# WOODWAY WHISPER

### Town of Woodway

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

# TOWN CONDUCTS INSPECTION OF THE BRIDGE



The Woodway Park Road Bridge was built in 1929. Over the decades, the bridge has been inspected many times and repaired/updated as needed. Snohomish County performs an inspection of the bridge every other year; the last inspection occured in 2020. The last major repair was in 1993.

In 2014, Federal law changed to require the Town to obtain an engineering analysis of the structural adequacy of the bridge. This analysis is based on modern vehicles – particularly heavier, multi-axled trucks. The Town's engineering firm completed its analysis in December.

### Report Findings

The "Load Rating Report" found that certain types of trucks create undue stress on the bridge. Specifically,

### the report concluded that single-unit trucks with six or more axles and weighing more than 32-tons should be prohibited from using the bridge. Examples of these types of vehicles are shown here.



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### Save the Date!

Woodway's annual Town Fair will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022. If you would like to help with the fair, either planning or on the

day of the fair, please email <u>heidi@townofwoodway.com</u>.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE, CONT'D

There are no recommended limitations for passenger vehicles or the more common types of moving vans and trucks that we occasionally to see in Town.

#### Next Steps

The new load restriction is posted at the bridge and on the Town's website. The Town also will request that the Washington State Department of Transportation and Snohomish County's Public Works Department include our bridge on their list of bridges with load restrictions.

Additionally, the Town is required to forward the Load Rating Report to Snohomish County as part of a

comprehensive National Bridge Inventory. The County will use the findings in the report to determine a "Sufficiency Rating." Using the Sufficiency Rating, our bridge will be ranked against other Washington bridges. This ranking is used to determine eligibility for grant funding for improvements or replacement. The ranking

of our bridge will help the Council determine whether to conduct additional analysis of the bridge. This analysis would include a conceptual design study, looking at whether specific improvements can be made to the bridge to address deficiencies and expand its useful life, or whether it is most economical to replace the bridge. This final analysis will be used in any future grant requests.

If you have any questions about the bridge or the study, please contact

Public Works Director Terry Bryant at publicworks@townofwoodway.com.

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## Volunteers Needed: Help Preserve Our Urban Forest

### By Terry Bryant, Public Works Director

Woodway's Mayor and Public Works Department are looking for volunteers to assist in the removal of English ivy from trees in our parks.

English ivy is an invasive species that is widespread in Woodway parks. Ivy grows quickly up the trunk of a tree, smothering branches, and eventually killing the tree. Ivy also robs nutrients from trees and provides a haven for rats in urban settings.



On Saturday May 14, from 10 am to 2 pm, we will be removing English ivy from trees in our parks. We are looking for Woodway residents to volunteer to help us!

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Public Works Director Terry

Bryant via the qr code below or by email at <u>publicworks@townofwoodway.com</u>.

Let's come together as a community to remove this invasive species and save Woodway trees.





Underside of the

Woodway Park Road Bridge

### PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECTS

Each year, the Town's Public Works Director inspects all roads in Woodway for purposes of submitting a state -mandated six-year transportation improvement plan (TIP) to the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board. This inspection is conducted using a Pavement Surface Condition Field Rating Manual for Asphalt Pavement. The inspection results in a rating based on the type of defect, severity of the defect, and

extent to which the road surface is affected by the defect.

Placing a road/ street on the Town's Six-year TIP does not require the Town to repair or overlay



that particular road/street. And it does not restrict the Town from repairing a street that is not on the list. The TIP is a state-mandated planning tool. There are times, for example, when paving a road adjacent to a deficit road makes sense for economic reasons or financial conditions or a future water/sewer utility installation may warrant a delay in a project.

Fortunately, the Town's roads are generally in very good condition. In fact, within Snohomish County, we have the second-best paved roadways – with Darrington barely edging us out of the top spot.

Early during the Great Recession, the Town took advantage of a favorable bid climate to overlay a number of roads. Overlays can last 25 years or longer, depending on road usage, weather, and other conditions. Over the past 10 years, the Town has undertaken fewer projects.

#### Six-year TIP

The Town's current adopted six-year Transportation Improvement Plan includes several potential improvement projects. The potential projects include repaying/repairs in the following areas:

- All of the Woodway Highlands
- Bella Coola Road from Makah Road to Chinook Road in the Woodway Estates neighborhood
- The intersection of 226<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., N. Deer Drive, & Algonquin Road
- 238<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. from 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. to Timberlane Road

The Town has budgeted \$450,000 in real estate excise tax revenue for these projects in 2022, and \$205,000 for the projects in 2024. Overlay projects are funded by the Town's real estate excise tax revenue. This tax is a 0.5%tax on the sale of a home and its use is restricted by state law – it generally cannot be used for general operations like the Town's police and fire expenses.

Due to the high cost of oil (and, therefore, asphalt), Council has decided not to proceed with a major repaving project this year. Instead, the Town will repair and patch potholes in these areas and several areas on the south end of Timberlane in 2022. The asphalt in these areas will be cut and removed, and 2 inches of new asphalt will be laid down.

Additionally, the Town will be doing tar strip repair on the roads in the Woodway Highlands community.



