**Text to 9-1-1**  
*-Port Orchard Police Department*

The Port Orchard Police Department roots go back to the early 1940’s when the City of Port Orchard hired its first full time Police Chief and 5 sworn officers to serve a population of nearly 1,600 people. Today the Port Orchard Police Department has 23 Sworn Officers, whom serve a population of over 13,000 people. This includes the Chief of Police and two full time detectives.

The Port Orchard PD provides 24 hour a day, 7 days a week coverage to our citizens. We have Police Officers working round the clock handling a variety of calls for service. With modern technology and a good partnership with CENCOM, who handles 911 service for all of Kitsap County, we are now able to offer online reporting and Text to 911.

Online reporting has been available for some time, but Text to 911 is a new and critical service. It is intended to benefit people that may not be able to speak due to an emergency such as a home invasion, or abusive partner, as well as individuals that are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities. Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, AT&T, and Sprint cellular customers in Kitsap County can now send a text message to 911 in an emergency. This is NOT a statewide service. Kitsap County is one of the first 911 centers to offer this service.

**To Text-to-9-1-1 - here are some important steps:**
- Open your phone’s text messaging program.
- Enter the numbers “911” in the “To” field (no dashes).
- Type a message with the location of the emergency (including city) and the type of emergency help needed (police, fire, or medical).
- Push the “Send” button.

Stay with your phone, be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 911 call taker.

In an emergency, you can still dial 911. You can also dial 911 to speak to an officer or make a non-emergency report.

**Police Jurisdictions**  
*-Port Orchard Police Department*

Questions we sometimes get asked are “Why doesn’t the Port Orchard Police Department handle my report?” or “Why do I have to contact the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office when I have a Port Orchard address?”

The jurisdiction of the City of Port Orchard does not include all properties that may have a Port Orchard Zip code in their address. If a crime or incident occurs outside of the jurisdiction of the City of Port Orchard it has to be handled by the agency that has jurisdiction in that area.

So “Why is Jurisdiction Important? Why can’t an officer just handle my report?”

**JURISDICTION** - The geographic area over which authority extends; legal authority; the authority to hear and determine causes of action within the courts.  

**Upcoming Events**  
-*Clerk’s Office*

- Council Meeting, April 14, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Council & Planning Commission Meeting, April 15, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Town Hall Meeting, April 16, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Work Study, April 21, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Council & Planning Commission Meeting, April 23, City Hall 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting, April 28, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Port Orchard Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Annapolis Sunday Market, Sundays, starting April 19, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Port Orchard First Saturday Art Walk, May 2, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
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If a crime happens in the unincorporated part of Port Orchard, which falls under Kitsap County Sheriff’s Jurisdiction, our officers have to refer the reporting party to the proper agency.

To see whether you reside within the City of Port Orchard or are within the county jurisdiction, here is a boundary map link: [http://www.cityofportorchard.us/docs/planning/maps/base-map_3-28-14.pdf](http://www.cityofportorchard.us/docs/planning/maps/base-map_3-28-14.pdf)

“Can a Port Orchard Officer issue me a citation or place me under arrest outside of the jurisdiction of the City of Port Orchard?”

The answer to that is YES, Officers can.

It is legal to do so based on our authority to enforce the law in other areas where we have mutual aid agreements (which is just about everywhere). We generally don’t because the citation has to be sent to the court with jurisdiction where it happened but it can and does happen.

“Why do I keep seeing Port Orchard Criminal Cases in the news?”

The City of Port Orchard crime rate has been decreasing steadily over the last few years. Our statistics are showing the positive effects that our current policing programs are having on crime. It also reflects the hard work and dedication our Police Department and Courts have shown to improving the everyday lives of our citizens in Port Orchard.

However, Port Orchard is the Kitsap County government seat, which means the Kitsap County government is located within the City of Port Orchard. When something occurs in the Kitsap County District or Superior courts or in the unincorporated areas of Port Orchard, the news media that responds and reports does not often differentiate between a situation that occurred in the City of Port Orchard or one that is being handled by the Kitsap County Courts or Sheriff’s departments. This can cause some confusion and a feeling of Port Orchard “always being in the news”.

The Port Orchard Police Department is dedicated to making Port Orchard a safe place to live and play. We are constantly working to find new ways to prevent crimes and make our police department easily accessible to the citizens of Port Orchard.

For further information, or if you have any questions about the Port Orchard Police Department, please feel free to contact us at 360-876-1700 or email jdeck@cityofportorchard.us

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**Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program**

-Allan Martin, City Treasurer

Residents who take advantage of the Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program receive a cash rebate of $100.00 on the installation of a low flow toilet.

Toilets are responsible for over 30% of indoor residential water use. It is estimated that the vast majority of toilets within the city are high flow toilets (toilets installed before 1980 are typically 5 to 7 gallons/flush, toilets installed between 1980 and 1992 are 3.5 gallons/flush and toilets installed after 1992 are 3.5 to 1.6 gallons/flush). If each of the high flow toilets were converted to low flow (1.6 gallons/flush), it is anticipated that approximately 16,000 gallons of water per household would be saved each year in our community. For a city of approximately 4,800 Equivalent Residential Units (ERU’s), that equates to 7.7 million gallon of water per year.

To qualify for the program, an existing high flow toilet must be replaced with a federally approved 1.6-gallon/flush Low Flow Toilet. You may replace the toilet yourself, or use a city business licensed plumber. For do-it-yourselfers, the toilet needs to be locally purchased and your sale slip serves as your proof of installation. When installed by a licensed plumber the plumber’s invoice is proof of installation. In both cases, you will be asked to sign an Affidavit of Installation at the time of application.

