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Police Services; Did you Know?



The Stanwood Police Department is located at the corner of 88th Ave and 271st Street in East Stanwood. The department is staffed with six full time deputies, a detective, one school resource officer, and two sergeants. Two full-time administrative staff serve the public Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm or by phone 425-388-5290.

The department offers services to the community in addition to patrol. Residents can get fingerprints, apply for concealed pistol licenses, and drop off expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs. You can "like" the Stanwood Police Facebook page and receive weekly crime reports, and sign up for smart phone alerts. The department offers vacation checks and will respond to vehicle lockout calls.

The Stanwood Police Department (in conjunction with SNOPAC, our dispatch center, and several other Snohomish County law enforcement agencies) offers a method of reporting certain crimes on line via a web-

site, Mycrimereport.us. This reporting option is completely voluntary and intended for the convenience of residents comfortable with the technology. For more information about the Stanwood Police Department visit the city's website at www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/police or Facebook www.facebook.com/StanwoodPoliceDepartment.

Thank you!

On November 3, Stanwood voters overwhelmingly approved a levy lid lift, increasing taxes by 15.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to support public safety. The lid lift will raise approximately \$171,000 per year beginning in 2016. The City Council has

earmarked the money for basic fire/EMS and police services to maintain the current level of these services in the city. To learn more visit www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/levy

Message From Mayor Kelley



Now is a great time to recap some of the highlights from 2015 and look ahead to 2016. First the highlights - we continue to welcome new businesses to Stanwood and recognize those businesses, like the Stanwood Furniture Store, who have made our community their home for several decades. The economic recovery is going strong in Stanwood. In 2015, sales tax revenues increased \$100,000 over 2014 – a good sign for local businesses. Last year the website Nerd Wallet recognized Stanwood as the 14th best place in Washington State to open a new business and Safewise.com, ranked Stanwood number 31 out of the 50 safest cities in Washington.

I also want to recognize residents such as Mike Greenslade, businesses, and service organizations who donated their time, talents and resources to support the city. Last year volunteers picked up litter, cleaned parks, removed graffiti, and maintained sports fields. Stanwood is a great community

because of your generosity and the support of our local businesses.

We continue to enjoy the benefits of small town living. Our summer concert series has grown bigger every year. We are planning more special events including the second annual "Touch-a-Truck" family event in May. We are bringing back movie nights at Church Creek Park in August and the second bike rodeo at Cedarhome Elementary in September. There will be many chances to get together this year and celebrate. We hope you, your friends, and family will be able to join us.

SAVE THE DATES

visit www.ci.stanwood.wa.us for events calendar

January 30: Country Living Expo and
Cattlemen's Winterschool
ext100.wsu.edu/skagit/CountryLivingExpo/

February 12-21: The Great NW Glass Quest
TheGreatNWGlassQuest.com

February 27-28: Port Susan Snowgoose &
Birding Festival
www.SnowGooseFest.org

March 19: Port Susan Home & Garden Show
PortSusanHomeAndGarden.com

Get Outside and Enjoy this Year's Winter Festivals!

Mark your calendar for the greatest treasure hunt in the Northwest. The 2016 Great Northwest Glass Quest runs February 12-21. How does it work? Pick up a guide book at participating merchants in Stanwood and Camano. Look for plastic "clue balls" hidden in local businesses and parks during the 10-day event. Bring your friends and family; explore Stanwood and Camano while you hunt for hidden clue balls. When you find a plastic clue ball follow the instructions to pick up your hand blown glass treasure by local glass artist, Mark Ellinger. All participants can enter a drawing to win a Quest float. For more information about this great family event go to www.thegreatnwglassquest.com

Looking for more outside activities this winter? The Snow Goose Festival is back Saturday, February 27 and Sunday February 28, 2016. This is a rare opportunity to hear about

PORT SUSAN SNOWGOOSE & BIRDING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2016
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.SNOWGOOSEFEST.ORG

Stanwood's iconic Snow Geese from Vasiliy Baranyuk, senior scientist with Russia's Wrangel Island Nature Preserve. Vasiliy will talk about snow geese and their summering grounds in the Russian Arctic. The event also includes seminars on swans, identifying shore birds, and photographing these amazing creatures. The event offers guided tours to Iverson Spit. Self guided tours are available during the festival to English Boom and Big Ditch. Visit the festival website at www.snowgoosefest.org/ for more information.