Woodway Highlands Neighborhood

# Pavement Repair Projects, Cont'd

The application of tar strips will prevent water from seeping into the asphalt cracks and causing further damage, therefore extending the life of the road.

These repairs should last a number of years. As the price of oil returns to more reasonable levels, the Town will again consider the larger repaving projects. An important caveat – if bids for these repair projects are



Woodway Estates Neighborhood



Intersection of 226<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., N. Deer Drive, and Algonquin Road

cost prohibitive, these projects also might be delayed.

Here are a few examples of the problem areas that we hope to address, with a hard hat for scale. If you have any questions about pavement conditions and the Town's TIP, please feel free to contact Terrance Bryant at <u>publicworks@townofwoodway.com</u>.



South end of Timberlane Road

# Neighborhood Events

As the weather has improved and COVID restrictions have been relaxed, we've had a few inquiries recently about the Town's rules related to neighborhood events. Building community through neighborhood gatherings and events is encouraged. But it is important that these events are done safely.

Using the right-of-way (including portions of the street, sidewalks, or publicly owned parking areas

adjacent to the street) for tents, tables, or other items is prohibited. Additionally, if an event on public or private property is anticipated to draw more than 100 people, the event organizers are required to get a permit at least 14-days prior to the event. If you have any questions or want more information about organizing a neighborhood event, please call or email Town Hall.

*Reminder:* Dogs must remain leashed while at all Woodway parks, including the Krebs Meadow at Deer Creek Park. Thanks for doing your part so everyone can enjoy our parks (even the wildlife!).



# UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission, at the direction of the Council, has reviewed portions of the municipal code and drafted an amendment that clarifies the Town's prohibition on short-term rentals. The next step is to solicit public comments on the proposed amendments.

You are welcome to submit a written public comment between May 15 and June 30. The Planning

# Town Council Corner

#### General Government:

- Mayor Mike Quinn, Councilmember Brian Bogen, & Councilmember Rajeev Thakur took their oaths of office.
- Assigned representatives to various regional boards.
- Approved Resolution 2022-434: Authorized Signers on Large Checks.
- Approved Resolution 2022-435: Surplus Property.
- Approved Resolution 2022-436: Fee Schedule.
- Approved Ordinance 2022-635: Holiday Schedule.
- Reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021 finance report.
- Approved Resolution 2022-437: Fee Schedule.
- Approved Resolution 2022-438: ARPA Funding.
- Held study sessions on Town finances & the Town bulletin boards.

### Land Use & Planning:

- Authorized the Mayor to sign the geologic hazard area code update contract amendment with AESI extending the date to March 31, 2022.
- Confirmed the reappointment of Planning Commissioners Jan Ostlund, Teresa Pape, and Laura Murphy. Confirmed the appointment of John Rettenmier to the Planning Commission.
- Approved Resolution 2022-433: Directing the Planning Commission to Conduct a Public Hearing

Commission will hold a public hearing on July 6 to hear oral comments from the public. The proposed amendment can be found on the homepage of our website in the News & Events section on the bottom left.

Written comments can be delivered to Town Hall or emailed to <u>publiccomment@townofwoodway.com</u>.

on an Amendment to the Town's Code Addressing Short Term Rentals.

- Approved Ordinance 2022-638: WMC 16.10.600-650 Geologic Hazard Code Update.
- Reviewed the 2021 Planning Commission annual report.

#### Public Works & Lands:

- Heard a report on the Town's federally-mandated bridge inspection.
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the amendment to the OVWSD Agreement for Twin Maples Stormwater Work.
- Discussed pavement maintenance/repair options.
- Ratified the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Road/Street Services.
- Approved construction of the Twin Maples stormwater utility project.
- Held a study session on the Town's rights-of-way.
- Authorized the Public Works Director to solicit bids for pavement repair in certain portions of the Town.

### Public Safety:

- Heard quarterly reports from the police and fire chiefs.
- Held a study session on public safety services and traffic calming.



Town of Woodway

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### Town Information

### TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

#### Class Code City County Snohomish Dep. Clerk-Treas./Permit Tech Population 1325 Business Hours 9 am to 1 pm | Monday-Thursday See website for details Permit Counter Hours Town Hall Phone (206) 542-4443 Public Works Phone (206) 542-0183 Website www.townofwoodway.com Building Official/Plan Checker Email addresses See staff & elected official contact information on our website Mayor Mike Quinn 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 6:00 p.m. Council Meets Planning Commission Chair Per Odegaard 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Town Hearing Examiner Planning Commission Meets

### Town Hall Staff:

Town Administrator Eric A. Faison Clerk-Treasurer Heidi K. S. Napolitino Kim Sullivan Public Works Director Terrance R. Bryant, Jr. Public Works Crew Scott Wynne Collin Harlow Town Attorney Greg Rubstello Tom Phillips **Building Inspector** Scott Dorrance Police Chief Alan Correa Fire Marshal Derek LaFontaine Town Planner Bill Trimm Town Engineer **PACE Engineers** John Galt EMERGENCY 911

### TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Brian Bogen, John Brock, Andrew DeDonker, Elizabeth Mitchell, & Rajeev Thakur

LOCATIONS OF THE TOWN BULLETIN BOARDS:

Woodway Park Road at Algonquin Road Woodway Park Road at Deer Creek Park 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