

# Citizen's Update



The City of Port Orchard quarterly newsletter

Summer 2006

## What's Happening?

### Farmer's Market

April 29—October 14, 2006  
Port Orchard Waterfront

### Festival of Chimes and Lights

December 2, 2006  
City Hall /Downtown Port Orchard



### Support Your Local School Sports

South Kitsap High School Fall Sports include Football, Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming, Volleyball, Cross Country and Boys Tennis.

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

HOME GAMES ~ 7:00pm  
9/22 v. Lincoln  
10/13 v. Clover Park (Homecoming)

For more sports and activity schedules visit: [www.skitsap.wednet.edu](http://www.skitsap.wednet.edu)

## Who's Who in City

### Mayor & City Council

Mayor Kim Abel  
Councilmember John Clauson  
Councilmember Fred Chang  
Councilmember Rita Dilenno  
Councilmember Robert Geiger  
Councilmember Tye Moore  
Councilmember Carolyn Powers  
Councilmember Rick Wyatt

### Department Heads

Maher Abed, Public Works Director/  
City Engineer  
Michelle Merlino, Interim 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  
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings:  
3rd Monday each month  
7:00 p.m.

## What's New?

**FALL CLEAN UP WEEK ~October 9th—13th** Fall Clean Up will take place during the week of October 9th on your regular garbage pick-up day. This service is available to City residents only. For more information, please call 360-876-4991.

**PORT ORCHARD MUNICIPAL CODE** The City Clerk's Office has completed the task of codifying our Municipal Code in-house. The Port Orchard Municipal Code contains the Ordinances or laws passed by the City Council. The Municipal Code Book is available on the City's web-site at [www.cityofportorchard.us](http://www.cityofportorchard.us) and an updated hard copy of the Code is available at the Port Orchard Library Info Desk for those who prefer that format or do not have internet access.

**RED, WHITE, GREEN & BLACK** The colors of the newly repainted Makah totem pole now make it once again a presence in our community. Thanks to Frank Smith Jr., the son of Frank Smith, the original carver of the totem pole, the colors can now be seen from a distance. The pole was dedicated to the City in honor of former Council member Gerald Grosso back in 1989.



### 2006 CITY PARKS SURVEY (ENCLOSED)

In this edition of our Citizen's Update we have enclosed our 2006 Parks Survey. We hope that you have had a great season using our parks and facilities and now we'd like to hear what you enjoyed and/or what we can do to make your experience even better. Please take a moment to complete and return the survey by October 31st.

## Who's News?

During the past several months the City has welcomed several new employees. To our Finance Department we would like to welcome **Heather Driscoll and Joy McDonald**. Both will be at the front counter ready to assist with your Utility payments and business licensing questions.

Our Planning Department is pleased to have **Jennifer Haro** as our new Associate Planner. Jennifer grew up in Port Orchard and has returned with experience from the City of Normandy Park, and Snohomish and Whatcom Counties.

Congratulation to **Sgt. Jason Glantz!** Jason was promoted to sergeant in May after more than 10 years experience with the Port Orchard Police Department including an assignment to the Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children's Task Force. Our Police Department also welcomed **David Walker and Maureen Wheeler**. David joined us this past August and comes to us from New Orleans, LA Police Department where he served as a police officer, homicide detective and crime analyst. Maureen is our new Public Service Officer—Court Security and works part-time with our Municipal Court staff when Court is in session.

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## 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 much does the Spring and Fall Clean-up get used?*

*A. During our Spring Clean-up, Waste Management collected 18.37 tons of refuse over a normal week of collection. Our City trucks collected an additional 25.85 tons of bulky items and \$643.00 of miscellaneous items such as televisions and computer monitors pre-paid for by residents.*

*Total tonnage for the event was 44.22 tons—about 10 tons higher than last year.*

*The total disposal cost was \$3,385.53. Under our new agreement Waste Management will pay up to \$3,000 per event but the City crew did more work this year. Waste Management appreciated the effort and waived the additional \$385.53.*

*A big thanks to the Public Works crew for their hard work and Waste Management for their generosity!*

## What Do You Know?

### THE CITY IS GOING ON AIR

Beginning Monday, September 11, 2006 our regularly scheduled City Council Meetings, will be taped and broadcast on BKAT (Bremerton Kitsap Access Television). Agendas will be posted to the BKAT web-site [www.bkat.org](http://www.bkat.org), the Saturday prior to a Council Meeting and will air following the Council Meeting as indicated below:

Tuesday 8:00p.m. - 11:00p.m.  
Wednesday 1:00a.m.—4:00a.m.  
Friday 11:00a.m.—2:00p.m.



## Safety Matters

As summer vacations come to an end, students are readying themselves for the start of a new school year. It is estimated that over 24 million students nationwide start their day by walking, biking, riding or driving to school. No matter how your child travels to school, please remember the following tips to ensure they get to and from school safely.

**Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders:** Never walk alone; wear reflective or bright color clothing to increase visibility; use crosswalks; always wear a helmet and follow traffic laws when riding a bicycle and never accept rides from strangers.

**Tips for Car Drivers:** Pick up and drop off students at your child's school designated areas. Be alert. Watch for children playing and standing near school bus stops; Learn and obey school bus warning lights and stop arms and remember speed limits in school zones and play areas are 20 mph and are strictly enforced.

For more information regarding school safety issues please contact the South Kitsap School Resource Officers or the Port Orchard Police Department or Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

## Construction Updates

Summer is a busy time for construction here in the Northwest and Port Orchard is no exception. To complete our summer projects the City will be doing sidewalk repairs in locations along Kitsap Street, Mitchell Avenue, Prospect Street and near Etta Turner Park just to name a few. The City will be budgeting sidewalk repair and replacement for 2007, if you have a suggested area, please contact Public Works. In addition, our Overlay Program which began in September will continue. Ace Paving has completed work along Mitchell Point (Bay Street), along Mitchell Avenue south of the bridge and the last section to be paved will be near the intersection of Sidney/Sedgwick and is anticipated for completion in October.

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