



Woodway Whisper

Fall Newsletter

Mayor's Message Priorities for 2010



How does one make our 2010 budget interesting and exciting?

First of all, I'm pleased that, in this economic down turn where many cities and towns across the nation are struggling, Woodway will close the year with an estimated \$95,000 budget surplus that will be added to our Town's reserves.

Secondly, our August community vote to increase property taxes has secured our financial stability until the year 2017.

New expenditures being proposed are:

- Planning for Town Hall improvements including roof repair and Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations

- New fuel shed and small equipment for Public Works (chain saw, blower)
- Paving of Woodway Park Road north of the bridge
- New tractor (current model is 24 years old)
- If a State Department of Ecology grant is approved, storm water and roadside improvements will be installed in the Twin Maples' neighborhood

Exciting or not, copies of the budget are available at Town Hall.

Mark Your Calendars

**Monday, December 7 at
8:00 p.m. Town Hall**

Start the holidays by joining your neighbors and the Town Council for a dessert reception. A short program to honor former Council member Robert Schillberg is planned.

**Saturday, April 3, 2010 at
11:00 a.m., Town Hall**

Dedication of Woodway's first playground

Town Will Appeal Point Wells Designation

At the October 19th meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously to appeal the County's designation of Point Wells as an Urban Center. The City of Shoreline and the "Save Richmond Beach" organization also plan to appeal. The appeal will go before the Growth Management Hearing Board.

The Council based its vote on the fact that Point Wells is very different from other designated Urban Center sites. In particular, Point Wells is not located on a planned or existing transit corridor, is adjacent to established single-family neighborhoods, and is on the shores of Puget Sound. These facts demand that Point Wells be differentiated from

designated Urban Centers located along state highways or I-5.

The Council does not think Point Wells meets the criteria defined by the County for Urban Centers. Further, there is no assurance that the site's uniqueness, ignored in the planning process, will be taken into consideration in the County's zoning process to follow.

The Council was hesitant to initiate legal action. However, after consultation with the Town Attorney, the Council decided an appeal of the Urban Center designation is critical to the Town's interests as well as the proper future development of Point Wells.

Congratulations to Tom Phillips, WABO Building Official of the Year!

Congratulations to our Building Official, Tom Phillips! In July, he won the Building Official of the Year award given by the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO). They annually recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to WABO and to building officials throughout Washington. Criteria for the award are contribution to WABO, promotion of WABO ideals, philosophy, and goals, and contribution to building safety on a statewide level.

Tom has spent many hours this past year working on the new Washington State Electrical Code with the committee that reviewed improvements needed in the state electrical code. Tom also completed his tenure as the chairman of

the management committee for the My Building Permit.com coalition. His leadership in that role has kept the group moving forward with new innovations that will be beneficial to many jurisdictions across the region. If that weren't enough, Tom also serves on the International Residential Code TAG Committee and devotes his spare time to code improvements in a much larger arena.

These roles that Tom has played over the past year have contributed to the goals of WABO and its ideals. His involvement in giving back to the profession exemplify WABO's mission to improve the safety of the built environment.

We're proud of you, Tom!

A note from your Police Chief: Tips to avoid vehicle prowls and thefts

2007 Theft Statistics: According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reports, a motor vehicle is stolen in the United States every 28.8 seconds. The odds of a vehicle being stolen were 1 in 210 in 2006 (latest data available based on registrations from the Federal Highway Administration, thefts from the FBI and calculated by the Insurance Information Institute). The odds are highest in urban areas.

What can I do? Take steps to avoid being a victim! Most break-ins and thefts are crimes of opportunity, and not professional "jobs." Taking a few precautions, although they are inconveniences to you at the time, may cause the thief to think he has a better chance of not getting caught if he goes to another vehicle.

