

TOWN OF WOODWAY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HOW SHOULD WOODWAY DEAL WITH MARIJUANA?

Well, that should get your attention! As you know, our state has legalized the recreational and medical use of marijuana, and is currently determining how this new law will be administered. Many communities across Washington that have commercial enterprises are preparing to permit commercial licenses for the cultivation and commercial sale of marijuana.

You're thinking, why does that affect Woodway since our Town does not have any commercial businesses? Woodway ordinances do allow home occupation licenses, which regulate small, in-home business ventures. Currently, our ordinances are silent regarding the legality of marijuana business activities.

The Town Council has recently

passed a marijuana business moratorium, which provides a six-month time period to study and research whether the Town should outlaw or allow this particular activity under the Home Occupation ordinance.

Which course of action would best serve Woodway as a community? The Town Council is interested in hearing from you, our residents. Please consider sending a short letter or email to the Council expressing your position. I must stress that the Council is only considering the question of whether marijuana can be cultivated and sold as a business venture. Personal and medicinal use of marijuana are not under consideration.

Let us hear from you. Email: townhall@townofwoodway.com.

WOODWAY'S NEWEST PARK

Congratulations Woodway! You've just acquired a new park. Approximately 4.3 acres of woods just south of the Woodway bridge have been purchased with Snohomish County Conservation Futures funds and will be developed into a community park. The competitive grant process included eighteen projects with an overall budget of \$28 million. While Woodway was the smallest city/town requesting money, we received \$1.6 million, the third highest grant award!

The Conservation Futures program provides county dollars to communities to purchase land that is being threatened by

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SAVE THE DATE!
WOODWAY'S TOWN FAIR
WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2014.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

WOODWAY'S NEWEST PARK, CONT'D

development. While Woodway is close to being "built out," the Krebs family estate was identified as one of the last available acreages suitable for passive recreation and open space activities.

And suitable, it is! Imagine some of the largest evergreen trees in Town, many of which are over 100 years old. The property hosts a pasture with a small orchard and then as you move north the land slopes down to the Olympic View watershed. For community walkers, it can connect (through trails) the Woodway Park Road to Wachusett Road.

Now that we own it, how do we want to use it? That is the question before the Mayor and the Council. The County requires that the land be used ONLY for open space or passive recreation (walking trails,

nature observation sites). There is some interest in combining the trails for both humans and equestrian usage. Horse owners could exercise their horses and at the same time, families could experience (meet/pet) the animals. The land could also be an outdoor laboratory for local school and colleges for environmental studies.

I am asking for your help in determining the best course of action for our new park. I will be forming a task force of interested residents to study these ideas and recommend a course of action to the Town Council. If you are interested, please call Town Hall at 206.542.4443 or email



PLAN A VISIT TO THE CHILDREN'S SAFETY CENTER

Shoreline Fire's Safety Center in Richmond Beach is celebrating its seventh year of operation. Hundreds of preschoolers have put it on their list of favorite places to visit.

Children dress up in firefighter gear, slide down a pole and sit in

the driver's seat of our vintage Kenworth engine.

Download a brochure at shorelinefire.com!



KIDS & CELL PHONES

Did you know that an old cell phone that is not active with a phone carrier can still be used to place a 911 call? Children are fascinated with phones, so why not let them play with your "old phone," right?

If that phone still has a charge and a little person manages to punch in the correct numbers, our emergency phone system (SnoCom) is activated. These calls represent 5% of the total calls placed to SnoCom. Please help us keep our costs down and the emergency lines open by keeping your old phone out of the hands of our kids.

POINT WELLS UPDATE

Snohomish County has begun the first major step in reviewing the environmental issues related to the proposed development of Point Wells. In February, the County issued a public notice, called a “scoping notice”, seeking comment on the various types of issues that should be evaluated in an environmental impact statement (EIS). The County is conducting an EIS on the developer’s application to construct 3,081 residential units, 32,000 square feet of commercial and 94,000 square feet of retail in 47 buildings with heights up to 180 feet. The EIS will examine two additional alternatives: 2,700 dwelling units in buildings up to 125 feet in height, and a no action alternative that assumes that the site will have a more expansive industrial use.

