

TOWN OF WOODWAY

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HOW DO WE REDUCE POWER OUTAGES?

What do ivy plants and electricity have in common? That's an odd combination, but in Woodway, these two are intertwined. You see, this beautiful dark green climbing plant loves to spread out and up, especially up into large trees. When left unattended, the ivy will eventually kill the tree. Most arborists consider ivy to be a noxious plant that is very detrimental to our native forests and yards.

During the past five years, our Public Works' crew has zeroed in on ivy and has attempted to kill the ivy found in our trees in the Reserve parcels and on our right-of-way lands. Why the big fuss? When ivy is left unchecked in both evergreen and deciduous trees, they

eventually will kill the tree. Twelve of the last nineteen power outages were due to trees that failed, many due to ivy. These failed trees were not on Town right-of-way lands; they were on private properties.

Several residents have asked the Town to do something about all of the power outages. We are currently working with PUD to establish a more frequent and aggressive tree maintenance program. We are also working on a system to notify property owners of trees that are considered vulnerable, i.e. trees with aggressive ivy or trees that appear to be compromised and possibly hazardous, thereby threatening nearby road safety and power line transmission.

If we want to reduce the power outages, we need to check our trees. Please see Terrance Bryant's article on page 6 of this newsletter, which gives detailed photos and information for tree maintenance activities.

The Town Council will also be reviewing these issues with officials from Snohomish County PUD at an upcoming Council meeting on Monday, May 18. Please join us for a presentation on tree maintenance as well as a discussion on how we can improve our electrical service. Join us on May 18.



THE BAND, PONIES, AND CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
HAVE BEEN RESERVED - SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S

WOODWAY TOWN FAIR
AUGUST 22, 2015

SEE YOU THERE!



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EMERGENCY SERVICES IN SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Since 1994, Woodway has been part of Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA), an organization charged with the tasks of natural disaster comprehensive planning and training first responder professionals and community volunteers. Their three full time and one part time staff members ensure that each community has a plan for responding to emergencies caused by natural disasters. ESCA's board of directors includes representatives from each of the member cities: Woodway, Lynnwood Mukilteo, Edmonds, Mill Creek, Brier, and Mountlake Terrace. In recent years, the cities of Lake Forest Park and

Woodinville have also joined the ESCA organization.

While ESCA originally received much of its funding from the federal government supplemented with local support from each city, the federal funds have gradually been reduced. Local participation is based upon each community's population; Woodway provides \$3,100 annually.

For the past six months, ESCA's Board of Directors has been reviewing the management of the agency and has entered into discussions with Snohomish County government's Division of Emergency Management (DEM),

which provides the same emergency planning, training, and response services to the cities and towns in north Snohomish County, as well to as the unincorporated areas of the County.

Since both agencies are charged with the same functions, there is currently an effort to consolidate the south county ESCA agency with the County's DEM. If the ESCA member cities decide to disband the local organization, Woodway would realize an annual savings of nearly \$1,600. A final decision will be made within the month; operational changes would be effective January 1, 2016.

A NEW PROJECT

Last November, Mayor Nichols announced plans to create an updated version of Woodway's historical book that was published for the Washington State Centennial in 1989. That document was a reproduction of David Whitcomb, Sr.'s 1930's era

promotional book full of pen and ink drawings and photographs of Woodway homes. Based upon that announcement, a small number of volunteers have come forward, but we have room for additional people.

The scope of this project is yet to

be finalized. One idea is to create a publication with an emphasis on different artists who have resided in our community over the past 50+ years. We're just getting started so if you are interested in helping, please contact Town Hall at townhall@townofwoodway.com.

ARE WE READY? HOW WOULD WOODWAY COPE IN AN EMERGENCY?

Mayor Nichols was recently impressed with an emergency preparedness article about Orting, WA, a town of 7,000 located in a valley near Mount Rainier that could be affected by a lahar (a natural occurrence after a volcanic eruption with flooding, mud, and debris moving down a path of least resistance). The residents of Orting will have approximately 45 minutes to evacuate; so how do they prepare? Twice a year, public safety officials escort 2,000 public school students on a walk that takes them out of their school and literally to higher ground. Now that's planning!

If Orting can organize 2,000 kids, we should be able to organize 470 households. Instead of proposing that we go for a hike, we would like to organize ourselves to know who in our immediate neighborhoods has generators, heavy equipment, and medical skills.

We have organized the Town into 10 zones (see map at right) and the following people have volunteered to coordinate their respective neighborhoods.