The Old Cedarhome Market Ready to Reopen



The Old Cedarhome Market located at 6809 284th St NW is currently under construction and will be opening this year in the residential Cedarhome neighborhood. Known at one time as Klett's Market, it was operated by the Klett brothers and their wives from approximately the 1930's to the 1970's. Many Stanwood residents shopped there as it functioned as a full service store before the age of supermarkets and also catered to the local farmers. Locals recall purchasing homemade sausages and ice cream bars there.

Today, Dennis and Cheryl Gordon are bringing life back to the store and plan to offer a variety of items to local residents again when they open. For more information about the Old Cedarhome Market, including when it will be opening its doors, like the Old Cedarhome Market FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CedarhomeMarket>.

City Project Updates

Thanks to our State Legislators, Senator Barbara Bailey, Representative Dave Hayes and Representative Norma Smith for their support during last year's legislative session. With their help the city received \$885,000 for three projects to protect the city from flooding. Over the past three years, our state legislators have worked to secure over \$1.8 million in state funding for city projects. The 68th Ave Safe Routes to School project is partially funded with state support. The project will add a sidewalk on the eastside of 68th Ave north of Cedarhome Elementary between Jenson Road and 284th Ave at

the Old Cedarhome Store. The city is finishing the design and acquiring the right-of-way for the sidewalk. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Besides, state funding, city staff have been aggressively pursuing grant funding for street repairs, park acquisition and stormwater improvements. Since 2012, the city has received \$3.6 million in grant funds. Grant funding allows the city to leverage limited tax dollars to complete priority projects.

Ready, Set, Go

The city is preparing to go out to bid for several city projects scheduled for construction this summer. Stay tuned for more information about construction schedules and road closures this spring.

- Pioneer Highway Water Main Replacement between 72nd and 64th Ave is planned to begin in early June.
- 270th Street between Florence Road and 88th Ave NW will be reconstructed. The project includes replacing storm drain

lines, catch basins, water main and new curb, gutter and sidewalk. The project will be partially paid for by the city's Transportation Benefit District.

- 272nd between 72nd and 84th Ave will be repaved. This is the street in front of Stanwood High School. The road is deeply rutted from a previous utility improvement. The city received a \$745,000 grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for the street overlay.

Planning Begins for Future Parks, Sidewalks, Trails and Bike Lanes

Quality of life was a key theme back in 2012 when the city hosted a three-day community visioning meeting with the help of the American Institute of Architects. Several needs were mentioned over the three day event – more parks connecting Stanwood to the Stillaguamish River and sidewalks, trails and bike lanes to move people between neighborhoods and shopping areas.

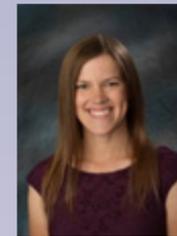
In 2013, the city received \$1.4 million in grant funds from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures program to purchase two properties with river access – the 1 plus acre Hamilton Mill property with the iconic Hamilton Smokestack and the 15 acre former Ovenell Dairy Farm at the confluence of the Stillaguamish River and Port Susan and Port Skagit Bays. A group of community stakeholders have been meeting since

late 2015 to develop a master plan for the Ovenell property. A community meeting is planned for early spring to share the results of the planning efforts and get feedback. For more information on the Ovenell park visit the city's website at www.ci.stanwood.wa/ovenell.

