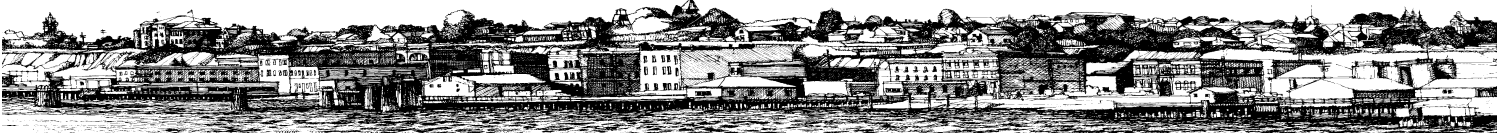


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## *Happy Thanksgiving*

from Mayor Catharine Robinson  
and City Manager David Timmons



Due to the holidays, City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day, and Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. This Newsletter will inform you about some of our community's holiday happenings and we wish you a safe and warm Thanksgiving Holiday.

We encourage you to vote in the November 8 election. Your ballot must be submitted in the County Courthouse or postmarked by Tuesday, November 8 because it is an all mail-in election. For your convenience there is a drop box in the rear parking lot of the County Courthouse that will be available up until 8:00 that evening. Every vote counts so fill yours out today!



### **SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (SMP)**

On Thursday, October 20, Judy Surber, Senior Planner, and Jeff Randall, Director of Long Range Planning, conducted a Public Hearing before the City Council for the Shoreline Master Program Update (SMP). Assisted by the Shoreline Advisory Group and the Port Townsend Planning Commission, the SMP Update is the culmination of four years of dedicated work by Ms. Surber and Mr. Randall.

The SMP is intended to provide for environmental protection, appropriate development and public access of our shorelines which include Port Townsend Bay, Admiralty Inlet, Strait of Juan de Fuca, Kah Tai Lagoon and Chinese Gardens Lagoon. The Draft version (available on the web and hard copy at the Library, Clerk's Office and DSD) will undergo another series of input and the continuation of the public hearing. Join us for an open public meeting on November 17 in the Cedar Room of the Waterman & Katz Building at 6:30 PM.

Thank you Judy and Jeff for a job well done!

### **LIBRARY EVENTS: SCRIBE TO SCREEN RETURNS!**

Last year readers and film buffs were treated to the steaming tropics of Indonesia for "The Year of Living Dangerously" – this year a complete change of pace will transport the audience to a small, dry Texas town in the mid-1950's with Peter Bogdanovich's "The Last Picture Show."



This highly acclaimed film, based on the 1966 novel by Larry McMurtry, introduces Cybill Shepherd and Jeff Bridges and garnered Academy Awards for Ben Johnson and Cloris Leachman. Other great performances round out the film, which also features Ellen Burstyn, Timothy Bottoms, Eileen Brennan and Randy Quaid. The film, an evocative and bittersweet slice of life, was shot on location in McMurtry's home town of Archer City, Texas.

**The film begins at 12 noon (box office opens at 11:30) at the Rose Theatre on Sunday, November 6.** Tickets are \$12, and are on sale now at the Port Townsend Library and Quimper Sound. Any unsold tickets will be available at the box office. The event benefits the Friends of the Library and the Port Townsend Film Festival. Paperback copies of the novel are available locally at The Imprint Bookstore.

Following the screening, popular PTFE guest and film critic Robert Horton and literature professor Wesley Cecil will lead a Q & A. Guests are then invited to adjourn to the Upstage Restaurant for fifties style refreshments to continue the conversation about how the written word is transformed on the screen.

To get into the mood for the novel and film, visit the Port Townsend Historical Society's retrospective exhibit of "Port Townsend in the Fifties." Historian Steve Levin will present a slide show and talk about classic movie palaces at the PT Library on the evening of November 9.



Photo by Mark Raney

Mayor Catharine Robinson and Assistant Fire Chief Tom Aumock uncoupling a fire hose during the official open house for the new Fire Station No. 81 held October 8.

**Port Townsend Employee Safety and Health Committee—by Jay Tjemslund, Equipment Operator, Street/Sewer/Stormwater**

The purpose of the City's Employee Safety and Health Committee is to maintain a safe and efficient workplace. Responsible employees representing each city department were selected by their supervisors to be part of this committee.

Safety is our number one priority. In the daily work schedule, there are constant safety concerns that could result in injury to employees, the general public and damage to property.

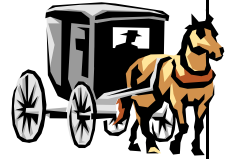
Effective June 1, 2005, the Safety and Health Committee announced a new incentive program. Every six months, the accident record of each city department will be reviewed and an award will be given to each department that has had no safety incidents or accidents in the previous six months. The Safety and Health Committee expects to have the first awards presented at a City Council meeting in January 2006.



**Main Street's Holiday Happenings Celebrate our "Home Town Spirit"**

*"Home Town Holiday Raffle" \$2000 Town Dollar Jackpot Kicks Off November 1 !!* For every \$10 purchase between November 1 and December 3 at 12 noon, you will receive one raffle ticket that will be entered in the drawing. You must be present to win the \$2000 Town Dollar prize on December 3 at the Community Tree Lighting. There will also be runner up prizes.

*Merchants' Holiday Open House, Saturday, November 26.* Get a jump on holiday shopping and visit the many charming shops to find one-of-a-kind gifts. In-store promotions, refreshments, caroling on the street, and horse and carriage rides will add to the festive atmosphere. Merchants will stay open until 7 PM on November 26 and also December 14 through December 23.



*Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, Saturday, December 3 from 5:00 PM —7:30 PM.* Share our holiday spirit as we gather for entertainment and the \$2000 Town Dollar drawing at Haller Fountain.

Victorian Holiday Celebrations in Port Townsend are sponsored by the Port Townsend Main Street Program, the City of Port Townsend Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), and participating merchants.

For a holiday events flyer, call 385-7911; email [ptmainstreet@olympus.net](mailto:ptmainstreet@olympus.net); or, visit [www.ptguide.com/mainstreet](http://www.ptguide.com/mainstreet).

**FARMERS MARKET**  
**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING**  
**HOLIDAY MARKET**

When: Saturday, November 19  
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Uptown on Tyler Street

- November is Good Nutrition Month.
- November 3—Sandwich Day
- November 7—Hug-a-Bear Day
- November 8—Election Day
- November 15—America Recycles Day
- November 17—Homemade Bread Day
- November 21—World Hello Day



**HOME CHECKS**

If you are planning on being away for the holidays, the Police Volunteers will check on your home. Stop by the Police Station to fill out a form that will let them know when you will be gone and for how long.

For more information about this program, call the Police Department at 385-2322 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

