Over the last year and a half, I have had the privilege of working closely with many of the community organizations featured in this newsletter. I am continually amazed with the amount of time and effort they put forth in making Port Orchard a place full of warmth and hospitality. I encourage you to learn more about these organizations and consider participating in one or more of their projects or events that are planned for this summer. With just a little bit of your time, you can make a huge impact in our community too!

-Tim Matthes, Mayor

South Kitsap Helpline

SK Helpline is a non-profit agency that has been helping to meet the needs of low-income South Kitsap residents since 1980. Our food bank is open 5 days per week and distributes more than a million pounds of food annually to more than 50,000 local children, adults, and seniors. We are primarily donation-based and receive much of the food we distribute through local food drives and through local grocery store donations.

To help us raise revenue for our agency and operations, we also operate the Port Orchard Nursery from where we grow flowers, herbs, and vegetable starts that we then sell to the public to help support our program. The nursery is currently open 7 days per week through the summer and is located in the same location as the food bank, 1012 Mitchell Avenue in Port Orchard.

We encourage everyone to become involved in South Kitsap Helpline! To find out more about us or for information on becoming a volunteer, please visit www.skhelpline.org. We also encourage people to consider donating food or funds (donations are tax-deductible) regularly when they can or to buy some of our wonderful flowers and plants on a regular basis.

As a community-supported, donation-based agency, we rely on the generosity of donors and customers to help us in our mission of feeding the hungry. It is only with our community’s help that we can better meet the needs of all of those here in South Kitsap and the surrounding communities who are struggling.

Please "Like Us" on Facebook to receive regular updates about the food bank and greenhouses, too!
Fathoms O’ Fun

Fathoms O’ Fun Festivals is a community service organization carrying on a tradition which began when Port Orchard was very young.

It is operated entirely by community volunteers. It provides a variety of family activities throughout the year including the Grand Parade, festival activities, scholarship pageant, summer concerts, a craft & vendor show, a street fair, children’s events, and an award winning community festival float which appears in parades throughout the state and beyond.

The centerpiece of Fathom’s annual programs is its coordination of the 4th of July Sinclair Inlet Fireworks Show. Drawing crowds of 60,000 or more, the show is visible to Bremerton, the Naval Shipyard, and Port Orchard areas. Fathoms O’ Fun – making Kitsap the best place to live, work, play, and VISIT!

To get involved as a Fathoms volunteer or sponsor, or to give us great new ideas, visit our web site: www.fathomsofun.org

PO Chamber

The Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce has been supporting local businesses in the community since 1945. The Chamber, led by dedicated business owners and business leaders, invites you to join the chamber and become a part of the revitalization of Port Orchard and the collaborative partnership of the community.

The Port Orchard Chamber is a private, non-profit, membership-driven organization comprised of 330 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions, and individuals.

Our Mission: "The Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce is a membership based organization of businesses and individuals working together to promote a favorable local business climate, encourage strong community leadership and support quality of life." Please consider joining the Chamber today, and visit our website for more information: www.portorchard.com

POBSA

Port Orchard Bay Street Association (POBSA) is an association of businesses and individual members organized to encourage a strong local economy and quality of life by...

- supporting community events
- sponsoring business-related activities
- improving local aesthetics

POBSA is a non-profit association committed to promoting and enhancing downtown Port Orchard, WA. We welcome memberships from both business and community members.

POBSA sponsors and participates in a number of downtown events and festivals throughout the year including, a monthly Art Walk on the first Friday of the month from May through October, Kitsap Harbor Festival, and the Festival of Chimes and Lights.

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at Moondogs Too, 714 Bay Street, Port Orchard, WA. No-host breakfast and networking at 7:30 a.m., and the business meeting starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. www.pobsa.com
Mustangs on the Waterfront

The Kitsap Mustang Club was established in 1988, this year being our 25th anniversary. The mission for the club is to:

- Encourage pride of ownership, stimulate the recognition, restoration, and preservation of 1964-½ through present year Mustang automobiles.
- Encourage fellowship among members by sponsoring recreational and social activities.
- Educate members in the maintenance and care of their Mustangs.

