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from **Mayor Michelle Sandoval**

Happy Holidays! Because December is traditionally the giving month, I'd like to highlight our local Community Foundation. The Foundation is always an important part of our community, but their work is particularly vital in this current time of growing need.

Jefferson County Community Foundation (JCCF) was organized as a vehicle for promoting and increasing responsible and effective ways of investing in our community. Their goal is to provide leadership, education, and support to strengthen our local nonprofit organizations, and provide tax efficient investment opportunities for our citizens. Through Jefferson County Educational Alliance, the educational arm of JCCF, opportunities are provided for our nonprofits to work together and learn ways to strengthen their organizations. JCCF is providing leadership and opportunity for our local nonprofits to work towards long term sustainability of their organizations through permanent endowments and grant making.

Through JCCF, our citizens now have a responsible and tax efficient vehicle for investing in our community through scholarships, donor advised funds, community endowment, legacy giving, and giving circles. To date, your neighbors have funded their passions, from helping children in need, to restoring historic wooden boats, to supporting the library and safeguarding open space. They are insuring that our history is preserved, that our cultural community will thrive, and that our young people have an opportunity for advanced learning. You can join them by giving to an existing fund that matches your interests — or support your own passions and establish a new fund.

Jefferson County Community Foundation was developed by and for our citizens to build a legacy that ensures that future generations will benefit from what we are building today. It truly is a gift that keeps on giving and we welcome your participation...large or small. For more information, please visit www.jccfgives.org or contact Kris Mayer at 379-3667.



Tidal Clock and Wave Viewing Gallery

The City has been in a planning effort to redevelop the waterfront in the vicinity of the tidal clock and wave viewing gallery. Central to this has been a review of how the site can be reconfigured to be respectful of the artists while integrating public access. As currently configured, the clock fills with large waterborne debris throughout the year. This is especially severe during the winter storm events that regularly affect our community. Supporting piles of the Wave Viewing Gallery are rapidly deteriorating and public use of the facility will likely be completely prohibited in the near future.



The City has been looking at options for the tidal clock since its construction some 20 years ago. After careful consideration of the alternatives, it has been determined that public access to and along the shoreline and community use of the area would be best served by reconfiguring the tidal clock to serve as an open area or plaza for public gatherings, concerts, and other outdoor events. The Port Townsend Arts Commission concurred that the plan for a plaza represents appropriate revitalization for the area.

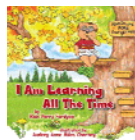
A matching grant from the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation will help pay for the shoreward relocation of the structure. Plaza improvements will include features and signage that honor the artists and the Jackson Bequest. Possible features could include spiral forms along the lines of a shell structure and bronze lines and letters inlaid in the surface indicating the clock points—all similar to the vision in the original design proposal.

The artists have been requested to provide input and comment to improve the current situation and help the City turn this area of Port Townsend into a welcoming, attractive, enjoyable civic space—one that captures the value of the waterfront and will be a celebration of our City's maritime heritage.



The Port Townsend Public Library presents its December calendar of events:

Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.-Reading by Rain Fordyce and Audrey Miles Cherney and discussion of their new homeschooling book *I Am Learning All the Time*



Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.-Thistle Theater's Mrs. Mistletoe! Stories, music and dance with her puppet Possum.

Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m.-Book signing, reading and presentation by nature photographer



Paul Bannick on his book *The Owl & the Woodpecker: Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds*



Dec. 19, 2-4:00 p.m.-Children's "Mini" Gingerbread House Making (ages 6 - 12.) Space is limited, signups requested 385-3181.

Dec. 22, 1-7:00 p.m.-Library Holiday Open House

Dec. 26, 6:30 p.m. - Fiber Frenzy

Check the Library's December calendar at



Main Street Holiday Celebrations
"All Roads Lead To Home"

Through Dec. 6, enter the Main Street Hometown Holiday Sweepstakes.

Win a chance at over \$1000 in Main Street Town Dollars Gift Cards at participating businesses—must be present to win on Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Haller Fountain (must be 18 to enter, some restrictions apply). Sponsored by First Federal.

Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Community Treelighting/Santa Visit. Santa arrives by horse-drawn carriage. Carriage rides & caroling in the streets. After 5:00 p.m., Hometown Holiday Sweepstakes Winner Announced—Must be present to win! From 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa will visit with children-2nd floor of the historic Kuhn Building at Water & Polk.

Sunday, Dec. 14 2:00-6:00 p.m. Holiday Boat Decorating Celebration - Deck The Hulls!

At the Boat Haven and Point Hudson. Presented by the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Jefferson County Food Bank. Start the tour with cookies and refreshments at the Port Townsend Yacht Club, 2503 Washington Street. Prizes will be awarded at 6:00 p.m. for the best decorated boats.

Other local holiday events include:

- ◆ Dec. 6, 2-4:00 p.m. - NW Maritime Center & Wooden Boat Foundation Open House at the Cupola House in Point Hudson.
- ◆ Dec. 6 - Gallery Walk
- ◆ Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.-EJFR holiday marionette show at Cape George fire hall.
- ◆ Dec. 10-14 - Key City Public Theater's annual holiday show "A Golden Age Radio Christmas". A festive evening of music and laughter featuring 1940's style radio ads.
- ◆ Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Port Townsend Community Orchestra Christmas Concert at the Chimacum High School Auditorium.
- ◆ Dec. 15-23 - Extended Merchants' Hours

For locations and information on these and other events during this holiday season, visit www.ptguide.com or www.ptmainstreet.org or contact Main Street at 385-7911.

Collectible historic PT ornaments are on sale in many shops. This is a fundraiser for Main Street and the Jefferson County Food Bank.

Jefferson County Historical Society invites you to First Night

New Year's Eve celebration

Wednesday, December 31, 6-9:00 p.m.

Historic City Hall

540 Water Street

Help Jefferson County Historical Society bring in the New Year with a family-oriented, alcohol-free festival focusing on the art, culture and heritage of our community. Events will include entertainment, fireworks, music and dancing in and around our historic City Hall.