Under State law, the environmental elements that can be analyzed in an EIS include the following:

The Natural Environment

- Earth: geology, soils,

topography;

- Air: air quality, odor, climate;
- Water: quality/quantity, flooding, runoff, groundwater, public water supplies;
- Plants and Animals: habitats for and numbers of diversity of plant/animal species, fish and wildlife migration; and
- Energy and Natural Resources: amount required, source/availability, conservation, nonrenewable resources.

The Built Environment

- Environmental Health: a noise, release of toxic/hazardous materials;
- Land and Shoreline Use: relation to existing plans, estimated population, housing, light and glare, aesthetics, recreation, cultural preservation;
- Transportation: systems, vehicular traffic, rail, parking, circulation and movement, traffic hazards; and
- Public Services and Utilities:

fire, police, schools, parks/other recreation facilities, maintenance, communications, water/stormwater, sewer/solid waste, other governmental services.

The Town submitted its comments on the scoping notice, emphasizing, among other things, the cleanup process, noise and view impacts, emergency access and, of course, transportation impacts.

The County expects to complete a draft of the EIS by the end of the year. The adequacy of a final EIS will be subject to administrative/judicial appeal. In the meantime, we continue to await the State Supreme Court’s ruling on our challenge of the County’s designation of Point Wells as an urban center. The Court’s ruling could come at any time.

If you have any questions about the Town’s comments or the review process, please contact Town Administrator Eric Faison, at eric@townofwoodway.com.

GATE REMINDER FROM YOUR FIRE MARSHAL!

We have re-keyed or converted about 40 residents' gate locks since the first of the year but still have a number of residents who have not contacted us, or who we have been unable to



reach. It is vitally important that we have access in the event of fire or medical emergency. What do you need to do? Simply contact Fire Marshal Todd Malo, and he will personally

see to it that your security gate lock is properly converted or changed to meet our system requirements. He is available at 206-533-6565 or tmalo@shorelinefire.com. Thank you and it is a pleasure to serve our Woodway neighbors.

SPRING TIME IS CONSTRUCTION PLANNING TIME

Now that spring is finally arriving, many homeowners are eagerly looking forward to a construction project ranging from a small deck to a large addition. To ensure the best results from your construction project, be sure to plan properly and obtain any permits that might be required. To assist with your planning, Town staff is available to answer any questions you might have regarding your project and can also review draft plans electronically before you submit your permit application.

If your project involves adding a deck, an addition to your home, or building a secondary building, the first thing you should do is determine what zone you are in and what the specific requirements are for that zone. These requirements include how high your project can be, how close to the property lines the project can be and how much

area can be developed on your lot. This information can be found on the zoning map and in the zoning matrix found at <http://www.townofwoodway.com/landuse/forms.htm>. The zoning map and matrix are not needed for remodel projects that are contained within the exterior walls of your existing home.

Next, you need to find out if a building permit is required. Permits are required for remodel projects that add or remove walls or replace sheetrock. Permits are also required for all home additions, decks more than 30 inches above the ground, and secondary buildings larger than 120 square feet of floor area. If you're not sure if a permit is required, please call or email me at the number below.

If a permit is required, you must

submit plans for the Town's approval before a permit can be issued. The plans can be submitted electronically (.pdf format only) or by paper copy. In order to prevent any delays in the plan review process, it is important to submit the correct information the first time. If you have any questions regarding what is required on the plans, you can phone or email me at contact information below. You can also email me a draft of your plans before you submit them and I can offer you any advice that might help the review process.

For any questions regarding your project, please email me at tom@townofwoodway.com or call me at 360-668-9531. I am generally available in the evenings and on weekends.

