Public Works Projects
-Mark Dorsey, P.E., PW Director/City Engineer

Current Projects:
- Port of Bremerton has completed the construction of the City’s Water Street Boat ramp.
- DeKalb Pier Phase 1 construction has begun with a completion date of 6/30/2013.
- Joint Project with Port of Bremerton and City of Port Orchard - Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway Segment 2 is currently under construction with a completion date of 5/15/2013.
- Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway Segment 5 is currently under construction with a completion date of 6/30/2013.
- The Public Work’s Developer’s Guidelines is anticipated to be adopted in April or May 2013.
- Well #9 water treatment improvements construction is continuing with an estimated completion date of June 2013.
- McCormick Woods STEP System conversion of 60 homes for 2013 RFP is in process.

Upcoming Projects:
- Cedar Heights Sidewalk drainage and sewer project slated to start in June 2013 and is on track.
- Sidney Avenue Street End Improvements slated for 2013 and are currently on track.
- McCormick Woods Park Phase I design/construction is commencing.

Upcoming Events
-Clerk’s Office
- Council Work Study, April 16, 2013, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting, April 23, 2013, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Port Orchard Farmers Market, Saturdays, Port Orchard Waterfront 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sinclair Clean-Up, April 13, 2013, Annapolis Ferry Dock, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

How much is enough?
-Allan Martin, City Treasurer

We all recall the wise old adage a penny saved is a penny earned, that it is as useful to save money that you already have as it is to earn more. From an early age we are taught faithfully to put money aside for the inevitable rainy day, which when it comes, seems to be a downpour rather than a trickle. But just like our piggy bank at home, the question remains the same, how much should our City set aside for an unexpected expense?
Deception Burglaries Blossom in Spring
-Port Orchard Police Department

As spring brings in the warmer weather, short sleeves and colorful blooms, it also brings the opportunity for deception burglaries and other crimes of opportunity.

Whether you’re outside pulling weeds or grooming your garden, there are a few things to keep in mind that will keep you and your house safe.

- If you’re out working in your garden/yard, make sure you keep your doors locked. Keep garage doors closed to prevent entry into your house or theft from your garage. Some criminals specialize in stealing from homes when people are outside doing yard work.
- Consider trimming up any bushes or trees you have right in front of your house that may make a good hiding place for a criminal.
- When you finish with that yard work, remember to put your rake and other tools in the shed, garage or basement. These tools can become a weapon/tool for criminals to use to gain entry into your home.
- Be aware of suspects posing as legitimate workers. They approach homeowners with the intent of gaining entrance into the residence using a seemingly legitimate role: local gas company, water department, cable company, etc. One suspect will distract the homeowner while a second suspect will gain entry into the home and search inside for valuables and cash.
- Be sure to ask to see ID and let them know you are going to call and get authorization from their company before allowing them access. If they are legitimate, they won’t mind the wait.
- Beware of excuses such as "We just finished a job around the corner and had extra materials that we could offer you at a discounted price." Professional companies do not operate in that manner.
- If the worker asks for upfront costs or fees, that is a red flag. Reputable contractors do not ask for all the money upfront. Usually, a customer pays one third of the bill first, then another third midway through the job, and the rest when the work is completed. Never pay in cash.
- Remember, do not intervene, but call 911 immediately about suspicious activity. Take note of suspect descriptions and any cars they may be driving. Their license plate is usually the best way to identify them, but if possible, the color and make of the vehicle is good too.

The City Council recently addressed this question when adopting citywide financial policies last summer. In determining the amount of reserves, the City turned to standards suggested by the Government Finance Officers Association. The recommendation calls for an unrestricted fund balance in the general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operation expenditures. With a general fund budget of $10 million, following the standard means the City should have a $1.4 million reserve set aside.

Taking the policy into account, the 2013 budget contemplates an ending balancing of $500,000. Over the next several budgets, the plan is to grow the amount to meet the recommendation. This will be accomplished by maintaining an unrestricted portion in the general fund and by funding an account called the Stabilization Fund. Together these funds will be managed to maintain a reasonable reserve for the day unanticipated rain clouds gather and we need to pay unexpected expenses.

It is not easy to plan for a rainy day when the sun is shining. It requires setting money aside that could be spent to meet immediate needs. But putting just the right amount of money away, not too little or not too much, will serve the City and its citizens when a future forecast calls for rain.

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