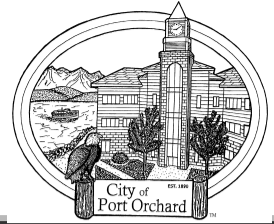


# Citizen's Update



The City of Port Orchard quarterly newsletter

Spring 2007

## What's Happening?

*New Flower Baskets on Bay Street*

**REMINDER!! SPRING CLEANUP**  
**JUNE 11-15, 2007** Call for more information 360-876-4991

**Farmer's Market-29th Year**  
Through October 13, 2007  
Port Orchard Waterfront

**Fathoms O' Fun Carnival**  
June 29-July 5, 2007 Marina Park

**Fathoms O' Fun Parade**  
June 30, 2007

**Concerts by the Bay** - Marina Park  
Summer Concert Series 6:30-8:00 pm  
Thursdays, July 12—August 16, 2007

**Mustangs on the Waterfront**  
July 29, 2007

**Rock Around the Block**  
August 11-12, 2007 Waterfront

**Cruz 2007 Car Show**  
August 12, 2007 Waterfront

## Who's Who in City

### Mayor & City Council

Mayor Kim Abel

Councilmember Fred Chang  
Councilmember John Clauson  
Councilmember Rita Dilenno  
Councilmember Robert Geiger  
Councilmember Carolyn Powers  
Councilmember Rob Putaansuu  
Councilmember Rick Wyatt

### Department Heads

Maher Abed  
Public Works Director/City  
Engineer

Michelle Merlino  
City Clerk

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  
7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings:  
3rd Monday each month 7:00  
pm

## What's New?

**AROUND THE TOWN** Have you noticed the new **flower baskets** in downtown? A big "thank you" to the Port Orchard Bay Street Association and their donors for their participation in this improvement. Another "thank you" to the Port of Bremerton and Kitsap Transit for the **new sidewalk, railings, and light fixtures** along the bulkhead from the east end of the Port Orchard Marina. It's lovely!

Have you tried your hand at **Disc Golf at Van Zee Park** yet? Disc golf is played much like traditional golf, however, players use a flying disc rather than a club and ball. The ten hole recreational course is designed for beginner and intermediate players. Good fun!

**CITY WINS ★★★AWARD** City Fleet Maintenance and Operations won a 3-Star Award from Kitsap Department of Health (DOH) for running an environmentally responsible fleet management operation that includes proper disposal of oils and maintenance byproducts. Congratulations to the Port Orchard Public Works Department!

**FOOT FERRY IS FREE ON WEEKENDS** Beginning May 19, 2007 through October 13, 2007 travel on the foot ferry between Port Orchard and Bremerton on Saturday and Sunday is **FREE!** The schedule remains the same, leaving on the hour and half-hour from Port Orchard and leaving Bremerton at quarter-after and quarter-to the hour between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

**DON'T SPEED! INCREASE IN PENALTIES FOR SPEEDING IN A SCHOOL ZONE AND OTHER INFRACTIONS** - On April 30, 2007, the penalty schedule for the traffic violation of Speeding in a School Zone changed from a flat \$177 penalty to a graduated scale ranging from \$177 for traveling 1-5 mph over the 20 mph school zone speed limit to a maximum of \$772 for traveling 35 mph or over the school zone speed limit. Also effective April 30, 2007, the Washington State Supreme Court amended a court rule resulting in an increase of \$11 for many traffic and civil violation penalties. For more information, visit the State's legislative website at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo>.

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE—YOU CAN PAY PARKING TICKETS AND OTHER COURT FINES USING YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD.** In an effort to encourage quicker and more efficient payment of court fines and fees, including parking tickets, the Port Orchard Municipal Court has installed a debit/credit card machine at the Court office located on the third floor of City Hall. For a small convenience fee of \$1.00, you can use your debit card to pay a fine. If you want to pay your fine without leaving your home, check the Court's website at [www.cityofportorchard.us/ct\\_pay\\_fines.htm](http://www.cityofportorchard.us/ct_pay_fines.htm) for instructions on how to pay via the internet, by telephone and other payment options.

