

TOWN OF WOODWAY

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### A CHANGE IN FIRE SERVICES

Woodway will be served by the Shoreline Fire Department beginning January 1, 2014. Let me tell you why.

Woodway, as well as most Washington State municipalities, pays a high sum for annual fire suppression and emergency medical care. Let's be honest, public safety services are a priority for communities and they are expensive due to the 24-hour availability and specialized services required. It is Woodway's highest expenditure, comprising more than a third of our annual operating budget.

Up until December, 2009, Woodway had contracted with the City of Edmonds for these services. That changed when Edmonds transferred their program to Fire District 1. At that time, Woodway approached both Shoreline Fire District and Fire

District 1 in hopes of securing a fire/emergency services contract that was cost effective for our community. While both proposals were close in dollar amounts, Fire District 1 was selected because of their expertise in serving south Snohomish County cities as well as the prospect of forming a regional fire authority

This past August, both Shoreline Fire District and Fire District 1 were invited to submit proposals for service provision. Contract finances and response times were the primary focus of the Council's deliberations with the goal of selecting the best service program at the lowest cost. It was noted that Shoreline's proposal would reduce the average response times to a larger number of residents for a very competitive cost—approximately \$50,000 per year LESS than our current contract

with Fire District 1. After careful consideration, the Shoreline proposal was approved.

Woodway residents will not do anything different. If you have an emergency, dial 911. Your call will automatically be routed to the Shoreline Fire Department.

If you have a locked entrance gate, you do need to do something and soon! Please contact Town Hall ASAP so that our staff can share this information with the Shoreline fire officials. There may be some properties that will need to modify their gate's security box in order to assure quick access for emergency vehicles. The safety of your family starts with a phone call to Town Hall.



## WOODWAY'S NEW HOME

The new Town Hall was dedicated on Saturday, November 2nd with a ribbon cutting ceremony, facility tours, and refreshments. See page 2 for pictures from the event.

**PLEASE NOTE: We have moved into the new building! Our mailing address, email addresses, phone numbers, and hours of operation have not changed.**

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## TOWN HALL DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING

November 2nd was a memorable day and not just because we were dedicating our new facility. The morning hours brought record breaking 50 mph winds, downed trees across two Woodway roads, heavy rains, and power outages. In spite of it all, over 100 residents dropped by the new facility for tours, socializing, and enjoying the music of the Edmonds Woodway jazz ensemble.



All ready for the grand opening



Town staff and councilmembers

Mayor Nichols shared that she and the Council spent three years researching, discussing, and finally deciding to build a new facility.

The project had 3 primary goals:

- The facility must blend in with the residential neighborhood of 113th Place W. Our community did not want a cold municipal facility.
- The project must not drain



Ribbon cutting ceremony



The finance, architecture, and executive teams

Woodway's financial resources. A bond with a remarkably low interest rate (2.7%) financed the construction. The debt service will be paid for with real estate taxes and a small portion of property taxes (less than 4% of the operating budget).

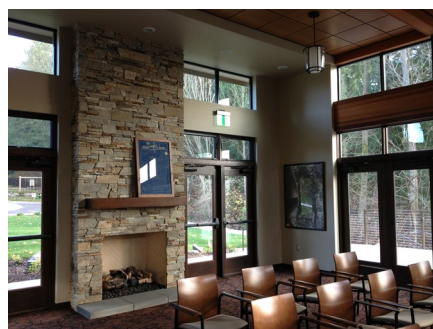
- The finished product would be a community resource, available to residents for private functions.



