



Town of Woodway

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Woodway, WA 98020

Town Information

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Planning Commission meets First Wed. of the month, 7:00 p.m.

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Town Administrator Eric A. Faison
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EMERGENCY 911

Town Council Members:

Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Robert Schillberg

Locations of the Town Bulletin Boards:

Town Hall Front Porch
Woodway Park Road at Algonquin
Chinook Road at 217th
Bella Coola west of Makah
Timberlane at 239th
114th West at 239th
Willowick Road, north side

Woodway Whisper

Spring Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Neighborhood Meetings. A Success

At the time of printing for this newsletter, we've hosted five community meetings with three more planned for this spring. Each meeting has been held in private homes located in different areas of Town, with an average attendance of 25 residents.

The format includes a summary of four topics (Town finances, redevelopment of Pt. Wells, Regional fire services, Rosary Heights), discussion, and then an informal "straw vote" to measure how our residents feel about increased property taxes, potential annexation, and support of a bond issue to purchase Rosary Heights. These meetings have helped residents understand the issues involved, as well as provide advisory votes that will be helpful to the Town Council when making final

decisions on behalf of our community.

If you have not been able to attend a meeting, check the schedule below. It is not necessary to attend the meeting in your neighborhood. What's important is that residents get a chance to learn about the issues and participate in the ongoing discussion of Town issues.

For those residents who have attended, thank you for taking the time to get involved. While we may be a "quiet community," we are also thoughtful and committed to Woodway's future well being. Once the meetings have been held, I will share the total "straw vote" count on the four issues via a community wide letter plus, for those residents who have e-mail, I will send monthly updates.

Remaining Neighborhood Meetings		
Woodway Park Road south of bridge, 112th Place W., 238th Street S.W., S. Deer Drive, Wachusett Road, & Woodhaven Place	Saturday, March 14 at 10 am	Scott Neely & Elizabeth Mitchell 23611 Woodway Park Road
Woodway Highlands	Saturday, April 18 at 10 am	John & Suzanne Rettenmier 24144 E. Greystone Lane
Anyone who has not yet attended a meeting	Monday, April 27 at 7 pm	Rosary Heights 23120 Woodway Park Road

Rosary Heights Open House

If you have always wanted to see the grounds and the old world craftsmanship of the manor located at Rosary Heights, here's your chance. The Sisters are graciously inviting all residents to come visit the property on:

Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Rosary Heights is located at 23120 Woodway Park Road.

Woodway has been fortunate to have such a beautiful, environmentally rich estate within our community. Come see for yourself!!

Save the Date!

**The 2009 Woodway
Town Fair will be
on August 22, 2009
from
11 am to 3 pm.**

A Note From Police Chief Hansen:

As you plan for your vacations and time away from home, don't forget to take advantage of your police department's house check service. Complete a house check form and we will do periodic checks while you are away. The forms are available at Town Hall and on the Town's web site: www.townofwoodway.com.

If you have an alarm system, a completed house check form with an emergency contact may be the only way we can reach you during your absence if there is a problem at your home.

Reminder! Several years ago, a change in the town code was made to help recover some of the costs for false alarm responses. After the first false alarm, I send a letter to the homeowners reminding them of the ordinance. The ordinance has a fine of \$250 for the second and each subsequent false alarm within a six-month period of time.

To avoid a possible fine, here are a few suggestions;

- If it has been awhile, have your alarm checked and properly programmed.
- Be familiar with your alarm company and the type of alarm system you have.
- Check the type of sensors you have, what activates them, and where each sensor is located.
- Make sure that you, every member of your household, and employees or workers at your home have the proper codes.
- Secure pets in areas that are NOT monitored.
- When you leave your home, take the time to close the windows and doors. Residents leaving their home in a rush and failing to properly secure the windows and doors have caused countless alarms. The compression of the last door closing causes other doors, windows, curtains, etc. to move, setting off motion detectors. This leaves some homeowners driving away totally oblivious to the alarm that is sounding and we are being dispatched to their home.

Please do your part: be a responsible alarm owner!