Area 1: Lisa Marquart

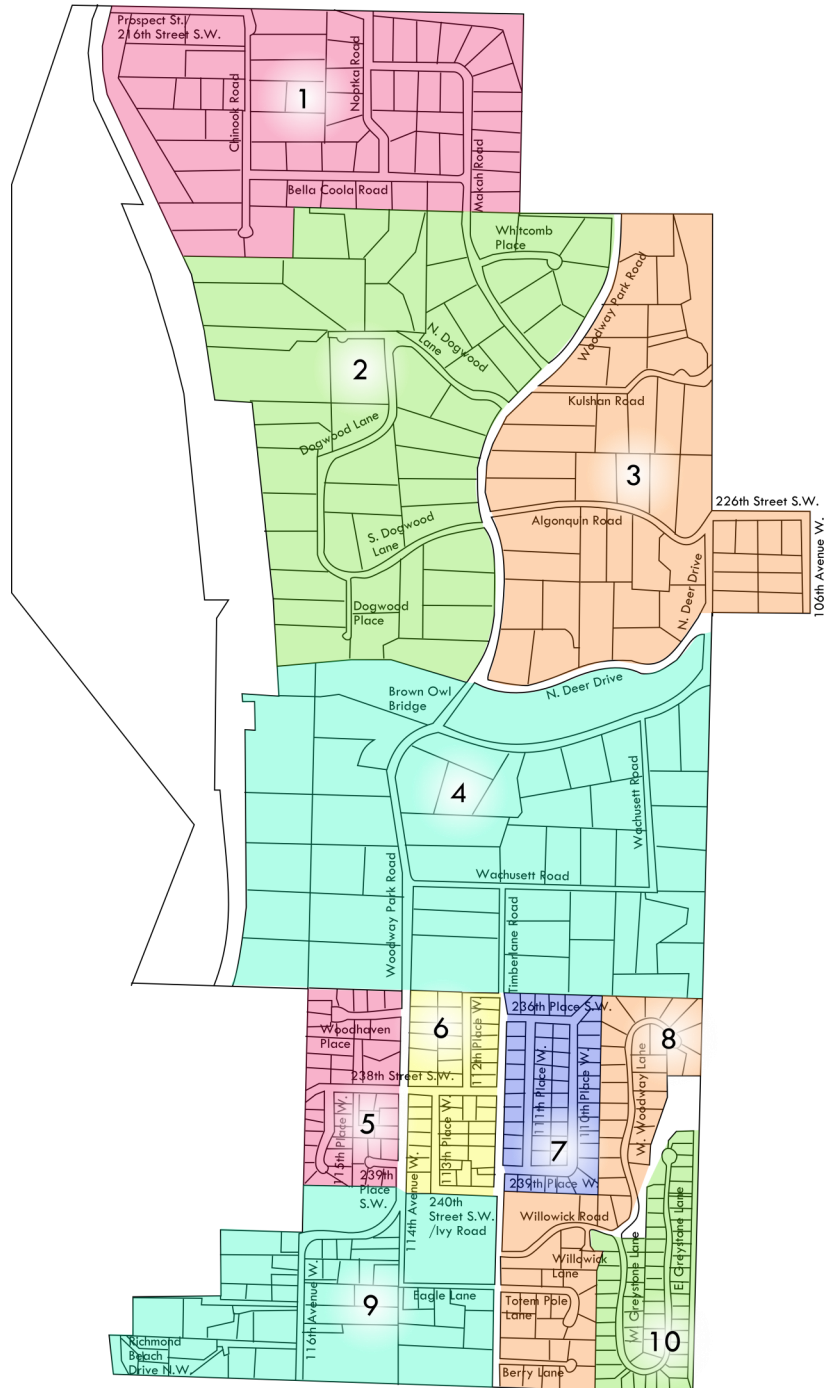
Area 2: Amy Day

Area 3: Joe Francisco

Area 5: Henry & Anita Veldman

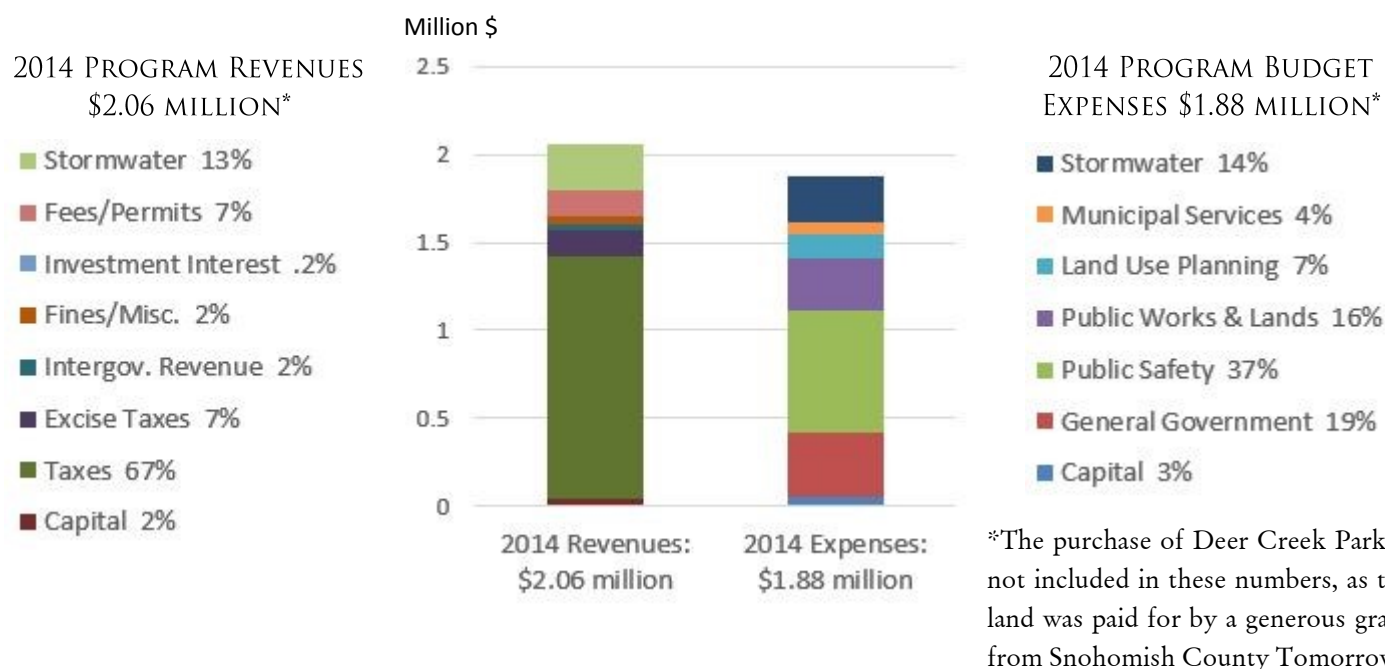
We would like to have two families per neighborhood to share the task of coordination. As you read the above list, if your neighborhood doesn't have two coordinating families, please consider stepping up. Training will be provided as soon as we have our list of volunteers complete. Contact Town Hall today to sign up!

Woodway Ready! Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Groups



2014 BUDGET REPORT

It is a privilege to present to our community a summary of the 2014 Town budget and operations. Details are available at Town Hall upon request. Respectfully submitted, Carla A. Nichols, Mayor



SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2013	2014
<u>Public Safety</u>		
Woodway police officers	3378 hrs	3380 hrs
Call-outs by Edmonds officers	98	103
Fire and EMS responses	67	55
<u>Building Department – Permits Issued</u>		
New Homes	5	2
Remodels	13	17
Clearing/Grading	11	3
Short Plat	0	0
<u>Environmental Protections</u>		
Tree Permits	58	12

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Town's fire & EMS contract was transferred to Shoreline Fire Department, providing an annual savings of \$59,000. This is an 11% savings over the 2013 budget for the same services.
- The Town was awarded \$1.56M from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures program. Approximately 4.4 acres of upland forest were purchased for a new town park called Deer Creek Park.
- An eleven member task force of residents and two Councilmembers embarked on a planning effort to develop a long-range plan for Deer Creek Park.
- After a hiatus in 2013, the community fair was held in late August. Over 200 residents of all ages enjoyed the festivities.

2014 CAPITAL PROJECT

