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# Stanwood City Happenings

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## Stanwood City Happenings

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### Event Calendar

Visit [www.ci.stanwood.wa.us](http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us) for more information on all events.

#### OCTOBER 2015

**Mon-Fri Davis Place Teen Center**  
After-school destination for middle and high school age youths. Teens can get help with their homework, hang out with friends, eat a healthy snack and take a free music or art class.

**02 Port Susan Farmers Market**  
Located at Viking Village see City website for more information. 2-6pm

**03 Oktoberfest**  
Stanwood American Legion Post #92. 26921 88th Ave NW 4-8PM \$10 adults and \$5 children includes dinner, entertainment, dancing, fun raffles and door prizes

**03 Electronic Recycling**  
Kiwanis Club & its Aktion Club's monthly recycling event for Electronics (TVs, computers & monitors). 10am- 2pm at 27001 94th Drive NW, Stanwood

**07 Walk & Talk with the Mayor**  
Share your thoughts and discuss issues affecting the community. Start 7:30am Stanwood Rite Aid located at 26817 88th Ave NW, Stanwood, go to City Hall and back

**07 Health & Wellness Fair**  
Warm Beach Senior Community

will be hosting a Health & Wellness Fair 9am-12pm

**03 Oktoberfest Collective On Tap**  
11am-5pm 848 N Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island

**08 City Council Meeting 7pm**  
**08 City Hall Open House**  
Come see the newly-remodeled Stanwood City Hall 4-6pm

**09 Port Susan Farmers Market**  
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**17 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**  
Port of Everett—1620 W Marine View Dr. Registration: 8-9am Run/Walk: 9:15am

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**31 Trick or Treat On Main Street**  
Main Street Merchants wel-

come all the ghosts & ghoulies for some Halloween treats! Call 360.629.3631 with questions

**31 Streams of Mercy Fun Run**  
Join your favorite doctors, nurses and volunteers 5 & 10k fun run and walk 10am-4pm

**31 Adult Halloween Costume Party**  
Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 27030 102nd Ave NW. more info call 360-629-6110

**NOVEMBER 2015**

**Mon-Fri Davis Place Teen Center**  
After-school destination for middle and high school age youths. Teens can get help with their homework, hang out with friends, eat a healthy snack and take a free music or art class. More info 360-629-5257

**03 Election Day**  
Make sure to get your ballots in

**06 Small Business Summit**  
Xfinity Arena Conference Center 2000 Hewitt Ave #200 Everett, WA 98201. FREE TO ATTEND

**07 Electronic Recycling**  
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**07 Fall Tea Luncheon & Faux Fashion**  
Stanwood Community and Senior

Center 11:30-1pm Reservations required Tickets \$10

**07 Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale**  
Stanwood Community and Senior Center 10am-4pm. For vendor application [www.stanwoodseniorcenter.org](http://www.stanwoodseniorcenter.org)

**11 Veterans Day**  
City Offices Closed

**12 City Council Meeting 7pm**

**23 City Council Meeting 7pm**

**26 Thanksgiving Holiday**  
City Offices Closed

**27 Thanksgiving Holiday**  
City Offices Closed

**26 Port Susan Holiday Market**  
Opening day. Visit their website for more information

**27 Holiday Market**  
At Salt & Thistle Co-sponsored by Camano Island Farmers Market

**DECEMBER 2015**

**The Lights of Christmas**  
**Dec 3-6, 10-13, 17-23, and 26-29**  
Gates open at 5pm. Event closes at 10pm More than one million Christmas lights displayed at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, Washington. The Lights of Christmas is the largest holiday light display in the Pacific Northwest.

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**01 Port Susan Holiday Market**  
Now Open. Visit their website for more information

**05 Old Fashioned Christmas**  
10am-2pm at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 27030 102nd Ave NW. Free photos with Santa, lots of treats, Live music & Crafts

**05 Holiday Bazaar**  
Brookdale Stanwood, formerly known as Merrill Gardens from 10am-3pm

**08 City Council Meeting 7pm**  
meeting may be canceled, call to verify

**10 Dinner Theater**  
Stanwood Community and Senior Center 6pm-8pm. Enjoy a festive meal and live holiday entertainment. Visit [www.stanwoodseniorcenter.org](http://www.stanwoodseniorcenter.org) for more info

**19 Santa Breakfast**  
Sponsored by Stanwood Lions at Stanwood Community and Senior Center 9am-11am. Tickets \$5.00

**25 Christmas Day**  
City Offices Closed

### Message From Mayor Kelley



I believe police, fire and emergency medical services (EMS) are the most important services the city provides to residents and business owners. On November 3, Stanwood voters will be asked to approve Proposition 1, a levy lid lift to support public safety.

The lid lift proposal would pay for contract increases for police and fire services and other public safety enhancements. The city currently contracts with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office for police services and North County Fire/EMS for fire and emergency medical services. Public safety costs represent about 57% of the \$5.8 million general fund budget and are expected to go up an average of about \$200,000 per year over the next six years.

