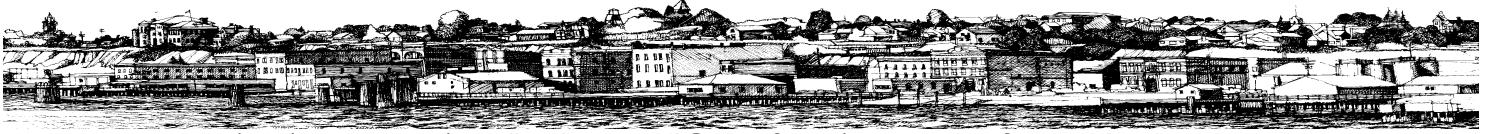


City of Port Townsend



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From *Mayor Michelle Sandoval*

Please make plans to attend the first in a series of town meetings the City will be sponsoring this year. On March 6, 2008 at 6:00

PM, your friends and neighbors will assemble at The Commons at Fort Worden to talk about *Maintaining Our Small Town Character*. This series is organized to evaluate progress in achieving the goals of the Comprehensive Plan (adopted July 1996) and will serve as a method for all of us to communicate our understanding about how we will move forward.

A clear, overriding sentiment of the Plan is captured in the Community Direction Statement. Over a decade ago, the community predicted...

"The public and private sectors (shall) work together pursuing the continued strength and growth of Port Townsend's economy, diverse employment base, and cultural and educational opportunities. City government is open and accessible... Government is willing and able to respond quickly, creatively, and efficiently to provide innovative ways of meeting the challenges facing the community... Regulations, laws and policies are enforced with equity and justice. Development is orderly and predictable. The inhabitants of Port Townsend feel, and are, safe. The City's residents respect the opinions, as well as the cultural and ethnic diversity of their fellow citizens... residents communicate with one another and elected officials in a considerate manner... *Above all, our hope for the future becomes the City's promise to maintain and enhance Port Townsend's special character and small town atmosphere!*"

How are we doing as a community? Please come to share your opinion and help us meet the needs of the next decade.

The City of Port Townsend invites you to attend a TOWN MEETING

- *Small Group Discussions*
- *Interactive Technology*
- *Focus on "truthing" our Comprehensive Plan Vision*

Topic: **Maintaining Our Small Town Character**
Location: **Fort Worden Commons**
Date: **March 6, 2008**
Time: **6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

More information? Contact Rick Sepler, Planning Director
rsepler@cityofpt.us 360.379.5081

Changes On Your Utility Bill

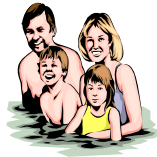
You will notice two new lines on the lower portion of your utility bill that separately itemize city utility taxes.

Previously, utility taxes were included in the fees charged for utility services. Your bill will now show the charges for utility services and utility taxes separately. **Please note, this is not an increase.** The bill further breaks down the amount of utility taxes allocated to general city services and public safety and streets.

From:	To:	Billing Amounts
12/1/2007	01/09/2008	
Previous Balance		120.27
Payments		-120.27
Amount Past Due		0.00
Water		59.80
Wastewater		52.56
Penalty		0.00
Misc.		0.00
General Services Tax		7.91
Public Safety & Streets Tax		12.52
Subtotal		144.32
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		144.32

These changes were the result of a utility rate study performed by FCS Group, a leading expert in utility rate analysis and rate design. They were engaged to accomplish two major tasks: 1) Determine if the rates being charged were sufficient to maintain the utility system; and 2) Determine if our utility customer classes (residential, commercial and government) were each paying an equitable amount. FCS Group found that our rates needed to be adjusted down for the residential customers and up for the commercial customers. Also, a new governmental customer class was recommended. These recommendations did not result in a rate increase overall for the utilities, but a realignment of rates between the various customer classes. On October 29, 2007, City Ordinance 2953 was adopted to implement these recommendations.

**Special Promotion
First Friday \$1.00 Night at the Pool**



Beginning Friday, March 7 on the first Friday of each month from 6:30-8:30 PM, pool admission will be \$1.00 for everyone. Here's a fun, healthy, and affordable activity for your family. Children 7 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

GAMES...MUSIC...FUN!

Come join us at the pool at 1919 Blaine St. or if you have any questions, call us at 385-7665.

Spay/neuter saves lives!



If you have a limited income and need financial help to spay or neuter your pet or if you know someone who could benefit from this service, please call Pam Gray at 360-385-7263 to apply for financial assistance through Olympic Mountain Pet Pals. We work with local vets who know that spay/neuter keeps your pets healthy and prevents unwanted litters of kittens and puppies from being abandoned, abused, or contributing to overcrowding of our local shelter.

We want to help!

OMPP is a non-profit local animal welfare organization which has funded spay/neuter services for over 2,000 pets since 2002. For information about spay/neuter and our other services, check our website at www.ompetpals.org.

Does Your Child Need Dental Care?



A Partnership of
Washington Dental Service
Washington State Dental Assoc.
Washington Dental Service Foundation

The SmileMobile is coming to the Jefferson County Public Health Dept. from March 24 - 28. To schedule an appointment for your child, call Barb at (360) 385-9432 before the 24th .

The SmileMobile provides dental care to children with limited family income, accepts medical coupons and has a sliding fee scale based on family in-

New City Task Force

The City is seeking up to 3 community members who have experience and/or an interest in historic preservation issues to serve on a task force to review historic preservation issues related to demolition of historic residential structures; and bulk and scale issues on new residential construction and re-development. Call 344-4601 or 385-5047 for details.

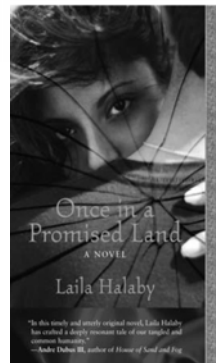
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COMMUNITY READ

2008

LAILA HALABY
Once in a Promised Land



Discuss the book - Look for informal discussion groups at various locations. Plus:

PT SHORTS March 1, 7:30
Pope Marine Park Building

A CRITICAL LOOK AT ONCE IN A PROMISED LAND March 6, 7:00 PT Library

CONCERT OF ARABIC MUSIC by HOUSE OF TARAB March 15, 7:00 First Baptist Church

FILM NO NEWS and DIALOG WITH FILM-MAKER BUSHRA AZZOUZ March 16, 12:30
Rose Theatre

AMERICAN DREAM: THE REALITY OF IMMIGRANT RIGHTS March 20, 7:00 PT Fire Hall

MEET THE AUTHOR March 27, 7:00
PT High School Auditorium

ALL EVENTS FREE!

Copies of *Once in a Promised Land* are available at the Port Townsend Public Library or William James Bookseller. Additional information at the Port Townsend Public Library or www.cityofpt.us

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