The club has also been active in the community for the past 25 years. We sponsor and support local food drives, adopt-a highway-clean up along Highway 16, contribute to South Kitsap Helpline, North Kitsap Fishline, Kitsap Community Resources, Toys for Tots, the Women’s shelter, and continue to seek other ways to support the community.

The club participates in car shows, displays, and local parades. On Sunday, July 28, 2013, we will be celebrating our 25th Mustangs on the Waterfront car show held at the Port Orchard Waterfront. Our goal this year is to have 250 cars registered.

Please visit our website at kitsapmustangclub.org to find a membership application for any new prospective Mustang owners that would like to join our club.

The requirements are to attend one event or meeting prior to submitting a membership application to the Membership chair.

The annual dues are $20 for a single and $25 for a family.

Port Orchard Eagles, Aerie #2338

For more than a century, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has had a major positive influence on our region, nation, world, and... More importantly, in our communities.

It was the Eagles who pushed for the founding of Mother’s Day, who provided the impetus for Social Security, and who pushed to end job discrimination based on age. The Eagles have provided support for medical centers across the country to build and provide research for medical conditions in areas such as spinal cord injuries, kidney disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer’s. We raise millions of dollars every year to combat heart disease and cancer, help handicapped kids, uplift the aged, and make life a little brighter for everyone.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles uphold and nourish the values of home, family, and community that are so necessary and it seems so often get ignored and trampled in today’s society. We are hometown builders. We support our law enforcement, firefighters, and others who protect and serve. We are big supporters of our South Kitsap Helpline agency and in general, help raise money for our communities – we are the Eagles, “People Helping People.”

Upcoming events at our club include:

- July 13 – 3rd Annual Car Show and Shine benefiting South Kitsap Helpline. There is no charge, the public is welcome, please bring a can of food for Helpline.
- August 10 – Annual Club Picnic. Come learn about the club and meet the members. There will be raffles, games for the kids, hot dogs, and hamburgers for everyone. Please bring a potluck dish.
- We have weekly public bingo on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays with the early bird session starting at 6:10 PM and regular at 7:00 PM.

Those interested in membership can contact our Club Manager at 360 876-2338 or Tom Riedel, Aerie President at 360 876-3832 for an application and additional information.
Kiwanis
You've seen the bumper sticker in our community – “I'm a Proud Parent of a Terrific Kid”. The Terrific Kid program is one of many programs the Kiwanis Club of Port Orchard runs for the elementary schools in South Kitsap County. We honor students for the citizenship and scholarship as voted by their teachers.

Kiwanis is a global organization of every age that is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Our club of men and women are also involved with a number of programs that are "kid" oriented such as the Kindergarten Reading Programs where our members read in 26 kindergarten classes each year. Each child also receives a book from the Club. The Student of Month is a program oriented to jr. and sr. high students honoring their citizenship and academic achievements. In addition to these programs, the Club awards four $2,500 scholarships to worthy high school students.

Most of our members participate in the annual “Bike Rodeo” held in the spring and provides free bike helmets to toddlers and children. They are instructed in bike safety and can have their own bike checked for safety.

In addition to these programs, we donate funds to the Port Orchard’s Library 3rd Grading Reading Program, Special Olympics, collect newspapers for recycling, and support a program at South Kitsap High School where students rehab computers and then donate them to a school.

In all, our members volunteer thousands of hours in an effort to make our children better citizens and community a better place to live. Consider joining a Kiwanis Club which has been active in Port Orchard for 84 years!

The Kiwanis Club of Port Orchard meets every Wednesday at 12:15 at the Port Orchard United Methodist Church at 725 Kitsap Street in Port Orchard.

Port Orchard Lions
We’ve been a part of Lions Clubs International since 1967. Our motto is “We Serve.” Lions clubs are the largest service organization in world. Our main goal for the local community is to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to those persons that find themselves in a position of being unable to afford them.