If approved, the ballot measure would raise \$171,000, and the cost would be 15.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The owners of a house assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$46.50 a year. The city council has put strict safeguards in place to ensure the money is used to fund public safety costs:

- The levy lid lift would stay at \$.155/\$1,000 assessed value.
- The city's property tax cannot exceed the state mandated limit of \$3.10/\$1,000 assessed value.
- The city council will review and authorize the property tax levy each year to ensure that only the minimum increase is approved to meet the public safety needs for the upcoming year.
- If the measure passes, the levy lid lift would need to be approved by voters after 6 years in 2021.

Look for your mail in ballot two weeks before the election. The deadline to register to vote is October 5 for on-line and mail in registration. Residents can register to vote in person up to October 26, 2015 at Snohomish County Offices in Everett. For more information about the levy lid lift visit the city's website at [www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/cityadministrator/page/2015-levy-lid-lift-public-safety-november-ballot](http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/cityadministrator/page/2015-levy-lid-lift-public-safety-november-ballot)



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 3 - 5PM



### TRICK-OR-TREAT ON MAIN STREET

Main Street Merchants welcome all the ghosts & ghoulies for some Halloween treats!

**Downtown Stanwood**  
Main Street (271st) between 88th & Florence Rd

Sponsored by Your Main Street Businesses & SAMA



Questions? Call 360-629-3631

### Looking For a Pumpkin Patch?

The Port Susan Farmer's Market will have pumpkins for sale on Friday's through October 16 from 2pm-6pm. On October 16, market vendors will have special treats for children who come dressed in costume. The Port Susan Farmer's Market is located on 88th Ave NW at Viking Village. Foster's Farm on SR530 in Arlington is hosting its annual Fall Festival Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch from October 1-31 from 9am to 5pm daily. For more information visit [www.fosterscornmaze.com](http://www.fosterscornmaze.com). Seven family farms in the Snohomish Valley hold the Festival of Pumpkins between September 12 and October 31, 2015. The festival offers children's activities, food, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, zombie walks, brew fest and much more. Event details and ticket information are available online at [www.festivalofpumpkins.org](http://www.festivalofpumpkins.org)



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If you have ideas or want to know more about something in our next newsletter email [amanda.slattery@ci.stanwood.wa.us](mailto:amanda.slattery@ci.stanwood.wa.us)



# Business Spotlight

This year marks the 45th Anniversary of The Home Center which was founded in 1970. The Home Center has been located at the corner of SR532 and Camano Drive in West Stanwood since 1970. The Home Center offers top quality products including living, dining and bedroom furniture as well as mattresses and home accessories such as mirrors, lamps and coat trees. The strong customer base of Stanwood and its surrounding areas of Camano Island, Warm Beach and Snohomish County, have allowed the Home Center to build its business up throughout the years. Owners Roger McSteen and Roger Wilcoxon enjoy giving back to the community that supports them.



Visit The Home Center In West Stanwood

For more information on the Home Center check out their website [www.thehomecenters.com](http://www.thehomecenters.com) or call (360) 629 2164.



Fiddleheads Local Market  
Fall Hours Starting Oct. 1: Wed-Sun: 11-7

The City of Stanwood ranked #14 as best places to start a new business in Washington State. The City seeks to create a dynamic business environment while maintaining its friendly and unique small-town character. Mayor Kelley is committed to doing what it takes to foster a favorable economic climate and ensure prompt and courteous service by the city so local businesses grow.

**Please welcome these new businesses**

- Autozone
- Salt & Thistle
- Dee Dee's
- Ladder's & Lace
- Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon
- Tara Quinn Photography
- The New You Weight Loss Clinic
- Moments to be By Adria Gaydeski
- Diedrich Espresso
- Classic German Studio
- Green Team Organic Cleaning
- Fiddlehead's Market
- The Old Cedarhome Market
- Studio 271
- Fisher & Family Associates
- Smashing Art Studio

# City Project Update

## 68th Ave Sidewalks

In 2013 the city received a grant from Washington State to install new sidewalks on 68th Ave NW between Cedarhome Elementary (280th Ave NW) and 288th Ave NW. The sidewalk was originally planned to go on the west side of 68th Ave NW. However, based on feedback from the neighborhood, the city council moved the project to the east side of 68th Ave NW. The project design was delayed while the revised plans were approved by the Washington State Department of Transportation. The city expects to finish the design and acquire the necessary right of way in 2016. Construction is tentatively planned for 2017. Part of the grant included the Bike Rodeo at Cedarhome Elementary last March. A second bike rodeo is planned for September 2016. The bike rodeos are part of the Safe Routes to Schools program which is funding the sidewalks on 68th Ave NW. For more information visit the city's website at [www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/publicworks/page/68th-avenue-safe-routes-school-0](http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/publicworks/page/68th-avenue-safe-routes-school-0) or call public works director, Kevin Hushagen at 360-629-9782.

## Irvine Slough Pump Station

Irvine Slough is located on the south side of SR532 between Pioneer Highway and Hamilton Park. Irvine Slough is the main stormwater drainage channel for downtown Stanwood and areas south of SR532. Stormwater is gravity fed into the slough and then pumped into the Stillaguamish River. The pumps ensure that stormwater does not back up into the city even during periods of sustained heavy rain. The pumps and control system were originally installed in 1979. The Irvine Slough Pump Station Rehabilitation project replaced the existing electrical equipment and instrumentation at the pump station and installed a new telemetry system to monitor and control the pumps.

