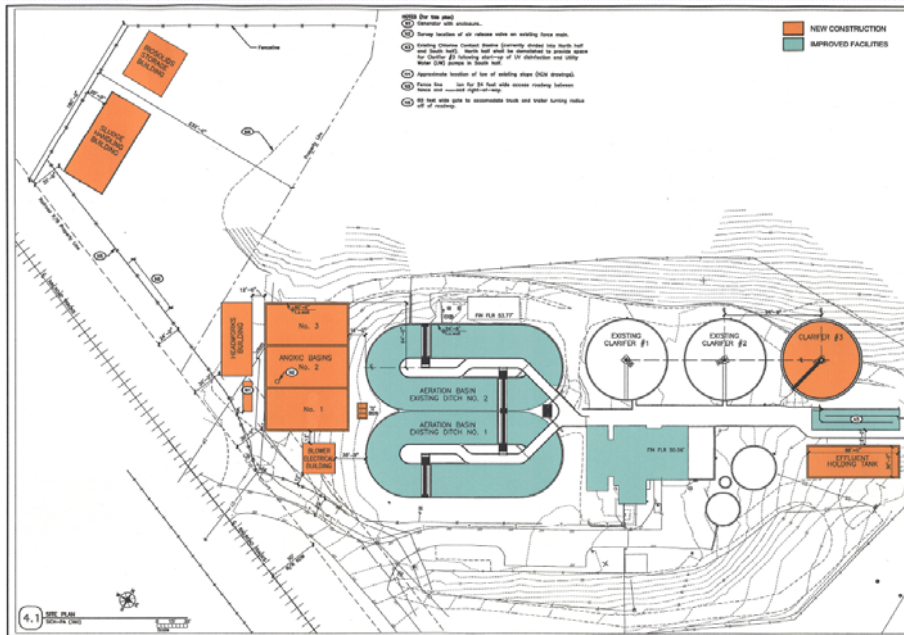




In The Works ~ A Newsletter for Citizens

UPDATE: Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation Project



Construction upgrades and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Front Street Pump Station (FSPS) has passed the 60% mark. New construction will change the flow of wastewater to be more linear through the plant and add improved discharge treatment, such as nitrogen removal and sludge handling. Even while the construction is going on, the plant continues to process the City's wastewater

to standard requirements. Plant operators accommodate construction by timing and shifting process around to various piping and tanks. The same timing and shifting will be done for the FSPS during construction to start this spring. The FSPS will look similar to the Kneeland Park Pump Station when completed. Both facilities are anticipated to be substantially completed by November 2011, with the total construction done in early 2012. The drawing above shows the existing building and structures being upgraded (in blue) and the new structures (in orange) being added.

MRSC Rosters will now be maintaining the City of Shelton's **Small Works & Consultant Rosters**

*~ Let's Keep
it Local ~*

To continue being eligible to work on small works projects or consultant projects, please join MRSC Roster for **FREE** at www.mrscrosters.org and select the City of Shelton in your account. For more information about joining, contact MRSC Rosters at mrscrosters@mrsc.org or 206-625-1300.

The City of Shelton is in the process of activating our membership and using these rosters — and will be an active option as of July 1, 2011. Please be sure to add your company before that date, and select Shelton as a location to be considered for upcoming roster opportunities.

Words from the Public Works Director ~ Steve Goins

While struggling to come up with a topic for this edition, I thought rather than a new or recently completed project, how about a little something regarding the individuals doing the work; the "who" instead of the "what."

The City has 35 Public Works employees, 28 predominantly in the field and 7 office staff (excluding Parks). Among our field crews 5 have at least fifteen years with the City, and another 5 with more than thirty years continuous employment. One familiar face is in a class by himself; Ken Stodden has been here forty years! The men and women of Public Works ensure the sewer and water systems are functioning properly, the fleet of trucks and equipment is maintained and ready when needed, facilities are maintained, and the many City storm drainage facilities are in working order. These are the individuals that manage projects, consistently empty the garbage and yard waste containers, fix road signs and safety railings, monitor and maintain our traffic signals, maintain roadside and median landscaped areas, clear and level alleys, patch potholes, and sweep the streets. They respond to after hours calls, read meters, install and remove Christmas lights, and perform dozens of other functions that I won't list. They like their work and they like working here.

The Public Works team include many individuals with a dedication to their jobs and to the City that is hard to put into words. I firmly believe at the core of this devotion is a deep-rooted pride in this community, and a desire to improve the lives of Shelton's citizens. I'm privileged to say the Public Works staff works for me, but they really work for you.



National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

Watch our website, www.ci.shelton.wa.us for our schedule of celebratory events and activities!!

You can also sign up for e-mail updates, by requesting to be added to the *Public Works Week Mailing List*, at publicworks@ci.shelton.wa.us

Come Celebrate Earth Day on Oakland Bay
Saturday April 30th 2011, 11:00am-4:00pm
3990 State Rte 3, Shelton (WDFW Site by Bayshore Golf Club)

The 2nd Annual Earth Day on Oakland Bay Event is scheduled from 11-4 on Saturday April 30th. This family friendly event features local resource agencies and volunteers working to protect and sustainably use the natural resources found in Mason County such as clean water, shellfish, native plants and more.

Activities will include:

- Hands-on family friendly activities related to natural resources
- On site workshops
- Restoration opportunities
- Information from local resource agencies & volunteer groups
- Puget Sound Starts Here posters, stickers and information on how you can help Puget Sound
- More to be announced!



