

City of Port Townsend



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from **Mayor Michelle Sandoval**

For our small business community, summer is its prime time and we all revel in the long warmer days. The Hood Canal bridge closure and the economic downturn made it tough on many of our cherished small businesses. With that in mind, I would like all of us to consider the benefits of the walkability of our town. Many of our citizens enjoy the walking opportunities that PT provides both for health reasons and the social interludes a long walk brings. The shopping is great too. I like to see what's changing in the window displays, check out the new inventory and actually get a kick out of the conversations the visitors are having about our town.

I have talked to several business owners who ask that we try to be considerate of the parking spaces provided along our streets in front of businesses. So I'll ask: Is it possible, if we are going to be downtown or uptown for several hours that we walk there or park at the longer term parking and walk from store to store while we do our errands? Sometimes we don't think about our business neighbors when we put our cars in front of a business and leave them for hours on end. It is a perfect opportunity to get in a bit of exercise walking to and from our cars while the longer daylight hours mean that at the end of the day we don't need to walk back to our car in the dark.

Downtown and uptown have a variety of "longer term" parking areas; it would be great if we could consider our small business owners during their prime season, get a few more steps in to help our waistline and enjoy the small talk of our neighbors by getting out of our cars!

Thank you for your community mindedness.

Main Street's Sizzling Summer Sidewalk Sale Sept. 5-7



Main Street invites you to this last blast of summer fun! Enjoy outdoor music, horse and carriage rides, and super sidewalk sales over Labor Day Weekend. More details to come—see www.ptmainstreet.org for event updates. Thanks for shopping locally!

Live City Council Meetings



You may watch City Council meetings live via web streaming and review all Council packet materials on line, thanks to the City's new Granicus technology package. Videos and packets may be accessed from the home page www.cityofpt.us by clicking on "City Council Streaming Media Archive." The archive page contains Council meeting videos, agendas and packets as well as minutes after they are approved.

The live web stream is available during the Council meetings and is posted to the site the morning following the meeting. By viewing the agenda, you can click directly to the section of the meeting you want to watch, and you can also search one meeting or all meetings by entering key words.

Each Council member has a touch screen at their desk where they can view the documents being discussed, queue up to be recognized by the presiding officer, make and second motions, vote, and observe the speaker timer.

To access the Council packet before the meeting, look in "Upcoming Events" on the streaming page, and click on "Agenda" when it appears. Documents are linked to the agenda. The system has enabled the Clerk's office to generate half as many hard copy packets and that number will decrease as staff and elected officials become comfortable with the paperless system. It is estimated that fewer copies will also be made in response to public records requests for items that can now be easily accessed electronically.

Numerous City documents are also available on the web by using the "Online Documents" link on the home page. Please contact the Clerk's office 379-5045 or (pkolacy@cityofpt.us) if you have questions or suggestions.

Japanese University Students to Visit Port Townsend



Six Japanese university students would like to stay in homes in the Port Townsend area this summer from August 29-September 5. Anyone interested in hosting a student may call Catherine McNabb (379-5089) at the City of Port Townsend for more information.

City Construction Projects

City staff has been busy with the following:



- ◆ **Water Street Improvements at Northwest Maritime Center**
July 22 – August 21 -
Monroe St. will be closed from Water St. to Washington St.
Water Street & Jackson Street will be open until October 5.
Boat Ramp is open to the public during weekends. During the week please follow the flaggers instructions.
- ◆ **Visitor Plaza (Cotton Building)**
Design complete
Bid advertisement August 10.
- ◆ **Wave Viewing Gallery**
Design complete
Bid advertisement pending Corps of Engineers release
- ◆ **Balance of Downtown Streetscape Design**
90% complete and under city review.
- ◆ **Upper Sims Way**
Bid opening occurred July 23
Work to begin around September 15



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These accomplishments represent years of effort and investment by many volunteers and staff as we pursue the vision for our community contained in the City's Comprehensive Plan.



Library Happenings

August 7 from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m., come join us at Chetzemoka Park for the closing of our summer programs. Bring a picnic lunch and the Library will provide games and rootbeer floats!



OlyCAP presents: A Free First Time Home Buyer Class



A free class for first time buyers navigating the home purchase process is offered by OlyCAP and Homeward Bound. Open to all, the free six-hour class helps folks looking to purchase a home and provides information about the new \$8,000 home buyer tax credit.

Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m. in Pope Marine Park Building, downtown Port Townsend. To register contact OlyCAP at 360-385-2571 x 6303.

Main Street Small Business Roundtable Breakfast August 26, 8:30 a.m. Public House Restaurant



“Building Safety and Energy Efficiency “

Business owners and staff, property owners, and residents are invited to meet with Fire Chief Chuck Tandy and hear an update of the East Jefferson Fire Rescue “Downtown Thursdays” program. The goal of the program is to familiarize firefighters with the layouts of the buildings and businesses in the downtown and uptown historic districts so they can be as knowledgeable as possible in advance should an emergency arise.

Larry Berdan, Manager of Residential and Commercial Generation with Puget Sound Energy will present an overview of information and issues involved in the installation of generators for your business. *All attendees will receive free CFL's from PSE's Project Porch Light Program, while supplies last.*

Complimentary coffee and muffins will be served. RSVP to admin@ptmainstreet.org or call the Main Street office at (360) 385-7911. For more information, go to www.ptmainstreet.org.

What is JeffConnections.com?

JeffConnections.com is a business-to-business Web site created by the Port Townsend/Jefferson County Leader in partnership with the City of Port Townsend and the Chamber of Commerce.



It provides increased communication among private businesses, non-profits and government agencies. There's a master calendar that includes approximate numbers of people that may be visiting our local businesses each day, providing a useful tool to assist in planning for staffing needs and inventory levels.

JeffConnections has information links for everything from tax forms to permit applications, green resources, visitor resources - all this plus networking tools with forums, blogs, photos and videos.

When a business signs up they can create a profile which will populate the new Way Finding Quick Response Codes that can be used not only for visitor information, but for public safety.

To find out more, register your business at www.JeffConnections.com and/or come to the Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday, August 3 at noon at The Commons at Fort Worden for a full tutorial.