Welcome Aboard!
-Port Orchard Police Department

In August, the Port Orchard Police Department hired Jana Deck to replace outgoing Public Service Officer Maureen Wheeler. Officer Wheeler served seven years with the Port Orchard Police Department. She was a dedicated public servant and she will be greatly missed. The Police Department wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavors with the State Liquor Commission.

The Port Orchard Public Service Officer’s work is multifaceted, with a focus on effective, small-town policing models, with an emphasis on community policing. In addition, they provide court security and in-custody transportation.

Officer Deck will meet with citizen groups, work with volunteers, and stop to talk with folks while out and about in the City of Port Orchard. She will be able to meet with merchants and community members on a more personal level and help them with their needs in non-emergency situations.

In addition, Officer Deck will work with Cop Logic’s Online Citizen’s Report Program. The program is designed to allow citizens another convenient option to report minor crimes and non-emergency situations to the Police Department. This option is available on the City’s website.

One of Officer Deck’s more traditional duties will be helping neighborhoods set up Neighborhood Watch programs, which are already becoming popular. Officer Deck recently spoke at a housing development. She

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assisted them in the process of setting up an effective Neighborhood Watch program, and provided helpful tips on how to keep safe, what to watch out for, how to protect yourself from being a victim, and when to call the police.

After her presentation, the residents were able to communicate what concerns they had in their neighborhood and ask other law enforcement and safety questions that they may not have normally felt comfortable approaching a patrol officer about.

Officer Deck will be able to deliver tailor-made presentations to other groups, such as a “How to Prevent Shoplifting” to downtown merchants, “Work Place Violence Preparedness” to businesses, “Internet Safety” to school age children. Any group wanting a presentation will be able to contact the Port Orchard Police Department and work with Officer Deck to come up with appropriate presentations that fit their educational needs.

Officer Deck is a native of Washington State but started her career in law enforcement in the rural areas of Northern California. After graduating a 6-month police

Upcoming Public Works Projects
-Mark R. Dorsey, P.E., Public Works Director

- The Sidney Avenue Street-End Improvements (Compass Rose) project is complete. This project removed the existing raised obstruction in the street near the library and installed a drivable and decorative concrete compass rose to provide channelization delineation.

- The Roadside Ditch Cleaning project along the Bethel Corridor has begun. This project will remove sediment and vegetation build-up within roadside ditches to reestablish ditch conveyance capacity.

- Traffic Impact Fees are slated to commence in 2013. The TIF study consultant has been selected and the project scope and budget are being developed. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in 2014.

- Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway – Right of Way Acquisition Services to commence in 2014. The RAS consultant selection process and the project scope/budget development will occur in 2013, with work commencing in 2014. This FHWA funded activity, once complete, will allow the City to seek FHWA funding for the construction of the remaining Pathway Segments.

- The McCormick Woods Park Phase I Design is currently in process and will be completed in 2013. The logging and Phase 1 construction will commence in early 2014.
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academy, she worked as a full-time patrol officer for years before returning to Washington. Officer Deck looks forward to serving the people of Port Orchard and making a positive impact with preventative crime programs.

**Water Conservation**
*Mark R. Dorsey, P.E., Public Works Director*

**Why Do We Need to Conserve Water?** The simple answer is because conserving Port Orchard’s water resources helps ensure that a sustainable, high-quality potable water supply will be available for our residents in the near and distant future. Conserving water resources also helps protect local rivers and streams through aquifer stability. Conservation supports the fish and wildlife that depend on clean water.

**Making Water Conservation Part of the Northwest Lifestyle.** People in Northwestern Washington are often seen as leaders in conservation issues. We live in a spectacular part of the country, and we do what we can to ensure it stays that way. Yet water conservation has not been high on our radar. This is probably not surprising since the Northwest is also known for its abundant rainfall. But water and abundant are two words not being used together much anymore.

The natural beauty of our region has attracted an ever-growing population that has put increased demand on our water resources. At the same time, Mother Nature has thrown us a curve by sending us warmer temperatures and a reduced snow pack. This is a trend that seems to be our future. Water conservation has become an essential practice in all regions, even in areas where water seems abundant.

Conserving water resources can also extend the life of

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**Finance News**


- The Finance Department received the **2013 Distinguished Budget Award**—an award sponsored by Washington Finance Officers Association (WFOA). It is the highest award that can be received for budgeting in the State of Washington. The award program is designed to assist in preparation of budget documents which are complete, clear and understandable by elected officials and general public without sacrificing the need for solid financial planning in the budget process.

- City Treasurer Allan Martin was recognized as a **2013 WFOA Professional Finance Officer**. This program recognizes Treasurer Martin's continued professional development and achievements in the governmental finance arenas.
your septic system by reducing soil saturation, reduce possible pollution to water bodies due to sewerage leaks and reduce hydraulic overloading at municipal sewer systems. The smaller the amount of water flowing through these systems, the lower the likelihood of overload based pollution. In some communities, costly sewage system expansion has been avoided by community-wide household water conservation practices.

Below are 11 ways to conserve water in the home:

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks
2. Check your toilets for leaks
3. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks
4. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
5. Insulate your water pipes
6. Take shorter showers
7. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush
8. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads
9. When washing dishes by hand, don’t leave the water running for rinsing
10. Don’t let the faucet run while you clean vegetables
11. Install/Replace low-flow toilets

For more information on the benefits of conservation and more ideas on how to save water, please visit this website: www.wateruseitwisely.com