Conference table made by Dr. John Bush



Front counter



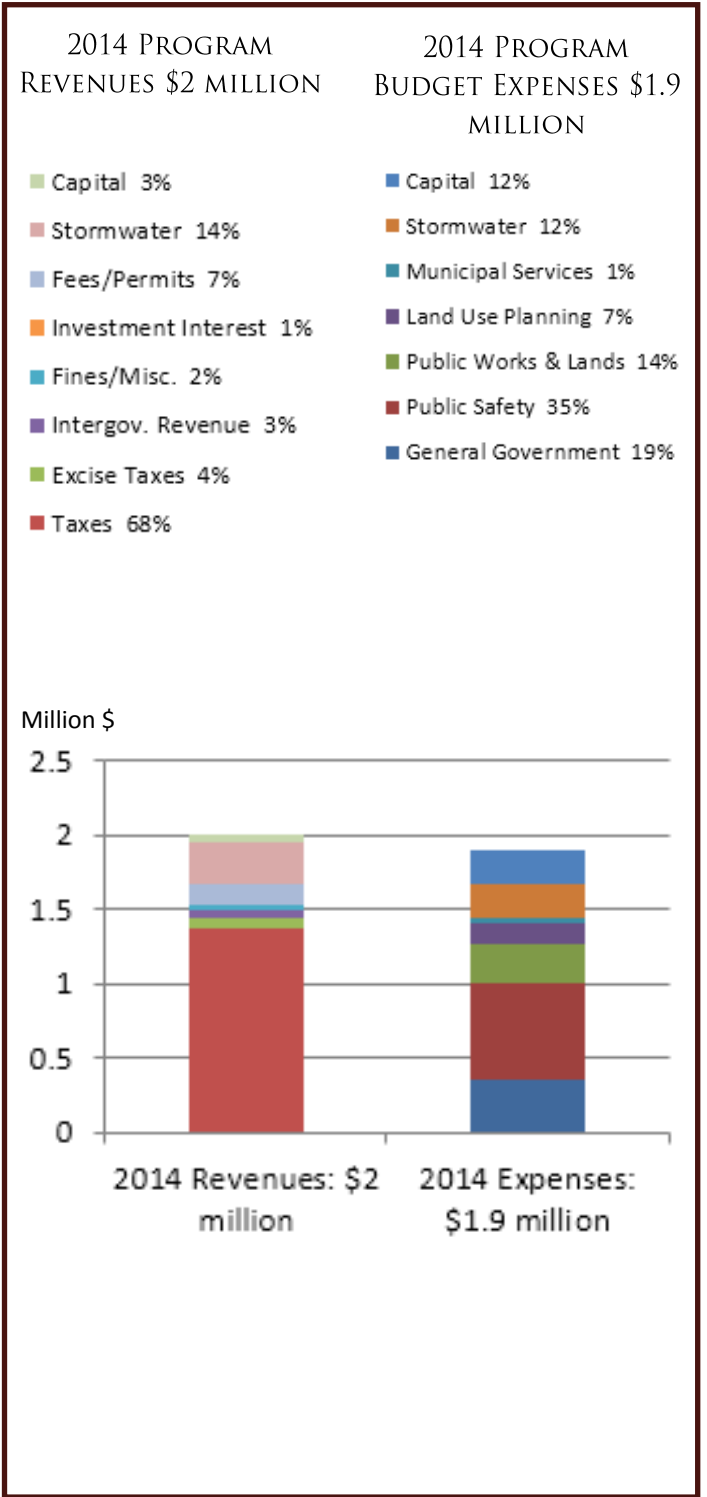
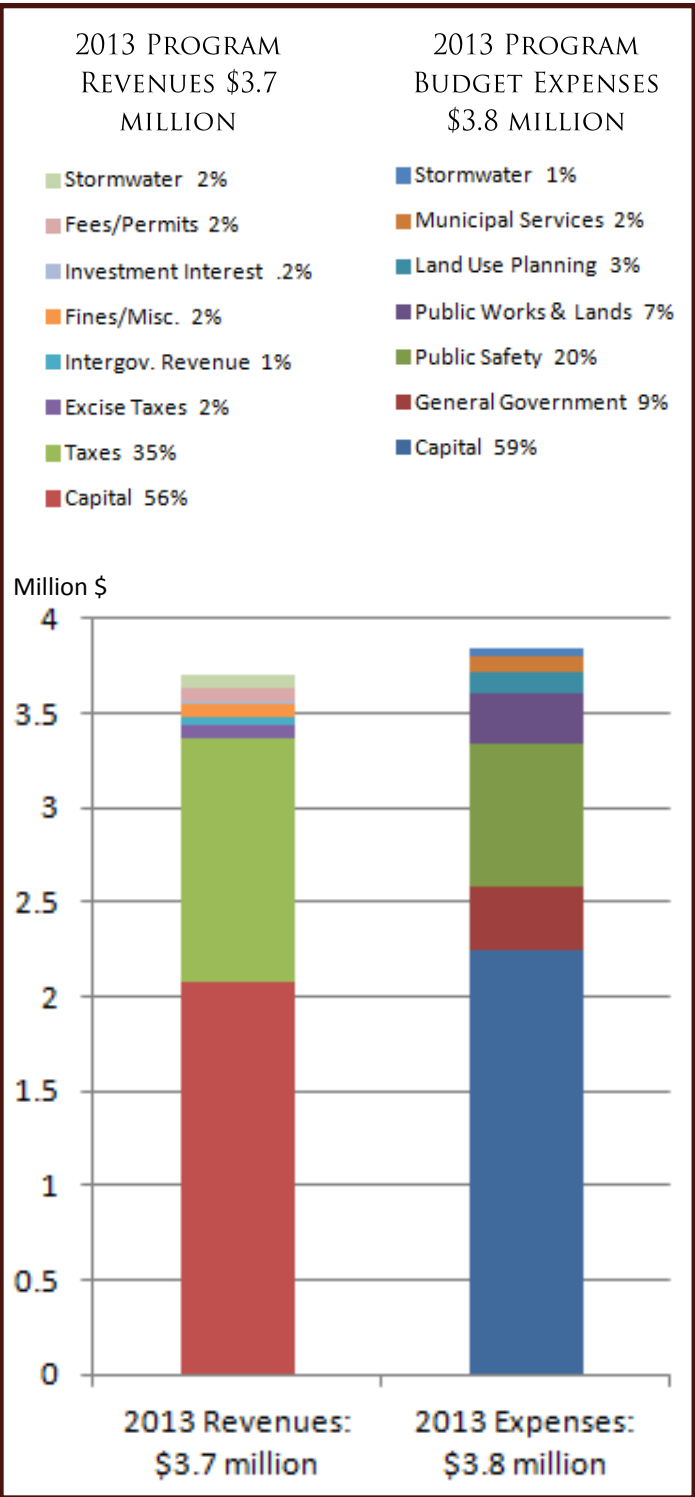
Council chambers