Stormwater Utility Update

Since the stormwater utility was established in July 2007, the following projects have been completed or are planned to be completed by the close of 2009:

Storm water Project	Completion Schedule	Budget
Twin Maples collection upgrade	Completed, 2007	\$50,000
Wachusett conveyance + catch basins	Completed, 2008	\$135,000
Makah Road collection upgrade	To be completed 2009	\$41,000
Chinook Road	To be completed 2009	\$44,000
Woodway Park Road	To be completed 2009	\$80,000
Twin Maples Low Impact Development	Contract bids pending	\$78,000
North Deer/Algonquin upgrade catch basins	Contract bids pending	\$67,000
10724 226 th SW catch basin upgrade	Contract bids pending	\$28,000

Proposed Changes at Point Wells

Paramount Petroleum, LLC has requested that Snohomish County government revise their comprehensive plan designation for Point Wells from Urban Industrial to Urban Center. This proposal would provide for redevelopment of an urban village of commercial shops plus adjacent condominiums. A draft environmental impact statement is available at Town Hall for review. Comments are due to Snohomish County by March 23, 2009.

Upcoming Town Elections

Interested in local as well as regional issues? Want to be a steward for Woodway's future? It's time to start thinking about running for an elected Town position. There are several positions up for election this coming fall.

Mayor	Carla Nichols	4 yr term
Council position #1	Robert Schillberg	4 yr term
Council position #2	Kent Saltonstall	4 yr term
Council position #3	William Anderson	4 yr term
Council position #5	Elizabeth Mitchell	2 yr unexpired term

While fall elections seem far away, the Candidate Filing Period is **June 1-5**. Criteria for filing for office is fairly

simple: you must be a registered voter and a resident of Woodway for a least one year.

Declaration of candidacy involves sending a picture and a personal statement (no more than 200 words) to Snohomish County Auditor Department; there is no filing fee. Contact Snohomish County Auditor's Office (www.l.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/) for specific filing instructions.

If you are interested and want to know more about what's involved, please call Carla Nichols or Eric Faison (Town Administrator) at 206.542.4443. Remember, Woodway's future depends upon having strong leadership.

Woodway Playground - Coming Soon!

A playground for Woodway families will be installed this spring on the grassy strip close to Town Hall. Resident master woodworker, Dr. John Bush, has been designing and building two wooden lookout towers similar to this diagram. The "Towers" will form a great climbing and lookout structure for junior forest stewards. The playground will also include swings, a digger, sand exploration, and climbing rocks.



The Reserve will soon have a wooden pavilion erected in the northwest section of the middle parcel (due south of the Public Works storage garage). The Town received funds from Snohomish County government to purchase this structure. The pavilion will be available for future groups who visit the Reserve and need a comfortable spot to rest and possibly get out of the rain. The pavilion is one of many improvements planned for the Woodway Reserve.

A review of your Comcast service

The Town has a franchise agreement with Comcast, allowing the company to provide cable television services to Town residents. The franchise does not cover Comcast's internet service, which is regulated separately by federal law. Comcast is seeking an extension of the agreement.

As part of the renewal process, we are required to seek input from our residents on the quality of their service. To accomplish this, we have placed a survey on the Town's website, www.townofwoodway.com, asking

for your thoughts on various issues. The type of information we are interested in includes the quality of your service, the responsiveness of Comcast to customer service issues, the reasonableness of their prices, and the availability of programming. We would appreciate your participation.

If you have any questions about the survey, or if you would like to talk with Town staff personally about the Town's renewal of the franchise or Comcast's service, please do not hesitate to call us at 206.542.4443.

2008 BUDGET REPORT

I am pleased to present this annual summary of Town operations. Details available upon request.
Respectfully submitted, Carla A. Nichols, Mayor

Community Update

Total Population:	1180
<u>Zoning District</u>	<u># of Homes</u>
2 acres	129
1 acre	50
1/3 acre	194
1/4 acre	88

2008 Capital Projects

- Wachusett Road right-of-way stormwater upgrades
- Asphalt overlay of Wachusett Road
- Asphalt overlay of 114th Street
- Bridge improvements

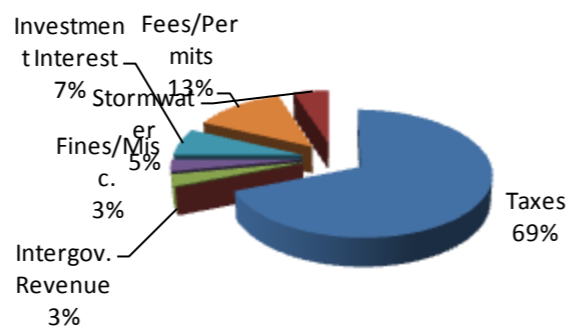
2008 Accomplishments

- Woodway's 50th anniversary celebration
- New Council members, M. Quinn, E. Mitchell
- Completion of state audit
- Adopted new road standards
- Amended setback allowances
- Adopted franchise agreement with Verizon
- Updated Town personnel policy manual

