are disarmed and killed with their own weapon regularly. Think before introducing a firearm into a potentially volatile situation, it might not be the answer. It may be a better idea to not be where you're at and getting to a safer place.

Do your research and know when it's appropriate to use a firearm to defend yourself. We have the terms Reasonable and Necessary drummed into our heads from the Police Academy on, throughout our entire career. If you look at all of the controversial and/or tragic events involving Police Officers and shootings, there's always a question as to whether that shooting was Reasonable and Necessary.

Think about why you want to carry a firearm and what type of scenario would prompt you to draw your weapon. Then think, "Would it be better for all involved if I was an excellent witness and called 911 or is there an immediate threat to someone's safety and there's no reasonably effective alternative to using force???"

There are a lot of places that offer training and support in Concealed Carry and Firearms Training, check them

out. This is a serious issue and deserves serious consideration.

Firearms are not dangerous; irresponsible people, fools, ignorance, people with no thought for the consequences of their actions and people intent on doing bad things are dangerous. In other words, humans and their actions can be dangerous.

Safely secure your weapons when they are not on your person. If you have mini-humans at home and think your secret hiding spot is safe, think again. Your kids or grandkids will find anything; don't be the person who let this happen.



KNOW THE BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY RULES:

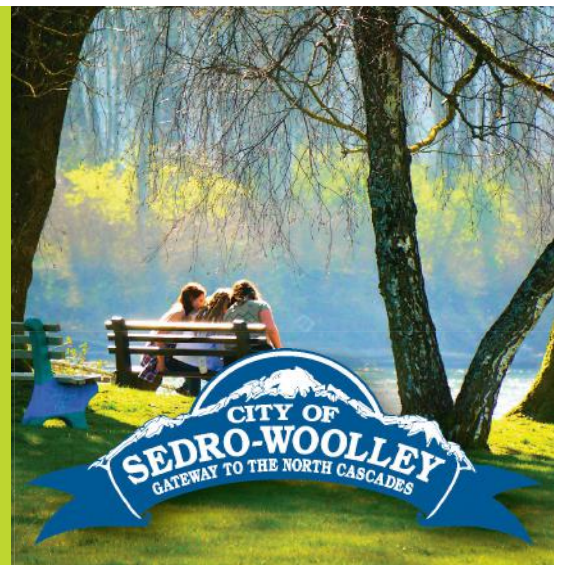
- Treat all firearms as if they were loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you're ready to fire.
- Don't point your weapon at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy.
- Be sure of your backstop and what is beyond it.

Quality of Life

The City Council has heard from the community and is taking action to improve the quality of life for our residents.

In 2014, the Sedro-Woolley Police Department added a code enforcement officer and in 2015, the City Council prioritized code enforcement to address quality of life issues such as loose dogs, cars parking on sidewalks, broken down cars in front yards, and garbage cans left out all week. These seemingly small violations of the city's code add up to a big difference in how our city looks and feels. We all need to work together to improve the quality of life for Sedro-Woolley residents.

To report a violation, call Code Enforcement at 855-3211.



Meet Julie Applegate

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What a pleasure it's been to spend time in the city of Sedro-Woolley and having the opportunity to meet such enthusiastic business owners. I look forward to working with you to develop marketing programs aimed at your customers. Let me know if you would like to jump on board for the upcoming summer and fall issues.

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United General District 304 works together with program staff, volunteers and countless other organizations to improve the quality of life in our community. Our services include:

Community Health Outreach Programs, focusing on access to health care and healthy food; prevention of chronic disease, promoting positive parenting; prevention of substance abuse and fostering youth leadership.

United Fitness Center, a unique health club where adults of all abilities can get healthy and fit in a friendly environment. We also sponsor the one-of-a-kind hiking adventure, Trek for Treasure.

The Landing, a children's bereavement program that provides support for kids and teens who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We serve families in Skagit, Island, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Clinics, located in Sedro-Woolley and Concrete, provide nutrition education, vouchers for healthy food, health screenings and referrals, and breastfeeding support.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT



SEDRO-WOOLLEY STEM NETWORK: Creating BRIGHT FUTURES



BY PHIL BROCKMAN
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
SEDRO-WOOLLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



THE CONCEPT IS SIMPLE: IN THE 21ST CENTURY, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education opens doors for every student to succeed. Washington State has more STEM jobs than any other state but the state is not creating enough applicants for those living-wage jobs. Currently, there are 25,000 unfilled jobs in Washington due to a lack of qualified candidates (2013). Eighty percent of those jobs are in high-demand health care and STEM fields, such as computer science and engineering. Washington ranks #1 in the nation in the concentration of STEM jobs. By 2018, we will see a 24% increase in STEM jobs and our students need to be ready for these job opportunities.