Refreshment station at reception

# 2014 WOODWAY BUDGET

The Town Council has approved the 2014 operating budget. The next year can best be described as a “business as usual” year with stormwater capital projects being the primary expenditure. The chart below summarizes major revenue and expenditure categories. Please note that the costs for constructing Town Hall are included in the 2013 summaries. If you have questions, please contact Mayor Nichols.





## HELLO FROM ALL OF US AT SHORELINE FIRE!

By Melanie Granfors, PIO,  
Shoreline Fire Department

As we prepare for providing Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services to the residents of Woodway, we would like to say thank you for allowing us to serve you!

We promise to devote our time and energy to ensuring your safety and protection -- as we do for our residents of Shoreline every day.

We would also like you to know about our services other than 9-1-1, and hope you will explore our website ([www.shorelinefire.com](http://www.shorelinefire.com)) and click "like" on our Facebook page.

We will keep you posted on our safety programs for children and families, our emphasis on emergency preparedness, and our outreach to citizens on all-hazards

planning and life-safety and injury prevention programs.

We are proud of our community service programs and activities throughout the year and we welcome any of you who would like to tour a fire station or schedule a visit at our Children's Safety Center.

We hope to attend some of Woodway's community events for a "meet and greet" as well.

You will see our aid cars, fire engines, and ladder truck driving through the area during the next few weeks, so please wave and say hello to the crews as we familiarize ourselves more with the area.