Tom Phillips, Building Official

S&P GIVES TOWN AAA CREDIT RATING!

Standard & Poor's (S&P), the international credit ratings agency, has conducted a review of the Town's finances and substantially upgraded the Town's "A+" bond rating. The Town now has a "AAA" rating! This is a major accomplishment for a small city. Only six other cities in the State of Washington have a AAA rating:

Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Sammamish, Redmond, and Mukilteo.

Among the items identified as rationale for their decision, S&P highlighted the Town's financial management practices and healthy reserves. Mayor Carla Nichols was pleased with S&P's rating:

"Financial stewardship has been the top priority for the Town Council. Our residents should be proud that S&P has recognized our deliberate and measured financial choices."

For questions about the Town's finances, please feel free to contact Town Administrator Eric Faison at 206.542-4443.

GOING FOR A WALK?

Spring is coming (I hope) and with the warmer and maybe drier weather, the Woodway Reserve would be a great place to walk, relax, get away from routine activities. Starting April 1st, the Central Reserve (right next to the playground) will be open for residents' and guests' enjoyment.

We are fortunate to live in a park and to have unique park lands available. The bonus is that these woods are literally in our own backyard. Help keep our Woodway Reserve unique for future generations by leaving your pet at home and to please stay on the walking paths.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TREES?

As you drive along Woodway Park Road, you will no doubt notice the bare right-of-way lands on the west side of the road (adjacent to the Brown Owl Lodge residence). The trees in that area had a virus that traveled through the roots, causing the trees to fail.

ART AT TOWN HALL

Our new town hall has been decked out with original art by Woodway artists Chris Cantu and Michelle Usibelli, and Edmonds artists Tracy Felix and Lynn Hanson Scott. Their art pieces have graced the entry walls since November.

A new collection of work by local photographers is now on display. Come visit and enjoy a chance to see what our local artists have created.

During the summer months, we hope to collect residents' favorite photos of Woodway and display them at Town Hall. Please let us know if you have a special photo that could be displayed. We are all so proud of our community; let's show it off a bit!

Contact Heidi at Town Hall for further details. Please email heidi@townofwoodway.com or call 206.542.4443.

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

Before you light a campfire or a wood stove, you need to check with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to ensure that there are no burn bans in effect. There are two types of possible burn bans: air quality and fire safety.

The air quality burn ban is most often in effect in the winter when weather conditions can keep stagnant air near the ground. The fire safety burn ban is most often in effect in the summer when dry weather conditions heighten the risk of wildfires.

Keep in mind that burning yard and construction debris is never allowed in Woodway.

For more information, please call the burn ban InfoLine: 1-800-595-4341 or visit their website at <http://www.pscleanair.org/airq/status.aspx>.

HELP GUARD AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

A simple step you can take to counteract identity theft is to install a locking mailbox. Identity thieves can use the information in your mailbox to steal your identity, often without being detected for a while. It is difficult and time consuming to resolve identity theft, so thwarting would-be thieves by using a locking mailbox is a simple step you can take that makes a huge impact.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Natural or manmade disasters can happen at anytime. Earthquakes, fires, volcanic eruptions, bridge collapses, airplane crashes, landslides, storms, and tsunamis often appear in the news. One of these easily could happen to us TODAY. Are you prepared for even a few days separated from outside services? Most of you are probably not ready when disaster strikes.

-Do you have some fresh water stored away in case the city water system fails or gets contaminated?

-How about food that will not spoil, if the power goes out?

-Will your medical needs be taken care of in a prolonged disaster situation?

Our goal is that families take the time to prepare for at least one week of their personal emergency needs. Most families can put together an excellent family disaster kit with things you already have on hand. We encourage you to

explore information on the internet, such as the American Red Cross, FEMA, and numerous YouTube videos.