## Bryant Well No. 3

The City of Stanwood gets its water from three groundwater wells located along Church Creek in the East Stanwood Aquifer. In 2006, Bryant Well No. 2 was taken offline due to a decline in capacity. A replacement well, Bryant Well No. 3 was drilled in 2013 and connected to the water treatment plant in July 2015. The new well has a maximum capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute. The city's water customers typically use between 30 and 37 million gallons of water per month during the summer. The city is looking for a secondary source of water to supplement future needs as the city continues to grow.

# Meet The City's New Employees



Ed Avila joined the water department in February 2015, he brings a wealth of knowledge in electrical and mechanics. Ed has already passed both his Water Distribution Manager Operator in Training (WDMOIT) and Water Treatment Plant Operator in Training (WTPOIT) exams. Ed is a lifelong resident of Stanwood, he and his wife, April have 2 boys, Axel 5 yrs. old and Abel born this past July. Ed enjoys hunting and spending time with his family.



Kevin Davis joined the Streets, Parks, Drainage, Bldgs, and Grounds division in July 2015. Kevin previously worked for WSDOT for 8 years in wetland mitigation. Kevin has a wide variety of skills; welding, mechanical, landscaping and heavy equipment operator to name a few. Kevin and his wife, Angie have been married for 18 years and have 2 sons, Jacob 7 yrs. old and Gabriel 3 yrs. old. Kevin is an avid fisherman and he enjoys spending time with his family.

## Stanwood's Planning Commission



Linda Utgard, Chair  
Position 1  
Term: Jan 2012-2017



Jeff Laycock, Vice Chair  
Position 2  
Term: Jan 2012- 2017



Randy Heagle  
Position 3  
Term: Jan 2012-2017



Timothy Pearce  
Position 4  
Term: Jan 2014-2019



Mark Ramaley  
Position 5  
Term: Jan 2012-2017



Robert Sandoz  
Position 6  
Term: Jan 2014-2019



Elizabeth Callaghan  
Position 7  
Term: Jan 2014-2019

The Stanwood Planning Commission is a board of volunteer citizens who advise City Council in matters concerning comprehensive land use and development inside the City limits. Commissioners serve five year terms. The Stanwood Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Monday each month at 6:30PM at the Stanwood Fire Station located at 8117 267th PI NW, Stanwood. The Commission welcomes public attendance and the public has the opportunity to make requests and comments during specified times at meetings. Two Planning Commission seats may become vacant in January 2016 if Commissioners Pearce and Callaghan are elected to serve on City Council. If you are interested in learning more about the Planning Commission contact Devin Tokizawa, Planning Commission Clerk, at [devin.tokizawa@ci.stanwood.wa.us](mailto:devin.tokizawa@ci.stanwood.wa.us), 360-629-2181 x114 or visit the City's website [www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/cd/page/planning-commission](http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/cd/page/planning-commission)

# Are You Ready For The Next Disaster or Winter Storm?

City disaster response plans assume that residents and businesses will be prepared to survive a disaster by having a minimum of a three-day supply of food, water, clothing and items to help stay warm and informed.

**Disasters most likely to occur in the Stanwood area include:**

- Earthquake
- Severe Weather
- Power Outage
- Flood
- Hazardous material spill

**Some Preparedness Tips:**

- Clean out gutters and street drains which can clog with leaves and create flooding problems
- Listen to your radio, television, or check your cell phone for winter storm forecasts and other information
- Make a disaster preparedness kit. Ensure it contains food, light sticks, water, flashlights, a battery powered radio and a wind up clock
- Know how to safely use a generator so it will not create a danger or indoor carbon monoxide buildup
- Never burn charcoal or use a generator indoors or in carport
- Stay away from downed power lines
- Call 911 only for emergencies, dial 211 for other information

Visit the website for more information. [www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/police/page/disaster-preparedness](http://www.ci.stanwood.wa.us/police/page/disaster-preparedness)

# Flood Preparedness



The City's drainage crew is busy in the fall and winter months checking daily on catch basins and cross culverts, clearing ditches and cleaning grates at the pump stations. You can help by clearing leaves and other debris from catch basins or cross culverts, if you see a plugged catch basin, cross culvert or areas that are pooling with water please call Public Works at 360-629-9781.

# New Development

Stanwood is seeing a steady pace of development this year with several new projects. These include the YMCA uptown at the former Resilience Fitness site near Haggen, expansion of Maple Court Apartments on 72nd Ave NW, with 48 apartment units slated to build out by 2016; as well as the Port Susan Marketplace located to the east of QFC. Port Susan Marketplace will feature a Petco, Grocery Outlet and a building pad for future retail. In addition, the old Cedarhome Market at 6809 284th St. NW, will open this Fall to serve Stanwood neighborhoods with general groceries and espresso. Single-family home developments include Jasper Junction and Sundance Estates. When complete, both projects will add 50 new single-family homes to Stanwood.



YMCA Building Site