To meet this growing need, the Sedro-Woolley School District, in partnership with the City of Sedro-Woolley, applied for and was the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from Washington STEM to create a plan to establish a STEM Network in Sedro-Woolley. This STEM Network will be the first of its kind north of Snohomish County and will create a niche the community can call its own. The initial planning partners and community based organization partners include the City of Sedro-Woolley, Sedro-Woolley School District, Port of Skagit, EDASC (Economic Development Association of Skagit County), Skagit Valley College and Janicki Industries.

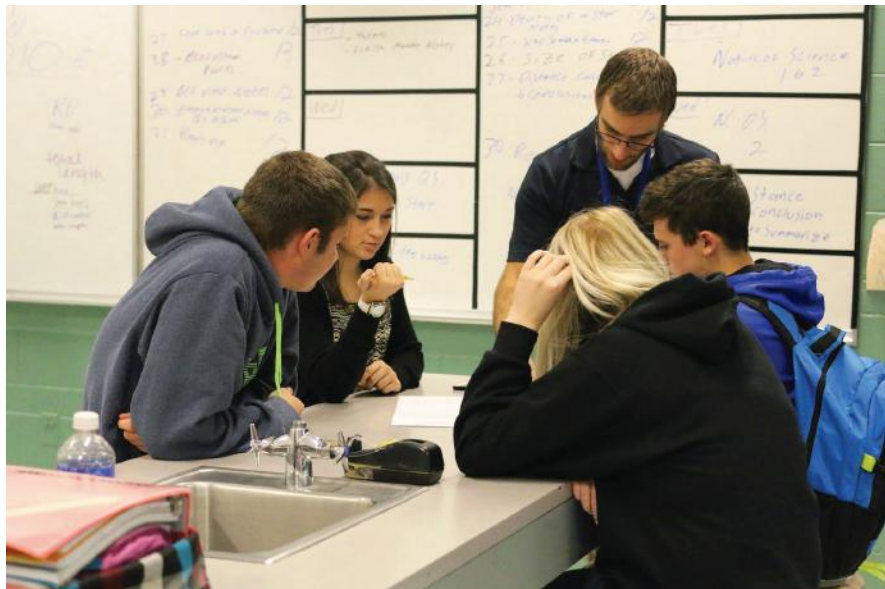
Why Sedro-Woolley? Sedro-Woolley has been a leader in world-changing technology for more than a century. With global companies such as the Skagit Corporation, Snelson, and Janicki Industries, Sedro-Woolley is home to the world's leaders in composites and other innovations. And thanks to Janicki Bioenergy's Omni Processor, Sedro-Woolley is also on the leading edge of sanitation technology. The STEM Network planning process coincides

with the redevelopment of the Northern State campus as a Center for Innovation and Technology in the Pacific Northwest. With Janicki Bioenergy expected to be the Center's first tenant, it is anticipated that more than 1,000 STEM jobs could be located at the Center within the next five years!

The Sedro-Woolley School Board of Directors recently updated the district's strategic road map to include a vision of "graduates will apply their knowledge and skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking and life to become competent, productive, contributing citizens of the 21st Century." This vision aligns perfectly with the STEM Network.

So what does this all mean for students in the district? As I recently stated, "This STEM grant and Network builds on our commitment to educational excellence and preparing our children for exciting careers in innovation. The STEM Network will facilitate the creation of long-term focus on addressing the needs of the community when it comes to preparing future generations for economic success and will create greater connections between our students and local industry."

The move toward STEM classes was already taking place in the district such as engineering classes



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"A strong emphasis on STEM Curriculum at the earliest stages of education through high school and beyond is critical to employee success in technology-based companies. We believe **our best employees can come from the schools in Sedro-Woolley, and the STEM Network provides an incredible opportunity** for our youth. We strongly support Sedro-Woolley Schools in their efforts to enhance, increase and encourage STEM at all levels. Janicki Industries is proud to be a strong supporter of Sedro-Woolley Schools as a member to Sedro-Woolley STEM Network."