Our Fire Chief Matt Cowan, and our Fire Marshal Todd Malo will be familiar faces around town -- and we encourage you to call or email them with any questions, concerns

or comments you may have about life safety in Woodway.

The main phone number for the Department is 206-533-6500. Chief Cowan's email is [mcowan@shorelinefire.com](mailto:mcowan@shorelinefire.com), and Fire Marshal Malo's email is [tmalo@shorelinefire.com](mailto:tmalo@shorelinefire.com). Thanks again for allowing us to serve you!



Fire Chief Matt Cowan

## LOCAL ART

Chris Cantu, artist and Woodway resident, has organized a display of original paintings at Town Hall. The work is on loan from local artists. Stop by for a quick tour!



## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS WITH GATED DRIVEWAYS

Shoreline Fire Department would like to make sure that they can respond to your property in an emergency. If you have a locked entrance gate, please contact Town Hall as soon as you can. Some homeowners may need



to modify their gate's security box in order to assure quick access for emergency vehicles.

Please call 206.542.4443 or email [townhall@townofwoodway.com](mailto:townhall@townofwoodway.com) for details.

## STATE SUPREME COURT HOLDS HEARING ON POINT WELLS CASE

Late last month, the State Supreme Court held a hearing on our appeal of a Court of Appeals ruling that would allow the development of over 3,000 housing units and 100,000 square feet of commercial space on 30 developable acres at Point Wells. As you may recall, Woodway and Save Richmond Beach had argued that Snohomish County did not comply with a State Environmental Protection Act requirement to consider reasonable alternatives when rezoning Point Wells from an industrial zone to a mixed-use zone. The Court of Appeals overturned a trial court ruling that found Snohomish County's rezone of Point Wells unlawful.

We expect the Supreme Court to issue its ruling sometime in the first half of 2014. If we are successful, a development at Point Wells would have to be substantially smaller. If we are unsuccessful, we will evaluate specific environmental impacts of the proposed development to ensure, to the extent legally possible, that the project minimizes impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the Legislative session or the status of our Point Wells litigation, please contact Town Administrator Eric Faison at (206) 542-4443 or [eric@townofwoodway.com](mailto:eric@townofwoodway.com).

## COMMUNITY SPACE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

In 2014, the conference room, Council Chambers, and kitchen at the new Town Hall will be available for events. Rental fees and policies will be published after the first of the year. Please call 206.542.4443 or email [townhall@townofwoodway.com](mailto:townhall@townofwoodway.com) for details.

## ASSISTANT CHIEF ROTH RETIRES

Assistant Chief Karl Roth retired from the Police Department this summer after more than 22 years of service to the citizens of Woodway. Thank you, Assistant Chief Roth, for your humor, kindness, and professionalism over the years! We wish you all the best in the future.



Chief Hansen presenting Assistant Chief Roth with a plaque honoring his service to Woodway



# DON'T REGRET BEING UNPREPARED!

By Amy Day

Hurricane Haiyan, Superstorm Sandy...we imagine that this kind of disaster can never happen here... and then events like the Hanukkah Eve windstorm of 2006 or the 2001 Nisqually quake affect our region significantly!



During the windstorm, almost half of the state lost power for as long as 6 days. The earthquake made many buildings uninhabitable, bridges failed, and families had trouble reconnecting as phone lines were jammed.

My name is Amy Day, and I live here in Woodway. With an extensive background with the American Red Cross and trained as a Community Emergency Response Team member, I will be writing a series of articles to highlight specific disaster preparedness steps we can take so Woodway families can be ready!

During the next three months, let's make it a goal to put together a basic emergency kit for your family and store it in a handy place inside a waterproof container. You can create your own disaster kit or purchase them from the Red Cross, stores like Costco and Sam's Club, or from numerous on-line sources.

Important items to include in your kit are listed below.

