

TOWN OF WOODWAY

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### PROPOSITION #1 REPORT

The general election results for Woodway's Proposition #1, which would have raised property taxes to pay for the Town's public safety and general operating expenses, was defeated by approximately 60% of Woodway voters. I want to assure you that your Mayor and Town Council have taken this result seriously. We have reviewed Town operations and every line item of the Town's budget to make necessary adjustments, while ensuring that the Town continues to provide quality services in the most cost effective manner possible.

Cuts in every department are a necessary result of the vote. However, we believe that we have developed a plan that works within our contractual and statutory limitations, and preserves our core operations, while eliminating over \$140,000 per year in costs. Cuts will include reductions in police, permitting, and public works staffing and benefits; reductions in

our legal, planning, and engineering services; and a reduction in a variety of smaller expenses.

As a result of these cuts, we will have changes in our operations. Major changes include more limited office hours; more limited schedule for permit review/issuance; elimination of beautification projects; reduced park and right-of-way maintenance; elimination of police house checks; and elimination of chipping services.

What will not change in the budget are our contractual costs for fire, emergency medical, police backup, emergency management and dispatch services. It simply is not possible to reduce the costs for these services without substantial risks to life safety. We also will maintain our \$1 million emergency fund, which we project will be sustained until 2022. We unanimously believe that this level of reserve is essential to deal with a

major or catastrophic emergency.

The last remaining item that the Council will discuss this Spring is whether to continue the Town Fair. We will be holding a public meeting in March to discuss options and gauge interest in alternative funding/staffing for the Fair. Please keep an eye out for public meeting notices.

Please be patient and understanding with our staff as we implement these major changes. They are committed to providing the highest quality of service within the available resources. If you have any thoughts or comments, please feel free to share them at [mayor@townofwoodway.com](mailto:mayor@townofwoodway.com).



### CHANGES AT TOWN HALL

Beginning in January, permit applications will no longer be accepted every day. Call Town Hall or visit our website for details.

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## POINT WELLS UPDATE

*By Eric Faison, Town Administrator*

You might have recently read an article in the Everett Herald that there is major news related to Point Wells. As reported, and as has been relayed to the Town by County planning staff, environmental review of the developer's proposal is on hold. The County recently sent BSRE (the owner and developer of the property) a letter stating that the project application has major deficiencies and the County will not continue processing the application until it

receives a revised application from the developer.

The problems identified include, among other things, failure to comply with conservation and landslide hazard area regulations, failure to meet parking and landscaping requirements, and failure to identify a second access road across the railroad tracks and through the Town of Woodway. The letter further states that if the deficiencies are not corrected by May 17, 2017, the County will likely recommend denial of the project.

The types of revisions requested by the County are significant in nature. With regard to the secondary access road, the Town is aware of a general preference by the developer to utilize a strip of land that they own in Woodway that connects Point Wells to 116th Avenue West. However, we have not yet received a proposal from the developer to which we can respond.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 206-629-5811.

CONGRATULATIONS,  
WOODWAY!

Woodway's voter turnout was the highest in the county - 86%. The county-wide average was 74%.



## WIPE OUT ILLEGAL DUMPING

*By Terry Bryant, Public Works Director*

Help keep our streets clean and our stormwater system working !

Given the Town's limited budget, staff, and the size of the infrastructure, the Town relies heavily on resident involvement to

help keep streets safe, keep catch basins clean, and notify the Town if a higher level of maintenance is needed at a particular location.

Please do not rake or blow the leaves from your yard into the street. Bag them and place them in your yard waste bin. If you employ a landscaper, please tell them to do

the same and not to blow leaves into the street. This is illegal.

Do not put leaves, dirt, grass clippings, or any materials in the stormwater system. Doing so can cause flooding. It is against the law to dump any material into the drainage system. To report illegal dumping, call (206) 542-4443.