– Peter Janicki

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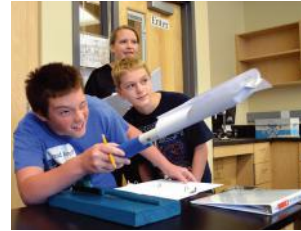
at the middle school and expanded offerings at the high school such as the Introduction to Manufacturing class and computer science classes focused on

programming and creating cellphone apps. As CTE Director Wes Allen recently stated, "I want classes to lead to something. Our goal is to give them as much experience as possible when

they go off to post-secondary education." With STEM as a focus, students will learn not only how to make things work but will also know the science and math behind why they work. This concept can carry over into any career by developing the student's critical thinking skills and creating a solid educational foundation.

The Network will allow the district to expand its current efforts by working with Network partners. This means hosting STEM nights for parents to see the changes taking place in the schools and by inviting guest speakers from STEM-related industries to explain the real-life correlation between what they are learning in the classroom and how that translates into earning a good living after high school and college. The district is hoping to also create and increase more opportunities for student job shadows and internships through this unique partnership with the STEM Network.

And the end result of the Sedro-Woolley STEM Network? Is a community-wide collaborative effort that will result in long lasting benefits for the region's youth, economy and general community. The region will be able to attract, retain, and create STEM related jobs and industry leading to increased earnings and investment in the local economy. As John Janicki, president of Janicki Industries, recently stated, "We are excited to be a partner in the Sedro-Woolley STEM Network because it supports technology companies and provides lasting opportunities for our youth. Thanks to the community's passion for innovation, excellence, and education, the future of Sedro-Woolley has never been brighter."



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Photos 3 and 4: Vertex employees Lou S. and Mike V. working on various aircraft engines.



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Photo 1: An electrical harness assembler at Nordic Tugs facility at the Bayview Business Park.

Photo 2: Iconic Nordic Tugs, Inc. manufactures recreational trawlers at its facility at the Bayview Business Park.

Port of Skagit Businesses Hiring – STEM Career Opportunities!

BY ANDREW ENTRIKIN, COMMUNITY OUTREACH ADMINISTRATOR – PORT OF SKAGIT



LOCAL VOTERS APPROVED THE CREATION of the Port of Skagit in 1964, realizing the need for an entity that would serve the economic needs of Skagit County by helping to create jobs in the natural resource fields of agriculture, wood products, fisheries and mineral extraction. Governed by an elected board of three commissioners, our focus has broadened over the years, and today the port's essential purpose is to contribute to the economic vitality of Skagit County through the development of facilities and infrastructure that support local commerce, trade and tourism.

The Port of Skagit views its mission, Good Jobs for Our Community, as critical for maintaining a high quality of life in the Skagit Valley. By fostering economic prosperity, we support community well-being that embraces cultural vitality, social justice and compassion, all nurtured by a beautiful and healthy natural environment.

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers are becoming more prominent than ever before in today's growing economy. The Port of Skagit encourages our local community to explore STEM career opportunities right here in Skagit County. Whether you are a student searching for post high school employment opportunities, or a seasoned veteran in your field, STEM careers are available now

at many businesses located at the Port of Skagit.

Mavrik Marine specializes in the construction of top quality aluminum commercial boats at its facility at the La Conner Marina. The company located to the Port in 2011 and currently employ 89 of the 286 combined employees in the marine manufacturing sector at the Port of Skagit. Owner Zachery Battle recently said the company is looking to hire and would benefit from experienced welders, electricians, and ship layout designers.

Hexcel Burlington manufactures engineered core components from metallic and non-metallic honeycomb. Key applications for products made at the plant are commercial and defense aircraft, helicopters and aerospace engines, as well as industrial parts. The company opened its Burlington location at the Port of Skagit in 1990. Currently, Hexcel employs approximately 253 of the 380 combined employees in the aerospace manufacturing sector at the Port of Skagit.

"Our aerospace sector employment growth rate is 68 percent over a three year period," said Scott Peterson, Port of Skagit Director of Business Development and Real Estate. "In other words, our present value is 68 percent bigger than our value in 2012."

