

# City of Port Townsend



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## From Mayor Mark Welch

As work progresses toward the completion of interior restoration of Port Townsend's historic City Hall building, plans are in place to celebrate and to thank community members who've helped make the restoration possible. If you would like to contribute and have your name attached to the restoration there's still time to donate \$1,000 to have it placed on the bronze plaque or \$100 to write a time-capsule, "letter to the future." Call the Jefferson County Historical Society at 385-1003 for more information.

The Jefferson County Historical Society bills the November 8 Gala Re-Opening as "a once in a century celebration." Dignitaries from both the present and past will be in attendance, as such personages as James. G. Swan and Captain Tibbals greet guests. Live music, a spectacular cake, festive refreshments and tours of the amazing setting will ensure "an event worthy of the occasion."

A depiction of the first City Hall opening appeared in the March 22, 1892 *Port Townsend Morning Leader*:

*In the evening the entire structure will be brilliantly illuminated. Visitors will have an opportunity of viewing the council chamber, where the dignified councilmen "chew the rag" and pass ordinances. They can visit the police court room, where the unfortunate vagrants, common drunks and other petty offenders tell their tale of woe before being hied away to the chain gang. After viewing the jail they can visit fire department headquarters and see how the faithful firemen slide down the slipping pole when the alarm is sounded.*

Please join us at this historically significant event.



## From City Manager David Timmons

School starts this week! While all of the public school zones are clearly marked, the private schools may not be. When you see our children headed to school on streets and sidewalks, please be careful.

We are in the formative stages of developing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. Council has authorized tasking Administration, Public Works and the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board to investigate grant money to develop the program and also to implement elements of the program. A significant component will be partnering with the School District to educate our children about their responsibility on our sidewalks and roads. Council is considering having the Police Department hire a Community Resource Officer who will work with the schools to carry out the objectives outlined in the safety program.

Pedestrian and bicycling routes are outlined on the *Exploring Port Townsend Walking, Bicycling and Transit Guide Map*. They are water resistant and can be purchased at the City's Finance Department, Development Services Department, Elevated Ice Cream, Sport Townsend, Wilderrest and the Jefferson County Museum. The cost is \$3.95 plus tax. There are also free downloadable bicycling maps on the Port Townsend Bicycle Association's web site [www.ptbikes.org](http://www.ptbikes.org) that contain information on terrain, roads, trails, traffic flow, landmarks and essential comfort stations.

In our July 2006 Newsletter, the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board requested input on trails that need work to make them both legal and safe. You can still provide input by contacting [nmtab@inbox.com](mailto:nmtab@inbox.com).



Even with all of our trails and routes identified, education is the primary element to a successful Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. We will keep you informed about its progress or you can call 379-5047 for an update.

## OUR FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS 9-11 MEMORIAL

Please join us on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 9:00 am at the Bell Tower, Tyler St. at Jefferson St., for a memorial service dedicated to those who lost their lives September 11, 2001.

(For fire and law enforcement personnel attending, Class A uniforms are requested but not required.)

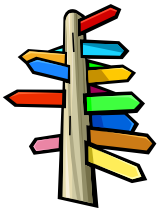
### Right-of-way (ROW)



Before you plan that rock wall, fence, or planting project, be sure you know where your property ends and the public right-of-way begins. Because many City streets are currently much narrower than the planned right-of-way, the street edge or curb is usually not the beginning of your property. You can be subject to enforcement penalties under PT Municipal Code Chapter 12.08, as well as having to bear the expense of removing whatever structure you have placed in the right-of-way. Some structures, such as rockeries, may be allowed with City approval and permitting. Fences must be within the property line and may not cross any right-of-way. Please check with the City Development Services Department at 379-5095 if you have any questions about your project.



### Prohibited/Permitted Signs



Port Townsend Municipal Code 17.76.090 prohibits the use and posting of certain signs including "Signs attached to utility poles or traffic signs." This would include garage sale signs, announcements, advertising, etc. Our objective is to prevent distracting automobile drivers, to keep our city tidy and for the safety of the utility pole workers.

All commercial signs including sandwich board signs must comply with the Municipal Code and be permitted as well.

Please contact the Development Services Department at 379-5095 with questions about sign regulation.

### Goodbye Tom Aumock

All good things must come to an end. In this instance, it is the years of service Tom Aumock has given the City as a member of the Port Townsend Fire Department. Tom is retiring from the City. Please join us September 14 in thanking him for his years of service to the community and wishing him well in the next phase of his life.



Tom Aumock, Assistant Fire Chief, at uncoupling ceremony for Fire Station 81.

There will be a party for Tom at the Port Townsend Fire Station, (701 Harrison St.), on Thursday, September 14, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Please drop by and share some cake and warm wishes.



### Library Activities

#### Baby Story time

Tuesdays 10:15 am

Thursdays 2:00 pm

#### Story Time for Toddlers

will resume Tuesday,

September 12, 11:00 am

#### Children's Choir—ages 5-12

"Songs from Around the World"

Begins Thursday, September 21, 4:00-4:45

#### Teen Writing Club—ages 12 and up

Write poetry, draw comics, make stories

Fridays, 3:00-5:00 pm

*Come share ideas, treats and more!*

For more information on these and other programs call the Library at 385-3181.

### Commercial Building Owners in the Historic District

may be eligible for the Port Townsend Main Street Program HUD Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund. If you are considering improvements to your building to correct potential public safety hazards or address seismic concerns, contact Mari Mullin at the Main Street Program [ptmainstreet@olympus.net](mailto:ptmainstreet@olympus.net) or 385-7911.

Forms can be downloaded from Main Street's website [www.ptguide.com/mainstreet](http://www.ptguide.com/mainstreet) and are to be returned by September 15, 2006.