2014 Budget Online
-Allan Martin, City Treasurer

You can find our 2014 budget posted on the City website or pick up a copy at City Hall. But what exactly is a budget? The budget is the financial resources allocation plan that aligns community goals, preferences, and needs. The budget is a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool all in one.

The Budget also:

- Determines the quality and quantity of City programs and services;
- States expenditure requirements for city services and the estimation of available revenues to finance it;
- Sets targets and provides a means of measuring accomplishments against goals, actual versus

Upcoming Events
-Clerk’s Office

- President’s Day, February 17, City Hall Closed
- Work Study Session, February 18, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Webinar, February 24, City Hall, 4:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting, February 25, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Daylight Savings Time, March 9

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planned outcomes; and

- Serves as a communication tool -- for elected officials, the public, and the city organization -- and promotes the city’s vision and direction, fiscal health and vitality, and what the public is getting for its tax dollars.

Through the budget document, the City demonstrates its accountability to its residents, customers, and community-at-large.

We strive to provide a budget document that is simple to use and easily read. It compares previous years’ expenses to present year budget allocations and estimates. This allows the reader to quickly determine where financial emphasis has been added, whether in rising costs or changing priorities. It’s our hope that this document serves as the people’s document in aligning the community’s goals and needs with available financial resources.

**Water Use Efficiency**
*Public Works Department*

**How to Use Water Wisely**

City of Port Orchard’s water supplies are dependent on rainfall to fill the reservoir and feed underground aquifers. Wise water use is always recommended and your conservation efforts are important. Improve your home’s water efficiency - use water wisely to save money and this remarkable resource. Tackle the biggest water guzzlers first!

- Install high efficiency low flow toilets.
- Consider purchasing a water/energy efficient clothes washer/dishwasher.
- Repair leaky toilets and faucets.
- User water saving habits such as washing full loads only, turn off the faucet when you shave or brush your teeth, and take shorter showers.
- Install low flow showerheads.
- Look for the WaterSense label on new plumbing fixtures.

Nearly one-third of the water demand in the summer is for irrigation.

- Water late evening or early morning.
- Consider drought tolerant plants or native plants in your landscape.
- Use soaker hoses or install drip irrigation.
- Repair broken irrigation system sprinkler heads.
- Water lawns no more than 1 inch per week using a shallow can to measure.
- Install a rainwater collection barrel.
- Wash your car in a commercial car wash that recycles.

**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.
The Crime Prevention programs we are currently deploying and developing strive to provide the community with knowledge on how to prevent specific types of crimes. We would like to engage members of the community in prevention efforts and continue to develop physical and social environments inhospitable to crime.

Crime Prevention is "A pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed both at reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the sense of safety and security, to positively influence the quality of life in our society, and to help develop environments where crime cannot flourish."

The Port Orchard Police Department is currently exploring ways to enhance our current crime prevention programs and create new ways that the citizens of Port Orchard can become more actively involved in their own neighborhoods and City. Citizens are an important part of the overall community wellness puzzle.

One of the many successful programs that the Port Orchard Police Department currently engages in is Problem Oriented Policing (P.O.P.) projects. P.O.P. projects allow police officers and citizens a chance to work together to solve an ongoing issue within a community or neighborhood. The P.O.P. projects that Officers are taking on can be as simple as improperly lighted areas that are causing safety concerns or as complicated as ongoing neighborhood disputes where parties have failed to come to an agreement over activities going on in their area. The P.O.P. project results have a documented record of success. In 2013, the Port Orchard Police Department completed a total of 55 P.O.P. projects.

On a weekly basis, our Officers are educating people that they contact on how better to detour crimes and they are providing them with referrals to area resources for further assistance, if needed.

We have a successful Reserve Officer program that currently has eight Reserve Officers who donated a large portion of their time to training and provide services for citizens of Port Orchard. We also have two volunteers who donate their time within the department in the service of our citizens.

Port Orchard Police Department has a dedicated School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) who provides a presence in the schools. He works with school staff and students to provide a positive & safe environ-
ment for our youngest citizens. The S.R.O. organizes educational programs to help detour unhealthy or unsafe behaviors in our youth. He is a familiar and friendly face to our students when they need assistance. The S.R.O.’s role within our schools plays a very important part of crime prevention.

We have a Crime Prevention Officer who is organizing additional crime prevention programs & can be scheduled to provide educational talks for businesses, groups, or individuals. The Crime Prevention topics available for presentations to citizens or businesses can be arranged specifically to meet their needs or can be on the following topics:

- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- What to Do During an Armed Robbery
- Business Security Inspections
- Residential Security Inspections
- How to Handle Disorderly Customers
- Workplace Violence
- Personal Safety
- Office Safety
- Holiday Safety
- Scams
- Child Safety
- I.D. Theft

If you have a crime preventative idea you would like to discuss or would like further information on Crime Prevention education, please contact the Port Orchard Police Department (360) 876-1700 and ask for the Crime Prevention Officer.

-Kitsap Co. Department of Emergency Management

Winter Weather is Here

Some wintery weather tips:
1. Snow mixed with rain on already heavy snow can create a rooftop hazard such as structural collapse or sliding snow. If possible, get professional help to clear your roof before it becomes damaged.
2. Bring pets indoor or make sure they have shelter, food, and unfrozen water.
3. Heavy snow may cause power lines or tree limbs to break.
4. Check the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management website for updates of what is going on in Kitsap County at www.kitsapdem.org

Emergency Communication Plans

In the month of February, we celebrate love! Make sure the ones you love are safe by developing an emergency communication plan. Your plan should include the following information:

- Family Information (names, social security numbers, and medical information)
- Doctors Phone Numbers
- Insurance Information
- Out of Town Contact
- Neighborhood Meeting Place
- School Information (names, addresses and phone numbers)