Building a home disaster kit can be a fun family project. Our youth can have great ideas about what hazards might occur and how to counteract them. Get them involved! For the next three months, Woodway's disaster team is emphasizing three areas of critical importance: Water, Food, and Medical.

April 2014: WATER

- Use clean sealable containers such as soda bottles, buckets, or liquid food barrels.
- Each person needs 3 gallons per day.
- Sanitizing water extends storage length from 6 months to several years. Bleach, iodine, or oxygenating sanitizer are some choices.
- Camping water filters are excellent addition to disaster kit.

May 2014: FOOD

- -Collect canned meat, vegetables, soup, dried beans, rice, and noodles.

June 2014: MEDICAL

Many of us have special medical needs such as prescription drugs, oxygen, electrically powered devices, etc. Use June to prepare for dealing with these needs if the power is out or the pharmacy is closed. This may require much more effort to satisfy your individual requirements. When disaster strikes, you will not be able to get your medical needs addressed. Prepare for the worst!

Thanks for taking the time to prepare your families disaster kit! If you have any questions or would like help in setting up your kit, please feel free to email us at dayway06@yahoo.com.

Amy & Cliff Day
Volunteer Community Disaster Coordinators

WOODWAY ARBORETUM SEEKS MEMBERS

If you are interested in gardening, want to meet your neighbors, and simply want to have fun, then consider joining this group. For years, this organization was the only social group in Town. The

current leadership has worked hard to secure interesting and well known speakers with topics ranging from container gardening to bees! The group meets only four times per year in private homes

throughout Woodway. If you're interested, please contact Jan Teal: Home phone: 425 778-8477 or email: janteal@yahoo.com.

TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government: Heard an update on Edmonds School District from Superintendent Nick Brossoit. Held a public hearing on 2014 revenue sources and the 2014 budget. Approved Ordinance #13-552, adopting the 2014 budget. Adopted Resolution #13-371, giving ten years' notice to Olympic View for water and sewer assumption. Approved Ordinance #13-550, amending the salary schedule. Designated the current representative from the City of Lynnwood to the Snohomish County Health Board as the Woodway representative for 2014. Designated councilmembers to represent Woodway on various

regional organizations' boards. Approved Ordinance #14-554, Dangerous Dogs.

Public Works & Lands: Adopted Ordinance #13-553 relating to the acquisition by eminent domain of property for public use. Authorized the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County to provide Conservation Future grant funding to purchase property and confirmed the Mayor's signature on the sale agreement. Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with PACE Engineers for engineering of the Twin Maples stormwater project.



Woodway Town Council

Land Use & Planning: Confirmed the Mayor's re-appointment of John Zevenbergen and Per Odegaard to the Planning Commission.

Public Safety: Was introduced to the Shoreline Fire Department Personnel.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

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

The Commissioners have reviewed three chapters of the Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 2, Land Use Element, Chapter 3, Conservation Element, and

Chapter 5, Housing element. They have suggested changes and given preliminary approval to the amended draft language for those chapters.

All of the chapters will be given a final review before the draft of the updated plan is forwarded to the Council for adoption.

PASSAGES

Helen M. Paul, who resided on 111th Place W. for fifty six years, passed away in January 2014.

Ms. Paul was one of our originals; she was a resident when the Town incorporated back in 1958. We extend our condolences to the Paul family.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

If you're looking for a location for your next small gathering, Town Hall is available to rent for parties of 60 people or less. The facility includes the Council Chambers, conference room, kitchen, and deck.

Also, the space is available free of charge for meetings during weekdays, as long as the rooms are not needed for official business.

Please call Town Hall for fees and details.



TOWN OF WOODWAY

23920 113th Place West
Woodway, WA 98020

SPRING 2014
NEWSLETTER



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	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	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	Todd Malo
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Engineer	PACE Engineers
Town Hearing Examiner	John Galt
EMERGENCY	911

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 240th Street S.W.
114th Avenue W. at 239th Place S.W.
Willowick Road, north side