



City of Port Orchard Newsletter

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Port Orchard Completes Its Comprehensive Plan—Begins Work on Implementation!

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On June 16, the City adopted the 2016 update to its Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with the 8-year cycle established by the state's Growth Management Act (GMA). The adopted plan projects 20 year growth to include 8,235 new residents within the city and 3,132 jobs. The Community Development Department has prepared a draft 2017 workplan for implementation of a number of the high-priority goals that were established in the Comprehensive Plan. These goals include:

- ◇ Subarea planning for designated Centers of Local Importance.
- ◇ Completion of improved development regulations, including zoning, signs and subdivisions.
- ◇ Update of the Critical Areas Ordinance as required by the GMA.
- ◇ Improvements to McCormick Village Park Phase 2, including a splash park, playground, additional trails, and off leash dog park.
- ◇ Updated stormwater regulations, as required by the Department of Ecology for the City's Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- ◇ Replacements and upgrades to City utilities, including sewer pump stations, water mains and the City's decant facility.
- ◇ Planning and design for Bethel Road, Sedgwick and Highway 160 corridor improvements.

- ◇ Construction of improvements in the Tremont Street Improvement Plan.
- ◇ The Community Development Department will move to 720 Prospect Street, to provide a "one-stop" permit center for customers.

As you can see, the City will have many projects starting next year! For more information on the proposed workplan or 2017 City projects, please contact Community Development at (360) 874-5533 or planning@cityofportorchard.us.

City's New Website

- City Clerk's Office

On September 13th, 2016, the City launched a new 'test' website, and on October 3rd, the website went live. We are excited to have a modern, accessible website that will empower us to best serve residents, visitors and businesses of Port Orchard. The new site includes an Answers tool that lets users quickly access frequently asked questions, stronger security, a Document Library that allows users to search for specific documents, an integration with local social media accounts, and much more! Please visit our website at www.cityofportorchard.us.



Dekalb Pier Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On September 30th, 2016, the City of Port Orchard, State officials and members of the local community met in celebration of the successful completion of Phase II of the Dekalb Pier.



Homeless Committee

An appointed Ad-Hoc Committee, set by the Mayor, met on August 30th, 2016, to discuss the needs of homelessness in our community. Some short and long term goals were identified such as; establishing shower locations, setting up alternating shelters for severe winter weather, and solutions with regional organizations to create transitional housing. This will be an ongoing meeting scheduled the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 18th from 4:00pm until 5:30pm, at Port Orchard City Hall in the Council Chambers on the 3rd floor.

Soroptimist Overlook Nears Completion

The Port of Bremerton, working in association with Soroptimist International of Port Orchard, is in the process of constructing a pavilion overlooking the Sinclair Inlet at its Port Orchard Marina Park. The project site is a 30'x38' concrete deck used for observation/mustering, and a side stairway for beach access. The pavilion will be used for public waterfront activities and waterfront trails access. The covered structure will be able to maximize public use during a longer span of the year and will offer better staging for waterfront access for pedestrians and small watercraft.

A 2017-2018 Biennial Budget

-Allan Martin, Treasurer's

Over the past several budget cycles the Council Finance Committee discussed the pros and cons of moving to a biennial budget and subsequently recommended that biennial budgeting be discussed at a Council Work Study session. The outcome of that conversation was to move forward with a biennial budget written in 2016 for the 2017 - 2018 budget years.
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2016 Fall Clean-up Week Schedule: The schedule for the 2016 Fall Clean-up Week is as follows:

Fall Cleanup Dates: October 24 thru October 28, 2016.

A 2017-2018 Biennial Budget

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The most common reason given for using a twenty-four-month biennial appropriation is to consolidate the amount of effort invested in the budget development and approval process. As a result, over the two-year period, there is a substantial time savings. While the benefits may be obvious as it relates to the staff, the Council also realizes significant time savings that can be invested in other matters.

Approximately 70% of the budget is nondiscretionary, meaning budget writers are required to include salaries and benefits, contractual obligations, and operational expenses of running the City. Elected officials provide a yearly review of these nondiscretionary budgeted items but to no great consequence. A biennial budget avoids the yearly task of reentering the nondiscretionary expenses.

With a biennial budget the “off-budget year” can be used by Council to develop long-range financial strategies, conduct studies, and work on improving performance management.

A mid-biennial review and modification is required to start no sooner than September 1 and be completed by the end of the first year. This mandate was very important to Council to make sure there was continuing public oversight over the two-year budget cycle. If any modifications to the budget are recommended a public hearing on the change is required.

Another advantage of a biennial budget is the longer perspective it gives an organization in its budgetary planning. It forces people to think long-term and take longer-term actions. Generally when budgeting yearly the focus is on how to balance rather than overall strategic planning. Finding the time to think strategically is not the normal course of business and is often difficult. The biennium helps create this time and focus attention on future biennial, rather than just finding a way to balance revenues and expenditures.

An additional benefit is aligning appropriations with capital project construction over multiple budget cycles. Many projects continue into a second calendar year and a two-year budget simplifies project management and streamlines project accounting. Project administrators can focus on completing the project – on time and under budget – rather than rewriting the budget.

A biennial budget is one more step that the City can take to work smarter.

Public Records Online Portal

-City Clerk's Office

The City of Port Orchard now has an online option for the public to request documents. The feature allows the public to request documents from the City, excluding court and police records, using an online bases system that will easily allow the uploading of documents for review. The portal will also allow the public to track the status of requests, manage account information, search for answers for specific questions and browse frequently asked questions. Visit www.cityofportorchard.us for more information.

Upcoming Events

-Clerk's Office

- Council meetings, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Work Study Session, third Tuesday of each month.
- Festival of Chimes and Lights, Saturday, December 3rd.
- City Hall Closed, Friday, November 11th, 2016.
- City Hall Closed Thursday, November 24th and November 25th, 2016.
- City Hall Closed Monday, December 26th, 2016.
- City Hall Closed Monday, January 2, 2017.
- Visit the City's [website](#) for the full events calendar.



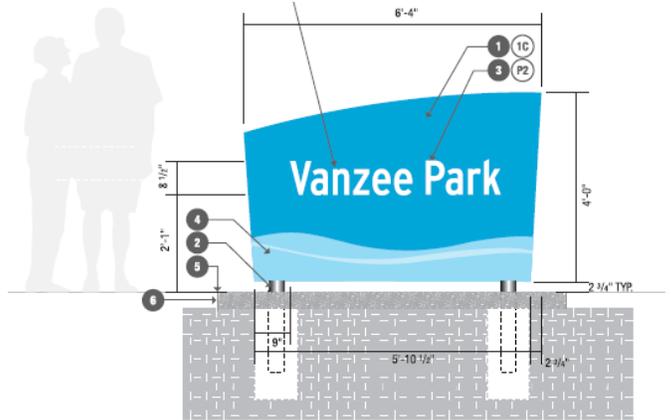
Port Orchard Wayfinding Signs—More Signs Coming Soon

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If you've traveled on SR-16 recently through Port Orchard, you may have noticed some new signs approaching the Tremont Street exit. The City worked with WSDOT to update these signs to better communicate the City's presence and the preferred exit for reaching the City Center (Downtown).

WSDOT Signage for Tremont Street Exit before and after:

In conjunction with this effort to better identify the city to SR-16 users who may not be familiar with the area, the city has launched the first phase of its local wayfinding sign program. By the end of the year, the first batch of coordinated signs will be installed to help get visitors from the Tremont Street exit to the City Center and to other public attractions, facilities, and parking areas.



Before



After