## Water

- 1 Gallon of Water per person per day
- Additional water for pets

## Food

- Non-perishable food: two meals per person per day; choose foods that are easy to carry, nutritious, and ready-to-eat
- Food for pets

## Emergency Kit

- Medical supplies and first aid manual
- Prescription medication, extra eyeglasses, contact lens solution, etc.
- Money and matches in a waterproof container
- Hygiene supplies
- Portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Blanket and extra clothing
- Shovel and other useful tools
- Infant and small children's needs
- Household liquid bleach to purify drinking water (16 drops in 1 gallon of water, stir, and let sit for 30 minutes)
- Manual can opener

I encourage you to go to <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/>

[location/home-family](#) and go through the interactive Be Red Cross Ready Module. You can generate a customized list of needs based on the size of your family. It took me 15 minutes to go through the preparedness portion. You can also get a nice list from <http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit>. Different sites estimate the window before help arrives between three days and one week, so decide how much you will need for your family.

You might say, "We'll just go to a hotel", "The town has a plan", or "I'll just run to the store and stock up!" Sadly, I have lived through two large regional earthquakes, tornadoes, many blizzards, and severe windstorms. Many times gas pumps don't work, store shelves are empty, water is contaminated, and municipalities are overwhelmed making sure school kids are safe, nursing homes are habitable, and hospitals are still open for business. Officials will want to help but will simply be too overwhelmed to offer assistance for at least three days if not longer.

Give the gift of safety and preparedness this holiday season! If you have questions, please contact Amy by email at [dayway06@yahoo.com](mailto:dayway06@yahoo.com) or call Town Hall at 206.542.4443. Printed disaster preparedness materials are available at town hall.



## TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

**General Government:** Authorized the mayor to sign the Inter-Jurisdictional Housing Interlocal Agreement. Approved Resolution #13-367, participating in dispute resolution pursuant to Snohomish County's planning policy JB-2. Approved Resolution #13-368, surplus property. Approved Resolution #13-369, authorizing the Town of Woodway to participate in the joint self-insured health and welfare benefit program to be administered by the Association of Washington Cities. Authorized the mayor to sign the 2014 legal services contract with Ogden Murphy Wallace. Reviewed the 2014 preliminary budget.

Approved Resolution #13-370, increasing property taxes by 1%.

**Public Works & Lands:**

Authorized the mayor to submit a grant application to Snohomish County to purchase park land. Approved Resolution #13-366, approving the Six Year Street Plan. Increased the contract for the Town Hall project by \$50,000.

**Land Use & Planning:** Approved Ordinance #13-549, adopting the Municipal Urban Growth Area subarea plan and development regulations.

**Public Safety:** Authorized the mayor to sign the fire services and



Woodway Town Council

EMS contract with Shoreline Fire Department.

**Building & Municipal Services:**

Approved Ordinance #13-548, amending Titles 4 and 12 of the Woodway Municipal Code related to buildings and construction. This update is required for all Washington cities and towns.

## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

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

The Commissioners have reviewed county, regional, and state policies

that will guide the update. The first step in the process is to review and update the vision statement and goals. The Commissioners will finalize this step at their December meeting.

## WOODWAY ARBORETUM

Come join friends and neighbors for Woodway Arboretum Unit 22's Holiday Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, December 4th.

What a fun way to ring in the holiday season!

Guests are always welcome.

For details, please call or email Jan Teal at 425-778-8477 or [janteal@yahoo.com](mailto:janteal@yahoo.com)



## ATTENTION TWIN MAPLES RESIDENTS

The Mayor and town staff are finalizing a work plan for stormwater capital project improvements in your neighborhood. The proposed plan will be presented to the Council in January and neighborhood meetings are planned for early February. All Twin Maples households will receive an invitation to the meetings.



## TOWN OF WOODWAY

23920 113th Place West

Woodway, WA 98020

### FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER



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## TOWN INFORMATION

### TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1307
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	<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	Joyce Bielefeld
Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician	Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Jarrold Romine
	Scott Wynne
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Building Official/Plan Checker	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshal	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Engineer	PACE Engineers
Town Hearing Examiner	John Galt
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>

### TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bill Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn, 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