## Who's News?

The City of Port Orchard is proud to announce **Noel Larsen** as the newest member of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets at City Hall at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. The Planning Department also welcomed two new employees recently, **Ellen Ferguson**, Administrative Assistant and **Tom Bonsell**, Assistant Planner. **Nicole Stephens**, Administrative Secretary, joined the City Clerk's office. **Debra Walker**, Accounting Clerk, transferred to the Finance Department front counter.

[www.cityofportorchard.us](http://www.cityofportorchard.us)

## Directory

Administration	876-4407
Mayor City Clerk	
City Treasurer	
Utility Billing & Business Licensing	876-5139
Building & Engineering	876-4991
Police	876-1700
Public Works Shop	876-2722
Planning Code Enforcement	876-4991
Municipal Court	876-1701

## What's the Answer?

### Q: Where do I get a passport?

The **Kitsap County Clerk's Office** at 614 Division Street, Port Orchard is processing passport applications. Information on requirements can be found on the Kitsap County Website: [www.kitsapgov.com](http://www.kitsapgov.com) or call the Kitsap County Clerk's office at 360-337-7164. Passport information and forms may also be downloaded from the passport website: [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport).

### Q: Where can I find the City of Port Orchard Municipal Code?

We are pleased to announce that the City of Port Orchard Municipal Code can be accessed on-line through the City's website: [www.cityofportorchard.us](http://www.cityofportorchard.us). The site does require Adobe Reader to access the Municipal Code.

Correction: The Winter 2007 Edition of Citizen's Update listed the wrong street cleaning days. The correct days are: Monday & Friday from 3:00am-8:30am and Tuesday & Thursday from 2:00am-10:30am in specified areas.

## What Do You Know?

**YARD WASTE INFORMATION** Did you know that the City is in a no burn zone regarding yard and waste debris? Did you know that yard waste should not be dumped over a bank or slope area? Did you know that you could take a composting class for free? Did you know that you could have curbside yard debris collection?

For a **free** 2-hour composting class, call Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division (360) 337-5777. For more details on yard waste recycle cans, call Waste Management (800) 592-9995.

If you are not sure about the proper way to dispose of yard waste, please don't hesitate to contact the City of Port Orchard at 360-876-4991.

**GIVENS SENIOR CENTER QUILT** Something special happened to the Senior Center Quilters! Their Diversity Quilt was a finalist in the quilt project at the National Service Arts Symposium recently.

The quilt is composed of squares crocheted by members of the Givens Senior Center who have dedicated themselves to providing the Linus Project with blankets. They are donated to youth from infancy to 18 who have experienced trauma through domestic violence, car accidents, or fires. The blankets are distributed by police, fire and hospital personnel.

The crocheted quilt is on display at the Senior Center, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard, Monday - Thursday, between 8 am - 4:30 pm.

## Safety Matters

**DISASTERS HAPPEN—ARE YOU PREPARED?** City of Port Orchard employees recently participated in an earthquake preparedness drill. In the event of an actual earthquake, they know how to take care of themselves and any citizens that may be in City Hall at the time. In the event of a major disaster, 9-1-1 and emergency services such as the fire department are going to be overwhelmed within seconds! You and your family need to know what your emergency plan is. Have the following prepared:

- √ Food and water for three to seven days (for pets too!)
- √ Warm clothes
- √ An out of state contact
- √ Where to meet
- √ First Aid Kit

The Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management has a plan. Check out website [www.kitsapdem.org](http://www.kitsapdem.org) for other helpful suggestions.

## DON'T FORGET—SPRING CLEANUP JUNE 11-15, 2007

-Reminder-  
Regularly scheduled City Council Meetings are broadcast on BKAT (Bremeron Kitsap Access Television), Channel 3, at:  
Tuesday, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Wednesday, 1:00 am - 4:00 am  
Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Agendas are posted on the BKAT website [www.bkat.org](http://www.bkat.org) the Saturday prior to Council.

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