

Citizen's Update



The City of Port Orchard quarterly newsletter

Fall 2005

What's Happening?

Festival of Chimes and Lights

Saturday December 3, 2005
City Hall & Downtown Port Orchard

This year's Festival will include the traditional tree lighting, playing of the City Hall Chimes, children's choirs, hayrides and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. In addition, this year will feature a Holiday Fireworks display on the Port Orchard waterfront. Please join us for holiday fun for the entire family! Activities and refreshments are free of charge!

Other events will include:

~ Children's Story Time at the Port Orchard Library.

~ Sinclair Inlet Yacht Club Lighted Boats at the Port Orchard Marina

A schedule of events will be posted on the City's website or available at City Hall approximately one week prior to the event.

We hope to see you!

What's New?

HOLIDAY GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Help spread holiday cheer and you or your neighborhood could be presented with the 2005 Holiday Good Neighbor Award. Use your imagination to light up and decorate your home and show your holiday spirit. Members of the City Council will tour the City during the second week of December to view and vote on the home, business and neighborhood who has shown their holiday spirit. The Council will recognize the 2005 winners at the first meeting in January. *As you drive through the City and notice the holiday décor, please feel free to e-mail the address of the home, business or neighborhood that you feel should be considered to cityhall@ci.port-orchard.wa.us or contact Jill Boltz at 360-876-4407.*

2004 Good Neighbors ~

Residential Category: the Phillips of 808 Cline Avenue

Business Category: the downtown branch of Kitsap Bank.

Neighborhood Category: the neighborhood located at 1731—1741 Pottery Avenue.

Who's News?

After several months of vacant positions, the City is pleased to introduce the newest members of our City Staff.

Matt Zawlocki, is the City's new Assistant City Engineer and comes to us with 4 years Civil Engineering experience with King County DOT and an advanced degree in Structural Engineering. He will work closely with all new developments in Port Orchard. **Al Grajeda**, is the City's new Building Inspector. Al comes to the City after a brief retirement from King County as a building inspector. **Norma West** joins our Finance Department as a part-time Accounting Clerk. Norma will be assisting with front counter functions and Business Licensing. She comes to the City with government experience from Mason and Skagit Counties.

Chief Townsend returns from three months of training at the FBI National Academy.

This training program is designed for law enforcement executives from around the world. It was an excellent opportunity for the Chief to develop new ideas, learn about new programs, hone his skills in personnel management, communications and leadership techniques.

The academy is situated on the US Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia. The entire 10 weeks is based upon challenging the student's mental, emotional, and physical abilities. Each week required participation in classroom lectures and group discussions from 8am to 5pm and some evenings as well as physical training up to 4 times per week.

One of the biggest benefits to being at the academy was meeting a diverse group of people from nearly every country in the world and every state in the USA. Having this new network of colleagues that can be called with questions or to share resources will benefit the Port Orchard Police Department.

Who's Who in City

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Kim Abel
Councilmember John Clauson
Councilmember Todd Cramer
Councilmember Rita Dilenno
Councilmember Robert Geiger
Councilmember Carolyn Powers
Councilmember Ron Rider
Councilmember Rick Wyatt

Department Heads

Maher Abed, Public Works Director/
City Engineer
Carol Etgen, City Clerk/
Asst. to the Mayor
Tarrell Decker,
Municipal Court Judge
Debbie Hunt, Court Administrator
Joanne Long-Woods,
Planning Director/City Planner
Kris Tompkins, City Treasurer
Alan Townsend, Chief of Police

Public Meetings

City Council Meetings:
2nd & 4th Monday each month
6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings:
3rd Monday each month

www.cityofportorchard.us

Directory

Administration 876-4407
Mayor
City Clerk
City Treasurer
Utility Billing & Business
Licensing 876-5139

Public Works 876-4991
Building
Engineering
Shop 876-2722

Planning 876-4991
Code Enforcement

What's the Answer?

Q: How many animals am I allowed to have as a City resident and where can I license them?

A: Each resident is allowed 3 dogs and/or cats.

Licenses are issued for the "lifetime" of the animal or for as long as you live within the City of Port Orchard.

The City encourages owners to spay or neuter their animals and offers licenses free of charge with proof of spay or neuter for both dogs and cats. Licenses for unaltered animals are available for a one-time fee of \$75.00.

You may obtain a license for your dog or cat at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at the Kitsap Humane Society.

Kitsap Humane Society provides the City with Animal Control. If your animal becomes lost please contact the Humane Society at (360) 692-6977.

Please Spay & Neuter Your Pets


What Do You Know?

Did you know that the City owns and operates a community center known as the Active Club Building? The Active Club building is located at 1025 Tacoma Avenue. It is available for private use, such as birthday parties and family reunions as well as to non-profit groups for a nominal fee.

For more information on use of the Active Club building, please contact our City Clerk's Office at (360) 876-4407.

Safety Matters

City Hall is now equipped with a Mobile Command Center (MCC).

 This converted bus can be used as a command and control center during emergencies and at major crime scenes. The MCC, affectionately dubbed the "Ultra-Hog" by the police department, is equipped with redundant radio systems, cellular communications, computers, workstations, GPS and plotters. The MCC is also equipped with first aid and other emergency supplies as well as crime scene processing equipment. The bus was donated to the City as surplus by Kitsap Transit.

Downtown Revitalization

CTS, a Bellevue Engineering firm has completed the structural evaluation report for the Downtown Marquee. The recommended repairs were identified as Immediate, Near-term, Long-term, Renovation Options and Miscellaneous Items.

Immediate Remedies: improve safety, picket removal, gutter and dry rot repairs, and replacement of wood members and lag bolts. Cost: \$41,000.

Near-term Repairs: replace flashing and provide button punch connections between the metal deck panels. Cost: \$26,000.

Long-term: replace all built-up wood posts with pressure-treated lumber. Cost: \$10,000.

Renovation Options: Remove knee braces at built-up post, which are aesthetic. Cost: \$8,000.

Miscellaneous: Annual maintenance. Cost: \$3,000—\$4,000.

For more information, please view the Structural Report available at www.cityofportorchard.us.

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