Skagit Valley Malting is a private enterprise that developed out of a partnership between Skagit Valley Malting, Port of Skagit, and WSU Research Mount Vernon to develop a facility that malts barley grown in the Skagit Valley. The Port of Skagit value-added agriculture sector employ a combined 183 people.

"The goal is to bring in prosperous businesses that in turn will hire local people at a family wage income," said Port of Skagit Commissioner Bill Shuler. "The Commission Board and Port staff have done a wonderful job bringing these businesses in to our local community and we are hearing time and time again a need for qualified workers to fill open positions. If you enjoy the unique quality of life found only in Skagit County you may be surprised to see the opportunities that are available at many of our businesses located at the Port of Skagit."

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BY POLA KELLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEDRO-WOOLLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WELCOME TO SEDRO-WOOLLEY, where the quality of life is the primary reason people love to call it home. A town steeped in hometown charm, a vital center of recreation, and a great place to do business; we invite you to stay and explore what makes us unique—besides the name. Downtown Sedro-Woolley offers art work carved as a tribute to its logging past, and each year new chainsaw carvings are added to the streetscape. The downtown is working on revitalization and many buildings are receiving facelifts as the town is in the middle of a renaissance. When local owners invest in buildings one can truly see the pride that goes into creating a distinct impression. Great examples include Naked Clothing, the Woolley Market and Liberty Bistro.

Significant growth in jobs and the economy are anticipated thanks to aerospace supplier Janicki Industries work on the Air Force's next-generation B-21 bomber, and the Janicki BioEnergy project known as the Omniprocessor, funded for development by the Bill Gates Foundation. Peter Janicki designed and has started production on a machine that will change the world by processing human waste into clean energy and clean water. Exceeding the goals set by the Gates Foundation. (see janickibioenergy.com)

Hammer Heritage Square near the center of town is the place to be for many events such as Blast from the Past and the home of Sedro-Woolley Farmer's Market open on Wednesdays from May to October.

The events in town are generally family oriented, from Woodfest during Tulip Festival which focuses on student woodworking projects, an Easter Egg Hunt in the park, a kids' fishing derby in May, hula hoop, jump rope and eating competitions during Blast from the Past in June, the Loggerodeo with its carnival and grand parade in July, Halloween parade and merchant trick or treating in October, and wonderful Christmas tree lighting and lighted Parade among other events in December. If you want your family to experience something genuine, Sedro-Woolley offers plenty for visitors and residents alike.





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For motor enthusiasts there are car shows every year in June and September and a motorcycle show has been added to Blast from the Past. Hitting Highway 20 or Highway 9 in any rig reminds you to enjoy the drive as you pass through the forests, mountains, and small towns away from the hustle and bustle of the Interstate. Sedro-Woolley is also a natural stopping place on the Pacific Northwest Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail, as headquarters to the North Cascade National Park many hikers, bikers and travelers on the Cascade Loop Highways find it a great place to stop for a night.

The town has several local parks and is surrounded by plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities from the North Cascades to the San Juan Islands, all just a short drive from the heart of Sedro-Woolley. At Riverfront Park on the Skagit River one can find plenty of picnic areas and restrooms, city maintained shelters that can be rented for reunions or other events, a dog park, boat launch, and RV park. The Rotary club built an amphitheater a few years ago and has been holding free summer concerts in the park. You can also enjoy concerts at our lovely local winery, Eagle Haven on Sims Road east of town during the summer months.

In 2012 the Rotary Club also built a new state of the art skate park that now attracts skateboarders from all over the region and an annual competition in the fall. We believe you will enjoy a visit but once here you may find no better place to put down roots and grow a family.



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Taylor Isaacson, 2016 Rodeo Queen



JUNE 3-5 » Blast from the Past

A three-day event highlighting craft and food vendors, a quilt show, an art show, old time contests (i.e., hula hoops, jump roping, and pie eating), and a car show on Sunday. Blast from the Past will soon be here! Vendors are signing up, things are being prepared, and competitors are prepping for the Annual contest that has turned friends against each other in heated competition. There's plenty to enjoy— a quilt show, a brand new motorcycle show on Saturday and the car show on Sunday, live music for a street dance Saturday night with a beer garden next to Vic's 66, and all around family fun!