Directions:

From Shelton: State Route 3 North towards Belfair for 3.3 miles. The site will be on your right, watch for signs. *From Belfair:* Follow State Route 3 South for 19.5 miles and the site will be on your left.

For more information about the event, including how your non-profit can be involved, contact Stephanie Bishop at 360-427-9436, ext. 22 or Stephanie@masoncd.org

For more information on Oakland Bay please visit: http://www.co.mason.wa.us/oakland_bay/

**April prepares her green traffic light
and the world thinks Go.**

~Christopher Morley, John Mistletoe



New Fire Station Ribbon Cutting

The Public Safety Building rehabilitation is just about complete, and it's time to celebrate! On April 16th, the City and Mason County Fire District #5 will be putting on an Open House to commemorate this achievement. The public is invited to join us and share in the festivities, have some food, tour the building, and get to know the staff.

The many folks on hand is expected to include representatives from the designers Anderson/Boone Architects, Jerome Morrissette & Associates, civil engineers, Jones & Roberts, the General Contractor, USDA-RD, the project lenders, City Commission, city staff, and current and former Fire Chiefs including Jim Giglione.

So come check it out; hope to see you Saturday, April 16th!

Inside Public Works—Operations & Breaking News

SPOTLIGHT ON: EM & R

The Equipment Maintenance Rental Department is better known as the EMR fund. It was created in 2003 for the Street Department and mandated by the State, when Shelton exceeded a population of 8,000 residents. 1.5 full-time employees (FTE) work in the EMR. John Deacon transferred from our Solid Waste Dept and took over the duties of the Head Mechanic in 1995. In 2005, we hired Bart Hill as a half-time mechanic to help John in the shop. The EMR fund is currently responsible for the purchase, maintenance, repair, and eventual surplus and sale of City equipment.



John and Bart are very busy maintaining City equipment to keep it running in tip-top condition, and helping City crews to efficiently perform their duties. Currently, the EMR cares for 4 dump trucks, 5 automated Peterbilt garbage trucks, 2 sludge tanker trucks, 1 Vactor truck, 1 hot-patch truck, 1 boom truck, 1 bucket truck, and 7 vans. Twenty-six pick-up trucks are used by crews and staff to move about the City, patching holes in the streets, working on water and sewer mains, fixing storm drains, enforcing City code, inspecting renovations and new construction, visiting Public Works project sites, etc. Believe it or not... there is only one car (sedan) maintained and operated by the City and it's used by staff at the Civic Center to further ensure the smooth running of our City. In addition to these vehicles, EMR maintains and repairs specialty heavy equipment, such as a street sweeper, grader, roadside mower, Broce broom, 3 backhoes, a 3-ton Roller, and a forklift.

In addition to the maintenance and repair of the above equipment, shop personnel are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the city-wide fuel management system, maintenance & repair of 70 two-way radios, and welding and fabrication projects as needed by other Public Works departments. Recently Bart fabricated 7 metal grated drain troughs to help with the erosion problems on the Ravenna trail.

This year, the EMR Fund has budgeted \$60,000 to purchase a tow-behind paver for the Street Dept to do overlays on our residential streets.



Reminder to City residents, who live within the "Basin 5" zone ~ This project is expected to open bids, from qualified contractors on April 26, and begin construction prior to the summer months. If you HAVEN'T already signed and returned your permission slip for construction crews to enter your property, for the purpose of repairing or replacing damaged sewer laterals, please do so as soon as possible.

If you'd like additional information about the project, or unsure if your property falls within the Basin 5 Zone, we have uploaded an informational flier and map to the front page of the City's website as a (PDF) link: "Basin 5 Project Information Sheet & Map"

Spring Clean Up Time!!

The sun is starting to shine and the plants are starting to bud! Time to start sprucing up your yard but, what do I do with all the debris? All City of Shelton residential utility customers can sign up for our **NEW** Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection Program! For an additional \$5.50 per month (and one time \$11.25 service set up fee) the City will deliver a 95-gallon yard waste cart to your door! The cart is picked up every other Wednesday on your recycling week and accepts lawn clippings, leaves, garden trimmings, etc. All yard waste collected is recycled locally, at Mason County Wood Recyclers. Call Jason Dose at 360-432-5102 for program specifics.



The City of Shelton offers residential compost bins to its residential utility customers for the hugely discounted rate of \$25. Residential compost bins are available at the Shelton Civic Center on a first come-first serve basis and are a convenient and easy way to turn your table scraps into valuable soil!

The City also offers the seminal composting how-to book "Home Composting Made Easy" for only \$2! The book gives easy to read and understand instructions on how to build and maintain your own compost bin.

RECYCLE RIGHT!!

In an effort to educate our customers on what is (and what isn't) recyclable in the City of Shelton Recycling program we have created a new brochure entitled "Recycle Right". The brochure is available at the Civic Center front counter (where you pay utility bills) or on the City's website at: www.ci.shelton.wa.us and scrolling down to "What's New" and click on "Recycle Guide – Recycle Right – January 2011."

As always, call Jason Dose at 360-432-5102 with any questions regarding recycling.

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Upcoming in Future Editions of *In the Works!*

- Dayton-Airport Rd. Water Extension
- Grant and other funding opportunities
- Upcoming Road Improvements in 2011
- Basin 5 Improvements Updates
- The Super Paver & What it Means for Shelton!