Stormwater: The Twin Maples neighborhood had seven rain gardens installed and ten driveways reconfigured to include an integrated system for collecting and dispersing ground water. Public Works staff worked with residents to select trees, shrubs, and plants for each rain garden. The contract was completed on time and under budget.

WOODWAY ART SHOW

It's common knowledge that there are some talented people residing in our town. Quilters, photographers, textile artist, watercolor and oil painters, woodworkers, and more are definitely alive and well. How about a first ever art show in Woodway?

This would not be a commercial affair; it would simply be an event where local artists would display some of their favorite pieces for interested residents.

An open house and reception at Town Hall are being proposed for late spring or early summer.

If you are interested in showing your artwork, please contact Town Hall to sign up.

CPR CLASSES

Woodway is looking into hosting two CPR classes in the upcoming months, one during the day and one in the evening. Watch your mailbox for a postcard with more information!

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

It might seem unusual to include an article encouraging neighborly behavior in an official Town newsletter. But the Town has recently received a number of complaints involving the lack of common courtesy between neighbors.

The Town has laws related to nuisance behavior (e.g., failure to pick up dog feces, loud music capable of being heard by neighboring properties, and repetitive noise caused by off-road vehicles and ATVs). Enforcement of these laws can be

quite time consuming for the Town and have a serious impact on offenders with violations resulting in not only large fines, but also the possibility of criminal convictions. The Town generally enforces these laws on a complaint basis.