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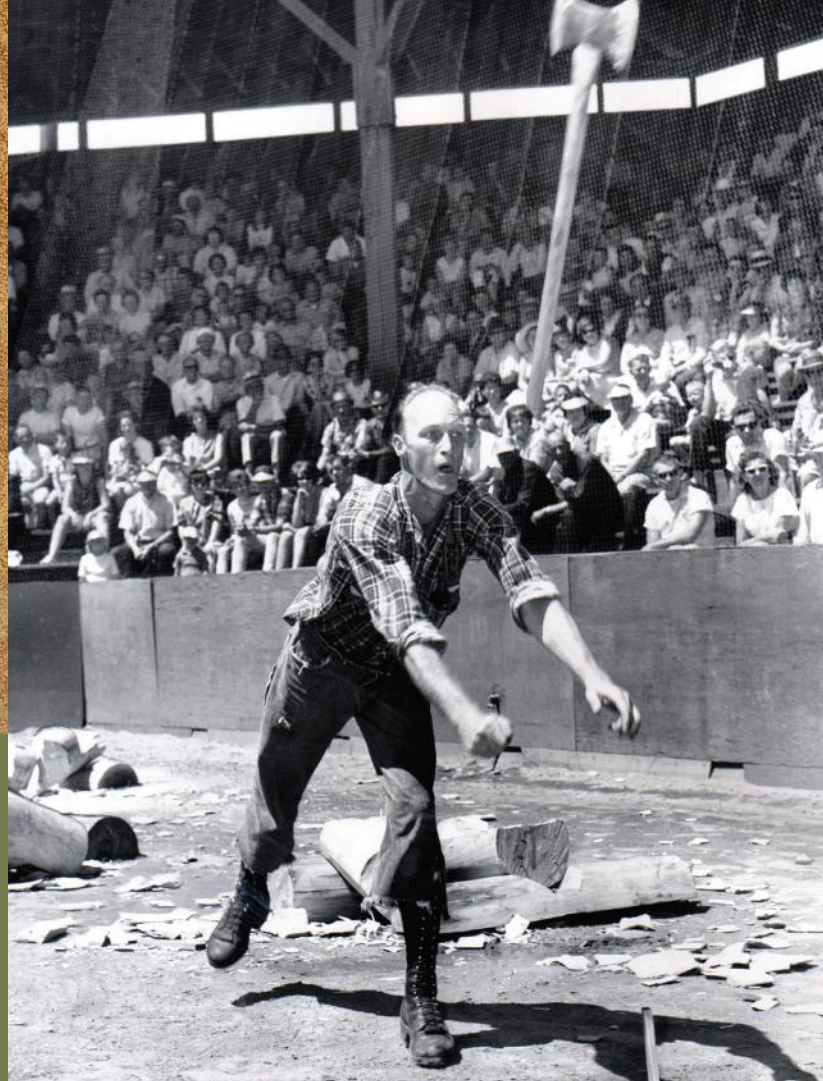
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The founding families of the towns that would become both Sedro and Woolley, and eventually Sedro-Woolley, humbly celebrated the area's first 4th of July celebration in 1886 by reading the Declaration of Independence. By the 1890s both towns were booming, and July 4th celebrations more grand... "On that day (July 4th, 1890), in the presence of probably 40 people, a fir flag pole 104 feet was raised, a new flag, presented by Mr. Woolley, soon floated. At Sedro, that same day, pioneers in the older town celebrated the Fourth by trimming a gigantic cedar tree as a flag pole at a height of 226 feet. That accomplished, Old Glory, 40 by 16 feet in size, manufactured by the ladies of the Sedro community, was flung to the breeze amid the acclamations of the patriotic spectators."

In 1948 Loggerodeo got its name and over the years Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo has become the key event to mark the Fourth of July in Skagit County. In recent years Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo has been acclaimed by the Washington Legislature for "the House of Representatives recognize and honor chainsaw carvers' contributions in industry and in the community". Today, Loggerodeo brings tens of thousands of visitors, where events vary from a two hour long grand parade and fun filled carnival to world class chainsaw carvers, and from logging expositions, which include our Sedro-Woolley FFA Logging Team and little kiddies parading through downtown to a spectacular fireworks finale.

As you look over these images of Loggerodeo's past, please remember that the Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo is our tradition, one that transcends age and class to bring the whole community together.

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