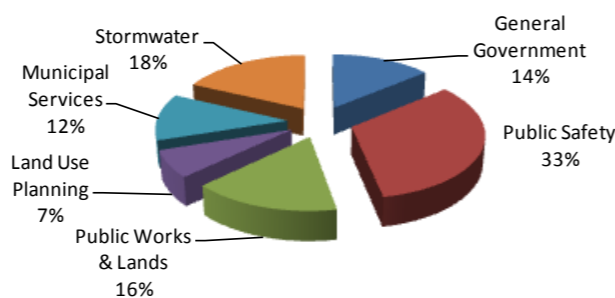
Summary of 2008 Services

- Police Services: 1,745 hrs by Woodway officers
97 call-outs by Edmonds
- Building Department: 1 new home
7 remodeled homes
- Land Use: 4 clearing & grading permits
1 short plat
- Environmental Protection: 53 tree permits

2008 Program Revenues



2008 Program Budget Expenses



2009 Capital Projects

- Chinook Road/Makah Road stormwater upgrades
- Woodway Park Road stormwater upgrade
- Solicit bids for North Deer Drive/Algonquin Road stormwater upgrade
- Solicit bids for Twin Maples low impact stormwater project
- Asphalt overlay of Dogwood Lane

Plans for 2009

- Sponsor Community Fair Aug 22nd, 2009
- Install Woodway's first playground
- Install Woodway Reserve viewing pavilion

Public Works News

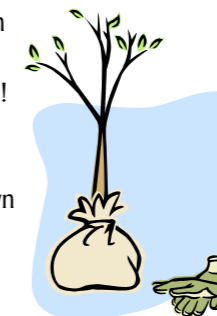
With gasoline hovering around \$4 a gallon and our large truck getting less than 4 miles per gallon, the Public Works Department purchased a John Deer Gator. The Gator will run for one hour on only one gallon of fuel making it very cost effective to operate. In fuel savings alone, the Gator will pay for itself in less than 3 years.



The crew uses the gator in place of the large GMC truck for all but a few job tasks. The GMC is still required for chipping, asphalt hauling, and leaf pick up. However, the gator is now used in all other day to day activities. Additionally, the Gator is equipped with a 6-foot snow plow to maintain our streets rather than having to contract with outside companies during inclement weather. If you haven't already, you will soon see the crew in the Gator and when you do, be sure to wave.

Tree Bank

Do you have native trees or shrubs in your yard that you will be removing? Consider donating them to the Town! We will be starting a "tree bank" - residents can notify us of plants they would like to donate, and as the Town needs them, they will contact you to arrange pick up/drop off.



If you would like to add plants from your yard to the tree bank, please call Town Hall at 206.542.4443.

Town Council Corner

General Government: Approved Ordinance #08-501, adopting the 2009 budget. Adopted a Proclamation recognizing George Stead for his dedication to the Planning Commission. Designated representatives to regional committees, including Snohomish County Tomorrow, Washington Cities Insurance Authority, and South County Emergency Services, among others.

Public Works & Lands: The council and several residents expressed appreciation to the Public Works crew for their hard work during the major snowstorms of December.

Congratulations on Garden Competition Win!

Congratulations to Stacy Ducharme and Robert Gradwohl of Woodhaven Place! Their one-acre garden won grand prize in the 16th-annual Pacific Northwest Gardens: A Competition for Home Gardeners, which is sponsored by The Seattle Times and the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, in cooperation with the Arboretum Foundation. The contest drew 160 entries from amateur gardeners around the region.



Woodway Gardeners Robert Gradwohl and Stacy Ducharme

If you would like to see photos and read the full Seattle Times article, please visit their website: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/pacificnw/2008732460_pacificp1garden15.html.

Planning Commission Update

Over the last year, the Planning Commission has been working to update the Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance (Section 16.10 of the Woodway Municipal Code). This section is being updated to comply with state rules and to ensure that our resources are being adequately protected when development occurs. They are in the final stages of preparing the new document for a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for the middle of April. A specific date and time will be posted soon. If you would like to review the proposed updates, please visit our website: www.townofwoodway.com.