To conserve Town resources and avoid the unnecessary escalation of minor offenses, the Town encourages neighbors to treat each other with common courtesy, and to address concerns directly and respectfully.



In November, the Brown Owl Bridge played host to a marriage proposal! Jake Lyon, accompanied by family and friends, surprised Jamie Hartman with a very important question in a location dear to them both. She said yes!

MAKE ROOM FOR FUN IN YOUR SUMMER PLANS!
THE TOWN FAIR WILL BE ON AUGUST 22, 2015

ENGLISH IVY - HEDERA HELIX

By Terrance Bryant, Public Works Director

English Ivy has a major impact on Woodway. You might be surprised to learn that the plant that many view as an attractive accent to well-manicured lawns is actually listed by the State as a Class C weed. It is an ecological threat!

English ivy is a vigorous growing vine. It grows both as a ground cover and as a climbing vine. As the ivy climbs in search of increased light, it engulfs and kills branches by blocking light from reaching the tree's leaves. This often leaves the tree with just a small green "broccoli head," with the tree eventually succumbing entirely to the infestation. Before its death, however, the added weight of the vines makes trees much more susceptible to blow-over during high wind and heavy rain events.

Trees heavily draped with ivy can be hazardous if they are growing near roads, walkways, homes, and other populated areas. Thick ivy mats can accelerate rot and deteriorate structures.

Beginning in 2007 and continuing today, the Public Works Department has cut ivy from the base of all trees located within the



Town's rights-of-way and has aggressively removed ivy from the rights-of-way.

You can help in this process. If you have ivy growing on your trees, simply cut the ivy at the base of each tree. In areas where the invasive ivy is growing on your property next to the right-of-way, cut it back and remove it. Together we can eradicate this invasive weed from our beautiful Town.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

By Doug Hansen, Police Chief

With the unusually warm winter weather we are currently experiencing and with Spring just around the corner, many families with some of our youngest residents are coming outside to enjoy the sunshine. With that in

mind, as you are driving around town, try to use an extra dose of caution. We have begun receiving complaints about speeding and inattentive drivers in some neighborhoods and we will be patrolling these areas more frequently.

This is a reminder to all residents to be the best of neighbors and to drive on our streets the way you would like others to drive when your family members are out and about. Doing so will avoid needless accidents. Thanks for doing your part.

TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

General Government:

- Held two public hearings on the 2015 budget.
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the legal services contract for 2015.
- Adopted an ordinance authorizing awards under the employee retention bonus program.
- Adopted Resolution #14-376, increasing the property tax for 2015 by 1%.
- Adopted Ordinance #14-559, adopting the 2015 budget as amended.
- Held interviews and appointed Tom Howard to fulfill the remainder of the term of Council Position #4.
- Heard a presentation by

Edmonds School District Superintendent Nick Brossoit and school board member Kory DeMun.

- Approved the Woodway affordable housing profile.
- Adopted Ordinance #14-560, amending the 2014 budget.
- Elected Bill Anderson as Mayor Pro Tem.

Public Works & Lands:

- Authorized Change Order #1 to the Twin Maples Stormwater Contract.
- Adopted the Elevator Service Agreement with ThyssenKrupp.
- Held a community meeting that included a presentation by several representatives of Sno. County PUD #1.

- Held a community discussion of the egress-only intersection of Nootka Road and Pine Street.
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the Sno. Conservation District Interlocal Agreement.
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the Sno. County Interlocal Agreement for road overlays.

Land Use & Planning:

- Confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Andrew DeDonker to the Planning Commission.

Public Safety:

- Authorized the Mayor to sign the Jail Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood.
- Heard a presentation by Chief Douglas Hansen on his recent FBI National Academy training.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

The Planning Commission completed the 2015 Comprehensive Plan update and

forwarded the updated document to the Town Council for review and adoption.

The Commission also approved the final short plat documents for the Garfield Short Plat.

PASSAGES

Dorothy Dunham Jorgensen was born in 1910 and grew up in Neenah, Wisconsin. In 1942, Dorothy, a nurse, and Bob, a dentist, married; three children, Buck, Tim, and Laurie, joined the couple over the next eight years. The family moved to Fort Lewis in 1951, and eventually chose to

remain in Washington, having found a new home in Woodway. Bob died in 1976, but Dorothy stayed in the community for the remainder of her 104 years.

Dorothy was a vital and energetic Woodway-Edmonds resident, making many friends and advising



her family on whatever she deemed important, which was most everything. She was easily recognized about town, driving her old Mercedes filled with four large golden retrievers.

Dorothy will be sorely missed by a grateful, loving family.



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SPRING 2015
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	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, Tom Howard, Elizabeth Mitchell, 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