# SPEEDING BY THE NUMBERS IN WOODWAY

*By Doug Hansen, Police Chief*

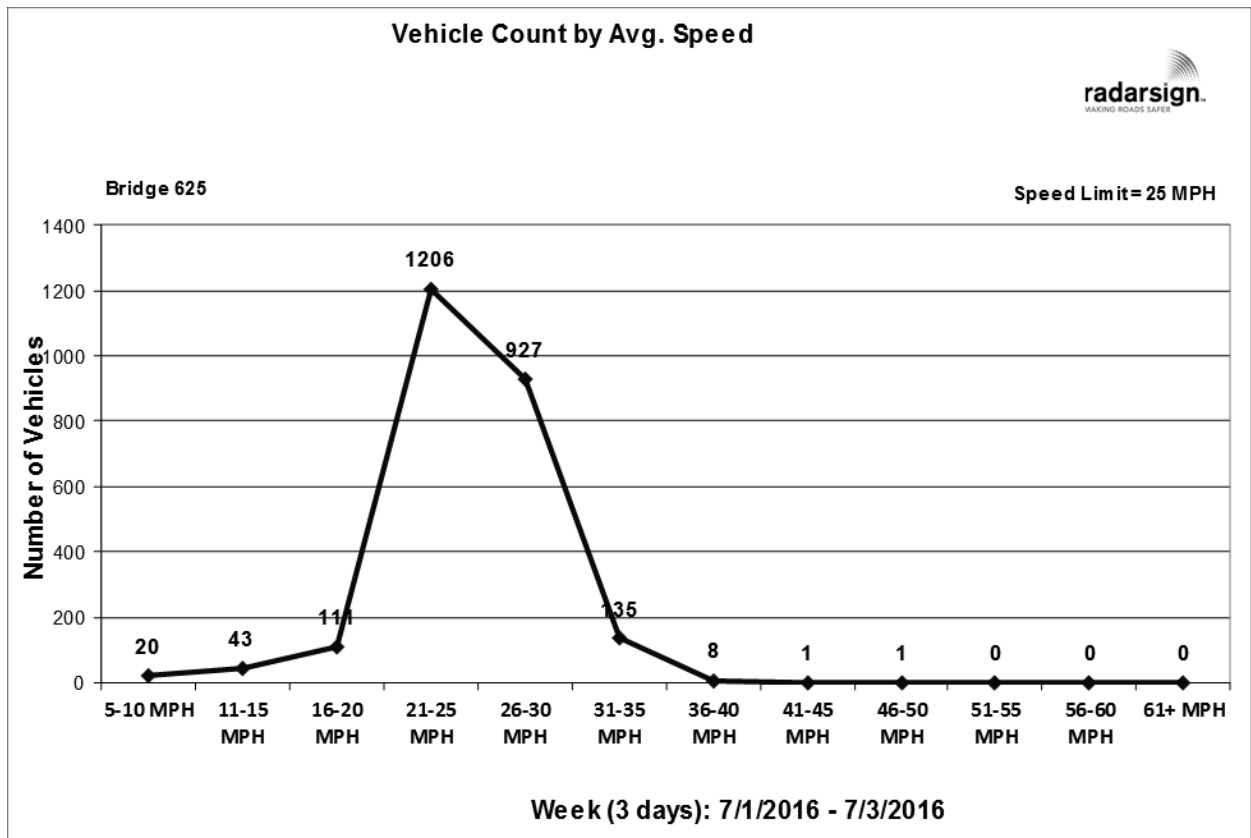
Occasionally, in the nicer weather months when people are out and about, we get complaints about speeding vehicles in Woodway that often sound like this, “everyone is speeding...I see lots of cars doing 40-50 MPH on Park Road...it happens all the time...”. Many things can fuel these perceptions like the sounds of exhaust, tires and even the type of vehicle driven. These are more noticeable when

you are out walking close to the roadway or when doing yard work.

Do drivers speed through the Town? Yes, just not as often or as much as you might believe. We gathered some numbers from a radar speed sign along Woodway Park Road on a weekend (a Friday-Sunday) this last July and put them into a graph so you can see the actual numbers. On average, most drivers obey the 25 MPH limit within the Town. In fact, eighty-

seven percent of the total drivers counted on this weekend were under 30 MPH leaving a much smaller percentage over 31 MPH.

Not “all or most” drivers are speeding and I want to assure you that officers spend a good deal of our patrol time monitoring traffic and looking for those violating the 25 MPH speed limit. We encourage all residents to continue their good driving and to please let us know if you have concerns.