A second effort is getting underway to plan future sidewalks, trails and bike lanes. The city held an open house in Oct. 29, 2015 to get input from community members. The city council will appoint an advisory committee to assist city staff with developing a formal non-motorized plan. If you are interested in learning more contact Senior Planner, Carly Ruacho at 360-629-2181 extension 4534.

New Council- 2016

Welcome New Councilmembers! City residents elected 4 new councilmembers in the November 3rd General Election. Taking office January 1, 2016 for four year terms are: Elizabeth Callahan, Position 3; Timothy Pearce, Position 4; Larry Sather, Position 5; and Conrad Ryer, Position 6. They join Rob Johnson, Position 1; Arne Wennerberg, Position 2; and Dottie Gorsuch, Position 7 in representing residents of Stanwood.



Councilmember Callahan previously served on the council from 2012 to 2013. She has lived in Stanwood since 2009 and enjoys the rich heritage and unique character of the city. Ms. Callahan is a graduate of Seattle Pacific University and currently teaches at Grace Academy in Marysville. She served two terms on the City's Planning Commission (2010-2011 and 2013-2015).



Councilmember Pearce previously served on the council from 2009 to 2013. He is a 4th generation resident of Stanwood with family roots dating back to 1909. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children. Mr. Pearce is Secondary Vice Principal of Grace Academy. He graduated from Seattle Pacific University with his Masters from City University. Mr. Pearce served two terms on Stanwood's Planning Commission (2003-2009 and 2013-2015).



Councilmember Sather served on the council from 2012 to 2015. He graduated from the University of Washington, earned a Masters from Western Washington State College, and a PhD at Washington State University. He is a speech instructor at Skagit Valley Community College. In 1987, he and his wife, Sue, moved to Stanwood. Mr. Sather served on the City's Planning Commission in 2012.



Councilmember Ryer previously served on council from 2005 to 2010 and from 2013 to 2015. He is active in the community volunteering for the Stanwood Area Historical Society and is on the Stanwood Library Board. He is retired from the Treasury Department. Mr. Ryer and his wife, Gail, have lived in the Stanwood area for over 24 years.

The Stanwood City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The meetings are held at the Stanwood Camano School District Office Boardroom, 26920 Pioneer Highway. Council Meeting Agenda Packets are posted to the City website, www.ci.stanwood.wa.us, on the Friday before each council meeting.

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Looking to Plan a Special Event in Stanwood?



In 2012 the city council adopted special event rules which covered events on both public and private property. Last November, the city council adopted changes to make it easier for community groups to hold special events in Stanwood. Under the new rules, a special event permit is required only if the event is held on city property such as parks and streets or if the event requires public services such as police support or barricades. Certain activities such as garage sales and sidewalk sales are exempt from the permit requirements. Event sponsors can request financial assistance through a city contribution. The deadline to submit a special event permit application was reduced from 120 days to 60 days. This allows the city time to review the proposed special event and determine potential impacts to fire, EMS, police and public health. Special events sponsors are responsible for posting notice of their event at the event site 10 days prior to the city council meeting at which the special event will be considered for approval. Special event applications are available on the city's website at <http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/cd/page/special-event-permits> or at city hall at 10220 270th Ave NW. For questions or more information contact Community Development Director, Ryan Larsen at 360-629-2181 extension 4509 or ryan.larsen@ci.stanwood.wa.us

FIND THE TREASURES
AT THE Seventh Annual
GREAT NORTHWEST GLASS QUEST

You're invited to participate
 in the greatest treasure hunt in the Pacific Northwest! This is your opportunity to search for and find unique "Glass Treasures" hand-blown by Mark Ellinger, world-renowned glass artist. "Clueballs" will be hidden at a variety of host businesses and in community sites around the Stanwood-Camano area. Find a "Clueball" and return it to the location identified inside for an authentic limited edition "Glass Treasure."

For more info, go to www.TheGreatNWGlassQuest.com

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