

City of Port Townsend



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from **Mayor Michelle Sandoval**

The City Council recently took the latest collaborative step in a long term partnership with the Northwest Maritime Center: finalizing the acquisition for a public access easement.

We believe by investing in our maritime culture and our public waterfront, we are also pursuing an economic strategy. By investing in our history, we're making way for our future. This acquisition will assure the waterfront is easily accessible and kept in perpetuity for generations to come.

In June 2008, the City Council approved a \$7.5 million bond for streetscape improvements and public access dedication. One million of this money was earmarked for the property at the end of Water Street and includes downtown tourism infrastructure improvements, Pope Marine upgrades, a waterfront esplanade, wave gallery relocation and a visitor plaza.

Past councils have made similar investments with an eye to future educational, recreational and tourism opportunities. These include partnerships to fund the McCurdy Pavilion, Marine Science Center and Port Townsend Community Center.

"From the very beginning this has been a partnership between the City, Port and the Maritime Center," said Stan Cummings, executive director for the Northwest Maritime Center. "Last year, the Port of Port Townsend rebuilt the Marina. In November, the City removed the forest of telephone poles and wires at the end of Water Street. With the completion of the Northwest Maritime Center and the streetscaping improvements on Water, Monroe and Quincy Streets, the remaking of the east end of town will be all but complete."

The City has identified a series of actions and projects to help position the community for sustained economic success with a three-year capital investment strategy to grow from three core economic anchors—maritime heritage (downtown), upper Sims Way and Howard Street, and Fort Worden. (Projects include road and sidewalk improvements, tourism and infrastructure improvements and waterfront access improvements.)



Plan Ahead! Transportation Solutions May 1 through June 12



The Hood Canal Bridge WILL CLOSE at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 1.

During the six week closure, your options for transportation to the other side will be:

- Drive around via SR 101
- Walk on to the water shuttle
- Fly from JeffCo International Airport

www.Jeffconnections.com is a comprehensive source for transportation and event news. Links are provided to transportation options and essential bridge closure information.

Beginning Monday, March 2, WSDOT's Customer Service will offer water shuttle information at (888) 808-7977. Call this number with questions about routes, timing of transit connections and policies.

Jefferson Transit offers schedules at locations around town and on their website at www.jeffersontransit.com.

WSDOT Medical Bus - a fare-free reservation based service. This special bus service will pick patients up at the Lofall water shuttle dock for transport to Kitsap County locations. This program is intended for people with scheduled, life-sustaining treatments, not emergencies or regular medical check-up appointments. For information or reservations, call (877) 595-4222 or visit the project website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR104HoodCanalBridgeEast/Closures/medicaltransportation.htm

Ridesharing - Commuters can seek fellow carpoolers or vanpoolers for their daily work, school commutes or for one-time events such as a concert or ball game by calling (888) 814-1300 or visiting their website at www.rideshareonline.com.

At the airport, you can schedule a flight with Goodwin Aviation (360) 531-1727, Island Air (360) 378-2376 or Rite Brothers (800) 430-7483.

Local businesses are making plans to help service your essential and recreational needs. Remember, it's a great opportunity to Shop Local!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Citizen Advisory Board Recruitment**

The City of Port Townsend is seeking interested citizens to fill volunteer positions on the following advisory boards/committees/commissions. All advisory groups have either vacancies or members with terms expiring on May 1. Appointments are generally for three years. City residency or employment within the City is a requirement for most positions.

- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Design Review Advisory Committee
- Historic Preservation Committee
- Library Advisory Board
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission



Please check at www.cityofpt.us for more information on the citizen advisory groups that interest you (go to "Council" and then "Boards and Commissions") and to download an application form. You may also pick up a form at the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall, 250 Madison Street or call 379-5083 to request an application. Citizen advisory boards are a vital part of our local government and we welcome your interest.

E-Cycle Washington Program



Jefferson County residents can now recycle TVs, computer CPUs and monitors for FREE at Goodwill, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., located at 602 Howard St.

Making sure electronics like televisions do not end up in the garbage, in landfills and ultimately in the environment, is the one way to protect people from the serious health effects of toxic chemicals and heavy metals. If your old TV still works and is in good condition, someone else may be able to use it. There are several other ways to pass on electronic items for reuse:

- ◆ Contact charities or non-profits
- ◆ Sell or recycle your item
- ◆ Use an online website such as FreeCycle <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JeffersonCoFreecycle/>

Whatever you decide to do with your computer, it is recommended that you remove all information before recycling, donating, or selling it.

March Is Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Colon cancer is 90% curable when detected early. Which means you have the power to do something about it. www.preventcancer.org

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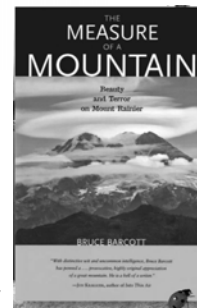
COMMUNITY READ

2009

BRUCE BARCOTT

The Measure of a Mountain

BEAUTY AND TERROR ON MOUNT RAINIER



Informal discussion groups throughout March at various locations. For additional information contact the Library or www.cityofpt.us/library.

- March 7, 5:30 *Mountain Art Exhibit Opening* - Northwind Arts Center
- March 7, 7:30 *PT Shorts* - Pope Marine Park Bldg.
- March 12, 7:00 *Jordan Hartt, Literary Critic* - PT Library
- March 15, 12:30 *Film - A Restless Giant: The Everchanging Nature of Mount Rainier* - Rose Theatre
- March 19, 7:00 *Hiking in the Mountains and Trail Mix Contest* - Wilderrest
- March 22, 1:00 *Mountain Identification Walkabout, stories and singalong* - Fort Worden Kitchen Shelter
- March 26, 7:00 *Meet the Author, Bruce Barcott* - PT High School Auditorium

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**Friends of the Port Townsend Library
Used Book Sale**

**Saturday, March 14
Port Townsend Community Center**

Members of the Friends are admitted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and the public is invited from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Folks can join or renew their membership to the Friends of the PT Library at the door.

**The SmileMobile for children is coming to
Port Townsend March 16 - 20, 2009**



For information and to schedule an appointment for your child, contact Barb at Public Health 385-9432.