<p><b>CHANGES IN WOODWAY'S SERVICES</b></p>	<p>Due to budget and staffing cuts, Woodway will no longer offer chipping service or police department vacation house checks beginning January 1, 2017.</p>
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## REMEMBRANCES

Margie and Joe Malinowski bought two acres of alder swamp on Kulshan Road in the late 1950s. With Joe's backhoe business and his access to fill dirt, they transformed it into lovely rolling hills. They began building and in 1963, they and their two young daughters moved in. Margie had a flair for landscaping and design and together she and Joe planted a

beautiful garden that has matured over the last 53 years. Joe passed away in 2009 and Margie remained at the house, faithfully tending the gardens through the summer of 2016. Margie passed away October 30, 2016. Her grandson is currently living at the house and it remains a gathering place for the family. Joe and Margie loved the town of Woodway and were proud to be

active members of their community.



## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTES

*By Austen Wilcox, Administrative Assistant/Permit Coordinator*

We would like to welcome resident Teresa Pape to our Planning Commission! Teresa has warmly accepted the position and will be completing the term of Commissioner Pat Tallon, who recently moved away. Teresa says she “knows every tree root” of Woodway, as she routinely jogs throughout Town and is also the VP of her Homeowners’ Association.

Teresa has lived in Woodway since 2010 with her husband, Craig, and their two boys. The family enjoys an active, outdoor, lifestyle. When Teresa is not cheering for her boys

at the soccer field sidelines or volunteering at their school, she is assisting with the production of TV shows. Her production experience has allowed her to work for both recognizable local and national TV and cable networks alike.

Welcome, Teresa, and thank you, Pat Tallon, for your years of dedicated service to Woodway!

In July, the Town Planner reported to the Commission that annexation of the Upper Bluff had been finalized.

In October, the Town Planner reviewed the Planning Commission’s responsibilities regarding two applications: the Woodway Pointe subdivision and

development in the Upper Bluff area and a comprehensive plan amendment request. In both cases, the Planning Commission will be responsible for conducting public hearings and forwarding recommendations to the Town Council.

The Woodway Pointe application is not yet complete; review of the materials will commence once the Town has received a complete application.

The Comprehensive Plan amendment request proposes to reduce the level of service standard on Woodway’s portion of Richmond Beach Drive.

## TOWN COUNCIL CORNER

### General Government:

- Completed several chapters of the Woodway Municipal Code review and update.
- Adopted Ordinance 16-572, Annexing Certain Unincorporated Territory Commonly Known as the Upper Bluff and completed the annexation process.
- Mayor Nichols presented the 2nd Quarter 2016 Finance Report.
- Heard a presentation on fundraising efforts to build the Edmonds Waterfront Center.
- Held a discussion about the levy lid lift proposal and decided to put the measure on the fall general election ballot.
- Heard a presentation by the

Snohomish Health District, which requested funding in 2017.

- Heard a presentation by staff on the preliminary 2017 budget and held public hearings on the budget and revenue sources.
- Adopted Resolution 16-388, allowing for the disposition of surplus property.
- Adopted Resolution 16-389, setting the 2017 property tax levy.

### Public Works & Lands:

- Held a public hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, 2017-2022, and passed Resolution 16-385, adopting the plan.
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between

Snohomish County and the Town of Woodway for road overlay services.

### Building & Municipal Services:

- Adopted Ordinance #16-573, Amending Title 12, Buildings and Construction, adopting 2015 Code Updates and repealing certain sections.

### Land Use & Planning:

- Adopted Resolution 16-387, Reaffirming Support for the Master Annexation Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County.
- Confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Teresa Pape to the Planning Commission.

## SWIMMING POOL REMINDER

Residents are required to contact the Town before draining their swimming pools. If you have a sanitary sewer available near your home, you need to drain it into the sewer. If not, other arrangements can be made. Call Town Hall to determine the best drainage method for your pool.

## ARE YOU HOSTING A HOLIDAY PARTY OR OTHER LARGE FUNCTION?

If you are hosting a function that will involve 100 people or more, you are required to obtain a no-fee permit from the Town. Please contact Town Hall at least two weeks before your event to ensure adequate processing time for your permit.

## WHILE YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT

As you enjoy your walk along Woodway's walkways, please remember to deposit your dog's "garbage" in one of the roadside waste receptacles. Everyone enjoys the beauty and serenity of Woodway.

*Let's not spoil it with litter!*



TOWN OF WOODWAY

23920 113th Place West  
Woodway, WA 98020

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ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

WINTER 2016  
NEWSLETTER



Local  
Residential Postal Customer

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TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN HALL DIRECTORY:

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1335
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1-4:00 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	Heidi K. S. Napolitano
Admin Asst/Permit Coordinator	Austen Wilcox
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
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>

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 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