

Citizen's Update



The City of Port Orchard quarterly newsletter

Summer 2005

What's Happening?

Farmer's Market

April 30th—October 29, 2005
Port Orchard Waterfront

Festival By The Bay

August 14, 2005
Port Orchard Waterfront

The Great Ball Race

August 14, 2005

The Cruz

Sponsored by:
The Saints Car Club
August 14, 2005

Concerts by the Bay

July 14th—August 18, 2005
Marina Park

2nd Annual Chili Cook-off & Marina Swap Meet

September 10, 2005
Port Orchard Waterfront

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
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
7:00 p.m.

What's New?

CHECK IT OUT! Kitsap Transit, McCormick Woods Garden Club, Boy Scouts, Friend of the Library and Rotary have teamed up to build a new park. What more could you ask for ... check out your favorite book at the Port Orchard Library, walk a few feet, sit, relax and read by the waterfront. The new park, in progress will be on the west side of the Library building in front of the murals.



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In addition Kitsap Transit will put art at the New Foot Ferry dock. The art work is created by James Kelsey a South Kitsap Artist. Come and celebrate the dedication event, August 19th at 1:00pm new the new park and dock.

Automated Payment Options

The most recent utility bills included a survey to gauge interest in potentially new payment options. The responses have been tabulated and the results are as follows; 54% of customers are not interested in changing their payment methods, 10% would like to use a credit card, 16% online payments, 16% automatic payment and 4% had miscellaneous ideas. We are now considering these options. We will keep you informed on future decisions.

We learned some customers use online payment options through their bank. If interested, please check with your banking institution to see if you are eligible for this service.

We are listening to your comments. An overwhelming majority of customers requested return envelopes. We will be providing them in upcoming mailings.

Thank you to the 1,100 customers who took the time to respond and return their requests in a timely manner.

Who's News?

Chief at FBI Academy

Chief Alan Townsend is spending the summer at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Law Enforcement officials from around the world attend this academy, to further their knowledge and training in all aspects of law enforcement.

Chief Townsend will bring back information, strategies and contacts to help guide the City of Port Orchard Police Department into the future. Chief Townsend reports the biggest obstacle right now is 100 degree heat and the daily running. We are sure he will be happy to return to our cooler and quieter City in October.

Public Works Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Sig Chrey, Public Works Mechanic. An employee of the City since September 1986. He distinguishes himself by being an outstanding team member who is always willing to help other employee in the City. He has a great sense of humor and friendly disposition creates a fun place to work. He is always willing to help outside his job description. His primary duty is to keep the City's fleet of vehicles in good working order, including Police vehicles. Sig is a great asset to Public Works.

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: *What do I do if I experience dirty water?*
- A: *Dirty water can happen for numerous reasons, the most common is when the City's Public Works Department flushes hydrants. This is necessary routine maintenance. If you should experience sediment or discoloration in your water it is important to remember a couple things:*
- * If possible run an outside water source;*
 - *The next option would be to run water at your bathtub or shower, this provides the highest point of pressure in your house to clear the lines;*
 - *Most important...DO NOT run the hot water. Running the hot water will draw dirty water into your hot water heater.*

A small credit may be available for having to run additional water, please contact Utility Billing at 360-876-5139 for more information.

What Do You Know?

The City of Port Orchard will have four Council positions expiring this year. Of those four positions, two will be on your **September 20th Primary Election** Ballot. The Primary election will narrow the candidates from three to two. The **General Election November 8th** will determine who fills the seats in the upcoming year.

Our City Council is made up of seven members. These seven individuals serve on the Council by vote of the people. It is important to vote in both elections so that you as the citizens of Port Orchard have a voice in how you are represented.

PLEASE VOTE!

Safety Matters

The Port Orchard Police Department would like you to visit www.citizenobserver.com. This website will provide department information, crime prevention tips, alerts such as sex offender notifications and a "help us find" section of our most wanted subject. Did you know that during the first week of operation this website led to the capture and arrest of a felony escape warrant subject?



SCHOOLS OUT...Please be cautious of your speed and look out for children playing.

SEATBELTS AND HELMETS. We all know that when we get in the car we must fasten our seatbelt ...it's the law. But did you know that if you ride a bike, scooter or skateboard or go roller-skating, a helmet is required?

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

Downtown Revitalization

The American Planning Association and the Planning Association of Washington presented an Honor Award to the City of Port Orchard in the Rural/Small Town Plan category, for its Economic Development Plan. The award, dated May 12th, 2005 was presented to the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Todd Cramer, at a Council meeting in late May. The honor was to acknowledge the efforts of two years of study and hard work by the PORT (Port Orchard Revitalization Team) group and later through the guidance of EDAW, who drafted the final Plan. The Council, through its various committees, is starting to work through the recommended 20 projects to revitalize the City.

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