- **Lock your vehicle and close the windows.** Never leave your vacant car running with the keys in the ignition.
- **Use Physical deterrents:**
 - Locking bar on your steering wheel.
 - Simple alarm system. Products include blinking LED lights, starter disablers (around \$50 installed), audible alarms, and remote starts and pagers. A good basic alarm with starter kill is in the \$220 range. Check with your insurance company; discounts equal to the cost of an alarm system may be available. Newer alarms are less sensitive to vibration and impact or movement is required to set them off.
 - Extra hood or trunk/hatch pins are available for around \$35.
 - Brake lock.
- **Encourage your lawmakers to invoke stiffer penalties for vehicle theft.**
- **Report thefts or prowls to 9-1-1 to document the crime.** This helps the police know the extent of the problem and track patterns.
- **Leave nothing in your car.** They are prowling for anything they can trade (not necessarily sell) in exchange for what they want. If you must leave packages or goods in the vehicle, stop a few blocks away from where you will park and put your things in the trunk, out of view.
- **Do not leave electronics in your car.** Thieves look for cell phones, laptops, expensive stereo equipment and CDs. Remove the stereo faceplate (if it is detachable) and take it with you.

Update on Stormwater Improvements

Competitive bidding and the recession have helped the Town save money. During this past year, the Council directed Town staff to accelerate the stormwater capital projects in order to capture reduced construction costs. Local construction companies were anxious for work and we began to see lower construction bids. The Council's original policy paid off: the majority of our stormwater projects have come in well below initial budgets. Total savings: \$117,350.

	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Final Cost</u>
Wachusett Road	July 2008	\$199,995	\$189,722
Woodway Park Road	April 2009	\$120,950	\$79,969
Makah & Chinook Roads	May 2009	\$119,290	\$51,271
Algonquin & 226 th Roads	November 2009	\$78,077	\$80,000(Est).
TOTALS		\$518,312	\$400,962



Town Chipper Service

The Town Council recently authorized a change to the Town's chipper service fee. The new fees are \$100 per hour, charged in 30 minute increments. The changes are effective immediately. The scheduled days have not changed - chipper services are still available on the first and third Thursdays of every month. You can either call Public Works Director, Terry Bryant, at 206.542.0183 or submit a request online at http://www.townofwoodway.com/townhall/pw/chipping_request.htm. While online, please take a moment to review the chipping regulations; improperly prepared piles may be refused.

Shredding Event was a Big Success

The third annual shredding event, co-sponsored by the City of Edmonds and the Town of Woodway, was a big success. Mayor Nichols was joined by Edmonds Mayor, Gary Haakenson, and many volunteers from DataSite, City of Edmonds, Town of Woodway, Lynnwood Crime Prevention, and Enterprise Newspapers.

Breast Cancer 3 - Day

Thanks to everyone who supported the Breast Cancer 3-Day walkers! The organizer let the Town know that the walkers really appreciated your enthusiastic cheering and the tasty treats. The walkers raised money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.



Woodway 2009 Town Fair

Memories from last summer are fading, but these pictures are proof that Woodway residents have fun! The 8th Annual Community Fair provided lots of fun activities, a tasty BBQ, and many opportunities for neighbors to visit and connect. Thanks to our many volunteers: Town Council, Planning Commission, Woodway residents, and Woodway students. We couldn't do it without you!



A hearty thank you to our Town Fair Chairwoman, Heather Frank! The fair was a big success due to your energy and dedication. Heather is pictured here with her husband Phil and daughter Suzie.



Some of our great volunteers helping with tie-dye



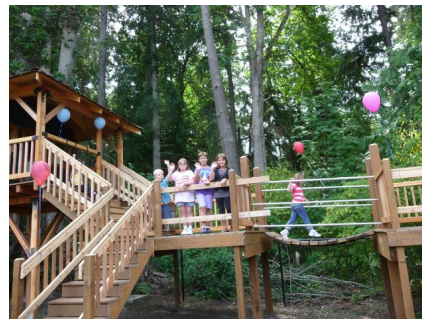
Mayor Carla Nichols heading the bike parade in the Edmonds aid car



Everyone loves a good pony ride!



The Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band provided entertainment



Woodway children enjoying our new playground



Residents of all ages took part in the annual bike parade



Congratulations to our 2009 Pie Contest winners: Bonnie Weber, 1st Place and Julia Romano, 2nd Place



Tasty barbecue served by your Town Council Members and Planning Commissioners



Thanks again to Dr. John Bush for bringing his birdhouse kits

T o w n C o u n c i l C o r n e r

General Government: Met with Olympic View Water and Sewer District Commissioners to discuss backflow prevention device requirements. Approved resolution #09-338, providing for the surplus and sale of certain property. Approved ordinance #09-508, amending Chapter 2.16: compensation of officers and employees. Approved monetary support of the Washington Aerospace Partnership. Approved resolution #09-340, allowing loans from the retirement fund. Adopted resolution #09-341, establishing a city employee wellness program. Approved a proclamation to show Town support of National Preparedness Month and NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month. Heard a presentation on the upcoming 2010 Census. Approved resolution #09-342, opposing Initiative 1033. Approved resolution #09-343, supporting the Washington Aerospace Partnership.

Public Works & Lands: Approved resolution #09-337, adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the period of 2010-2015. Accepted B & B Construction's bid for the North Deer, Algonquin, and Makah Road stormwater projects. Approved ordinance #09-509, re-designating the interfund loans as contributions to the Stormwater Fund. Approved ordinance #09-510, amending the tree ordinance to correct a botanical name.

Land Use & Planning: Approved resolution #09-339, supporting the Snohomish Conservation District Assessment. Approved Greg Easton and his firm to conduct a financial feasibility analysis of the Pt. Wells project not to exceed \$6,000. Appointed Pat Tallon to the Planning Commission. The Department of Ecology (DOE) awarded the Town a \$50,000 grant to update its Shoreline Master program. Held a workshop for citizens on Point Wells. Mayor Nichols testified before the Snohomish County Council on multiple occasions regarding the comprehensive plan and zoning designations for Point Wells.

N e i g h b o r H e l p i n g N e i g h b o r

Not only does the above title convey a noble concept but it is a necessity in the event of a natural disaster. Woodway can be somewhat isolated, particularly if our roads are blocked. Our residents are hardy and resourceful, but we could benefit from advance planning and disaster training. Our local Snohomish County Emergency Services Coordinating Agency will provide a 90 minute training session in private Woodway homes. The training will be offered three different times on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m, starting in mid March and April of next spring. The Mayor is looking for volunteer homes to host this event. If interested, please call Town Hall.

P l a n n i n g C o m m i s s i o n U p d a t e

The Planning Commission would like to welcome Pat Tallon! He comes to us with a great planning background and lots of enthusiasm. We look forward to working with you, Pat.

Over the last few months, the Planning Commission has worked on the code language to create a new conditional use permit. At the beginning of November, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to recommend that the Council adopt an ordinance allowing conditional use permits. At the time of this publication, the Council has not yet had the opportunity to act on this recommendation.

F a l l E l e c t i o n s

Congratulations to Mayor Carla Nichols and Council Members Tom Whitson, Kent Saltonstall, Bill Anderson, and Elizabeth Mitchell on their recent re-election. The Snohomish County Auditor reports results for all local elections. Please see <http://www.snoco.org/elections/results/ecurrent.htm> for further details.



Town of Woodway

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Town Information

Town Hall Directory:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1180
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Phone	206.542.4443
Town Hall Fax	206.546.9453
Town Hall Email	townhall@townofwoodway.com
Website	www.townofwoodway.com
Public Works Dept Phone	206.542.0183
Public Works Dept Email	publicworks@townofwoodway.com
Police Dept Email	police@townofwoodway.com
Permit Email	permits@townofwoodway.com
Mayor	Carla A. Nichols
Council Meets	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Chair	Jim Wilmer
Planning Commission meets	First Wed. of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Staff:

Town Administrator	Eric A. Faison
Clerk Treasurer	Joyce Bielefeld
Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician	Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Bryan Thomas, Mike Sears
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Plan Checker/Bldg Official	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshal	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Arborist	Elizabeth Walker
FIRE DEPARTMENT Edmonds	425.775.4545
EMERGENCY	911

Town Council Members:

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

Locations of the Town Bulletin Boards:

Town Hall Front Porch
Woodway Park Road at Algonquin Road
Chinook Road at 217th
Bella Coola Road west of Makah

Timberlane Road at 239th
114th West at 239th
Willowick Road, north side