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Public Works Department

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

Brief Overview – City’s Transportation Strategy
Identifying needed transportation improvements, coupled with the development, adoption and implementation of a strategic transportation funding program, has been a priority mission for the City of Port Orchard and their Public Works Department. Here is a brief overview of recent transportation efforts;

Bethel Road Corridor
The City is aware of the Bethel Road Corridor maintenance needs; however, the magnitude of City-wide transportation maintenance/repair and capital improvement needs far exceeds the current revenue amounts collected to perform the work.

There are several ongoing maintenance tasks that have been performed within the Bethel Road Corridor since the 2012 annexation. This includes roadside ditch cleaning, grading/gravelling of the shoulders, and the installation of six additional street lights. Additionally, the continued activity of pot-hole repair is underway.

On February 20, 2015, the Public Works Department advertised for bid on the 2015 Bethel Road Pavement Repair Plan, with sealed bids due on April 3, 2015. The Bethel Road Pavement Repair Plan covers all repair and overlay work mentioned above from the southerly City limit at Fred Meyer to the Mile Hill Drive (SR 166) Roundabout using five separate bid schedules. Any or all bid schedules will be accepted by the City, depending on bid price when compared against the approved 2015 Budget project allocation.

The overall Bethel Road Pavement Repair Plan project could take up to three budget years to complete, given current transportation revenue funding sources. The intended outcome is a drivable, paved surface for a 20-year time period. The Bethel Road Corridor Reconstruction and Improvement Plan project is a separate project from the ‘interim’ Bethel Road Pavement Repair Plan, and is currently scheduled for 2025-2027.

It is very important to identify two distinct transportation issues at this juncture:

1. The design and construction costs for these types of pavement repair/maintenance projects run in the millions of dollars. The design, right-of-way acquisition, environmental review and construction costs for a Reconstruction & Improvement project (i.e. corridor widening with intersection control) runs in the tens of millions of dollars. However, the City has not yet adopted and implemented a consistent transportation revenue plan (transportation impact fees, transportation benefit district, etc.).

2. The City is already mandated to complete federally funded projects previously obligated before taking on the Reconstruction & Improvement phase of the Bethel Corridor. That effort, being a public input process, will commence with the redesign phase of the current Kitsap-County-prepared 2006 Bethel Corridor Plan and will occur in 2017. It is anticipated that a continuous 3-lane travelled way with bike lanes, sidewalks, overhead utility undergrounding and specific controlled intersection improvements (signals or roundabouts) will result in the redesign process and will result in the reduction of the overall project cost (final design, land acquisition, storm drainage mitigation, Schedule 74 utility undergrounding, construction and construction administration).

In 2014, the City hired an engineering consultant for the design of the Bethel Road Pavement Repair Plan, such that mill and fills (i.e., asphalt grind-outs with sub-grade repairs/asphalt patching) and asphalt overlay with curb ramp reconstruction as required for ADA compliance at the Bethel/Lund intersection will be completed in 2015-2017.

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Current Federalized Transportation Projects
As mentioned above, the City is required to complete the two remaining federally funded projects, out of the five previous projects that were initiated in 2005, before tackling the construction phase of the Bethel Road Corridor Reconstruction and Improvement Plan project.

The two remaining projects, Tremont Street Widening project and the Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway project, must be completed within currently established federal timelines, since federal funding has already been contributed and expended on these projects.

Tremont Street Widening
The Tremont Street Widening Project is a federally funded capacity and safety-based improvement project from SR 16 to Port Orchard Boulevard and City staff is working diligently on a Funding Plan to complete the project within the current federal timeline.

The final design, environmental review, and right-of-way acquisition phase of the project is complete and the project is deemed ‘immediately ready to go’ for the construction phase.

In the meantime, the City’s Public Works Department is tasked with maintaining project activity with the Washington State Department of Transportation, seeking viable funding partners (e.g. Transportation Improvement Board) for the construction phase of the project (currently scheduled for 2017) and working to bring the Transportation Impact Fee/Transportation Benefit District conversation to the Port Orchard City Council.

Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway
The Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway Project is a federally funded water-oriented, multi-modal enhancement project located along the City’s shoreline between the Kitsap Transit Sidney Foot Ferry Terminal and the Kitsap Transit Annapolis Foot Ferry Terminal using funding specific to bike and pedestrian pathway enhancement improvements.

As Right-of-way certification is needed for the City to apply for and secure and obligate the required construction funding phase, and given that the right-of-way phase of the project is just now getting underway, the construction phase is currently scheduled for 2021.

The City has successfully built two of the eleven segments of the Pathway using State grant and local funding. They City will be completing Segment 4 (Pedestrian Pathway Bridge at Black Jack Creek) this coming summer using State grant funding sources.

Proposed Transportation Funding Strategies
The City of Port Orchard is working diligently to adopt and implement a transportation funding strategy to address all City transportation improvement and maintenance need. It takes time to fund large dollar projects and the traditional funding sources are either dwindling or becoming ultra-competitive, to the point of being outside the City’s ability to score satisfactorily and receive funds. This is yet another important consideration during the Transportation Impact Fees and Transportation Benefit District discussions. The City is also looking at the County-wide coordinated effort for the preparation of a Pavement Management System (PMS) and an ADA Transition Plan ADA TP.) The importance of the PMS/ADA TP documents cannot be overemphasized, as they will increase the probability of securing future State and Federal funding for projects.

2015 Spring/Fall Clean-Up Week Schedule
Below are the schedules for the 2015 Spring/Fall Clean-up Weeks:

- **Spring Cleanup Dates:** June 22 thru June 26
- **Fall Cleanup Dates:** October 5 thru October 9

Customer’s Views Welcome
Please call us at our Public Works Admin Office at 360 876-4991 or email publicworks@cityofportorchard.us with any questions.

For billing information call 360-876-5139.