Public Works Project Updates

- Mark Dorsey, P.E., Public Works Director

Bethel Corridor - Interim Improvements:
With the public outreach and redesign effort for the Bethel Corridor scheduled for 2015, the Public Works Department has completed the following activities: Lund Avenue Bridge 2014 Under Bridge Inspection and trench grate cleaning, roadside ditching, shoulder work and vegetation control, traffic signal maintenance and paint striping, and Bethel Corridor 2014 work (including grind-out/asphalt repair design ‘Request for Qualifications’ issued, and the contract for the installation of ten mast-arm street lights between Sedgwick and Salmonberry issued).

Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway Project:
The Department of Commerce Grant for Segment #4 (Blackjack Creek Pedestrian Bridge) of the Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway Project has now been approved, subsequently the final design and permitting contract for the bridge has been issued.

Tremont Street Widening Project:
The Public Works Department is continually working to secure construction grant funding for this ‘immediately ready to go’ construction project. In the meantime, a contract to update the previously approved NEPA was recently issued.

Sidewalks and Street Improvements:
The repair/lifting of the sunken concrete panel along Sidney Avenue (north of Division Street) was completed in March 2014. Staff is now busily assembling the list of city-wide asphalt repairs (similar to what we did in 2013) that will go out to Bid in April/May 2014. The Public Works Department has also issued the design contract for the Ruby Creek Crossing Repair Project.

Water/Sewer/Storm Drainage:
The Public Works Department - Storm Drainage Utility is currently working on the grant funded Regional Decant Facility Retrofit Project, as well as finalizing the Storm Water Gap Analysis. The Water/Sewer Utility has issued the 2014 McCormick Woods STEP Conversion contract, the 2014 Water/Sewer Gap Analysis contract and will be submitting to Council for approval and acceptance, the Well No. 10 DWSRF Loan.

Parks:
With the Phase 1 - McCormick Woods Park Contract #1 (logging) now complete. The Public Works Department has now finalized the Ingress/Egress & Utility Easement and Boundary Line Adjustment with the South Kitsap Fire & Rescue and has issued Contract #2 (park improvements) Invitation to Bid, which are due to be opened by the Clerk’s Office on April 11, 2014. Additionally, the contract for the 2014 Van Zee Parking Lot Improvement Project has been issued, as well as the professional services contract for the Paul Powers Park topographic surveying.

Upcoming Events

- Clerk’s Office
  - Work Study Session, April 15, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
  - Council Meeting, April 22, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
  - Port Orchard Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
  - Fathoms O’ Fun Easter Egg Hunt, April 19, South Kitsap Regional Park, 11:00 a.m.
  - Annapolis Sunday Market, Sundays, starting April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 2065 Bay Street
  - Port Orchard First Saturday Art Walk, May 3, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
The City Expects to Collect $3,723,000 in Sales Tax in 2014.
Our single largest revenue source.
-Allan Martin, City Treasurer

What is retail sales tax?
Retail sales tax is Port Orchard’s principal tax source. Businesses making retail sales in our City collect sales tax from their customer.

- Generally, a retail sale is the sale of tangible personal property. It is also the sale of services such as installation, repair, altering, improving, construction, and decorating. Other services include improving real or personal property, amusement and recreational activities, lawn maintenance, and physical fitness activities.
- The seller is liable to the Department of Revenue for sales tax, whether or not it is collected.
- Businesses also pay the retail sales tax on purchases of items for their own use (such as supplies or equipment) that will not be resold in the regular course of business.

Retail sales tax includes the state and local components of the tax. Within the City limits, the total sales tax rate is 8.7%. However, the majority of the collection, 6.5%, goes to the state of Washington. Less than 1%, or 0.84%, goes to City coffers. The remaining amount is collected and distributed to those entities listed below. As you can see, the City of Port Orchard is only one portion of the sales tax you pay.

In the state of Washington, retail sales tax is the single most important tax for financing state and city government.

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Sales Tax Total 8.70%

Backflow Prevention Device Update:

It’s that time again when the Public Works Department will be sending out the Annual Backflow Prevention Device Inspection letter(s) in April/May, 2014. The following is information regarding frequently asked questions:

What is a backflow prevention device?
Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system. Certain types of businesses and residents with irrigation systems are legally mandated to install and operate approved backflow preventers.

Why are backflow prevention devices required?
Backflow prevention devices are an important component of the Department of Environmental Protection’s drinking water protection program and are legally mandated under the Washington WAC and RCW codes for businesses/residents identified as posing a risk to the public water supply.

Who is responsible for installing a backflow prevention device?
Property owners are required to install, maintain, and test backflow prevention devices according to all relevant City and State codes. Tenants are not responsible for backflow prevention devices.

Customer’s Views Welcome
Please call us at our Public Works Admin Office at (360) 876-4991 or email public-works@cityofportorchard.us with any questions. For billing information call (360) 876-5139.