Sight and the prevention of blindness have been the primary goals of Lions Clubs International since it was created. These goals have expanded to include hearing, diabetes, and projects to improve living conditions for many peoples of the world.

Locally, we raise money to support the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing. A Seattle based foundation that supports many of the Lion’s sight and hearing projects. We raise money for local projects to pay for eye examinations and eyeglasses, as well as occasional hearing aids. We provide help to the local food bank, sponsor kids to a camp for kids with diabetes, recycle eyeglasses, and help out in many little ways.

We have sponsored a Lion’s screening van at a number of events, enabling us to discover potential diabetes, sight and hearing problems in the area youth and elderly.

Our mobile concession stand and sales of apples in the fall raise the majority of our operational funds. We set up our concession during the Fathoms of Fun celebration, provide a Pancake Breakfast for the Chris Craft boater and public in July, and food for those checking out all the Cars at the Cruz in August. Many of the summer weekends are spent providing food to the Sports Car clubs racing at the Bremerton Raceway.

People interested in learning more about the Port Orchard Lions are invited to come to one of our meetings. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Town Square Mall. Visitors are always welcome. Come in and see what the Lions are all about.

VFW 2269
We are a nonprofit chartered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our primary purpose is to assist needy Veterans and their orphans or widows. We do much more than that but that is the basics.

Not just any Veteran can join. They must be entitled to a campaign medal or have drawn combat pay. They submit a DD214 and we’ll determine their eligibility. We recently built the Veterans Wall in the Port Orchard Marina Park and are now working on an addition to it. Bricks for that section are still available via our Post web site: www.vfwpost2669.org

On Memorial Day weekend we distribute buddy poppies to collect money which we in turn give to needy Veterans. We also put out about 1600 grave flags at Sunset Cemetery. We have a scholarship program ran by the Post which pays out $4,000 annually. VFW National also sponsors scholarship contest.

For more information contact: Our Post Home is located at 736 Bay Street Port Orchard, WA. 360-876-2669.
2013 Port Orchard Jingle Bell Run

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk is one of the nation's largest holiday 5K events and benefits the Arthritis Foundation. In Port Orchard, the Run/Walk partners with the Festival of Chimes and Lights as part of a full day of family fun and entertainment downtown on Bay Street.

Chosen as one of the Most Incredible Themed Races, the Jingle Bell Run/Walk is a fun and festive way to kick off your holidays by helping others! Wear a holiday-themed costume, tie jingle bells to your shoelaces, and raise funds to fight arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability.

The Port Orchard Jingle Bell Run/Walk welcomes volunteers to help with publicity, marketing events, and staffing on the event day.

Visit their website, www.portorchardjinglebellrun.org, to register as a participant or volunteer or to join the planning committee.

For more information about volunteering, please send an email to info@portorchardjinglebellrun.org.

Pacific Northwest Ilocandia Association PNIA

PNIA is a non-profit charitable organization serving primarily the local community of Kitsap County in Washington. Founded by Filipino families who were originally from Ilocandia region in the Philippines. We're eager to help, especially the seniors. We promote togetherness and unity among the members.

Our areas of focus include:

- Promoting and preserving the arts, culture, and traditions of Filipinos and other ethnic groups while helping to promote cultural diversity.
- Providing health and wellness, recreation, education, and other cultural services and activities for all ages, but particularly catered to citizens aged 55 and older.
- Encouraging, supporting, promoting, and providing youth activities, especially in sports, to direct their energies away from destructive behavior.
- Enhancing friendship, harmony, and understanding by developing closer working relationships among members and with other organizations.
- Providing assistance and moral support to members and others in need.
- Participating with and supporting charitable activities and organizations.

What we do: Food drives, clothing drives, adopt-a-highway, soup support, free meals for youths at the Coffee Oasis, Day-End Dough-Nation Program, charitable donations to organizations, cultural presentations, self-help volunteer services, winter community services, and a children's Christmas party. Free classes and workshops are also held on senior resources, basic computer skills, arts, and sewing.

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