Winter Driving Tips
-Port Orchard Police Department

- Make sure your gas tank is at least half full at all times.
- Put together a winter survival kit to keep in your trunk or back seat area.
- Before driving, check the latest weather and road conditions to make sure roads are safe to drive on.
- Warm your car’s engine up before driving, but not leave your car unattended while running. This has resulted in the car being stolen.
- Make sure all windows are clear without obstructions (ice, fogged up, etc) before driving.
- Make sure you have proper tire tread or get new tires that are appropriate for the weather.
- If you have a cell phone, make sure it is fully charged and you have a charger with you.
- If the roads are snow or ice covered, allow extra driving time for your trip. Maintain an increased distance from the car in front of you. Accelerate slowly to avoid the loss of traction.
- If the rear of your car starts to skid, turn your steering wheel in the direction the rear of your car is skidding. Stop or reduce the supply of gas, and your car will correct to its forward direction.
- If you don’t feel comfortable driving in the ice, postpone your trip, or find a safe spot to park your car and call someone for assistance. It’s better to be safe than sorry.

How to Make a Winter Survival Kit

- A small shovel for snow, if necessary
- Windshield scraper and/or small broom
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Water
- Snack food, including energy bars
- Matches and small candles
- Extra hats, socks, and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Ibuprofen
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- Booster cables
- Emergency flares and reflectors
- Fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter
**A Public Trust**  
_-Allan Martin, City Treasurer-

The City Treasurer and treasurer staff are in a position of public trust serving the citizens of Port Orchard. The office is a “cross roads” department with the opportunity to work with all departments and be involved in city projects. With responsibilities that range from payroll, licensing new businesses, and billing for utilities, treasury has the opportunity to work for and meet many of the residents of Port Orchard. Your treasurer staff is made up of people who like people and who enjoy working across a diverse group of citizens.

Treasurer staff “balances to the penny” an operating budget of nearly 30 million dollars. With the support of the City Council a new software program tracks and monitors city transactions. The program provides for a single point when inputting transactions reducing the chance for errors, providing immediate posting, recording, and reporting. The program allows staff the ability to do more during their work day, reducing the need for additional employees caused by recent annexations. Taxpayers can be proud of the new system that will benefit the City for many years to come.

We continue to look for ways to work smarter by adapting electronic banking and payment systems making it easier to do business with the City. We are mindful of the economic challenges being experienced by our local businesses and citizens and work hard every day to be good stewards of your tax dollars. The seven employees who serve as your treasury staff enjoy what they do, are proud of their jobs, and appreciative of the opportunity to work for the City of Port Orchard.