

City of Port Townsend



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From Mayor Michelle Sandoval

As we move into fall and election season, I want to remind everyone to vote in November. It is our responsibility as citizens. In addition, I want to urge our citizens to think about volunteering for one of our many advisory boards. It is another way to become active in your government and in your community.

I found that being on an advisory board is quite fulfilling. My first involvement ever with local government was on the Port Townsend Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board, which wrote our trail plan many years ago and I still find satisfaction in knowing I participated in creating a plan that is being implemented throughout the City.

At a time in our country in which many citizens are frustrated over the gridlock in our federal government, getting involved locally may surprise you. You can effect change and learn a lot in the process. We welcome community members of all ages and experiences. We currently have the following openings on our boards. Get involved, you will love it!

Current Citizen Advisory Board Openings:

Planning Commission
Arts Commission
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
Non Motorized Transportation Advisory Board
Parks Recreation and Tree Advisory Board

Applications are available in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall, 250 Madison St., Port Townsend, WA 98368. Call 379-5083 to request an application form or download from www.cityofpt.us/CityCouncil/Boards&Commissions.

Most appointments require a three-year commitment. City residency or employment within the City is a requirement for most positions. Vacancies open until filled.

Sign Code Revisions in Effect

After three years of public process, the City Council approved revisions to the Sign Code (Ordinance 3012) on September 7, 2010 which came into effect on September 22, 2010.



Staff is committed to actively informing the business community about the code changes. Staff will first meet with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street to discuss revisions and the proposed enforcement strategy, and then visit business owners in the following areas:

1. **Upper Sims Way to Haines Street** – Beginning September 27, 2010
2. **Historic District** – Beginning October 25, 2010

Beginning in January 2011, business owners in other areas will be contacted with information about the new regulations.

What does this mean for your business?

Staff will be reviewing existing files to identify legally permitted signage. If you are a business with a legally established sandwich board sign in the Historic District, staff will need current proof of liability insurance. All signs must be in good repair and function. If you have a sign, you may want to check your records for your sign permit. If you cannot locate your sign permit, need more information, or have sign questions please contact Suzanne Wassmer at 385-0644 or swassmer@cityofpt.us.

Copies of the revised sign code are available on line – go to the City's home page at www.cityofpt.us through the Council tab and to the Ordinance section (Ordinance 3012). Stay tuned for future sign workshops with tips on how to make signage work for your business.



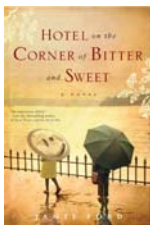
Port Townsend Library - October events

Join us as we settle in for the fall season. A complete listing of the October calendar is available at <http://PTPublicLibrary.org> which includes our long-standing favorites:

Teen Writers	Family Story Hour
Book Baby Lapsit	Book Lovers Café
Wobblers Story Time	Fiber Frenzy

And of special interest on **Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.**

Jamie Ford, a New York Times Best Selling Author, is coming to talk and sign his book "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet". It is a tender and realistic portrait of pre-war Seattle.



WAVE Food Drive (What A Valuable Experience)



Saturday, October 23 there will be a food drive to benefit the Port Townsend, Quilcene and Tri-Area Food Banks.

Drop off your non-perishables by **noon** at a sponsoring church, organization, or QFC. A list of drop off sites will be in both the PDN and the Leader as we get closer. There will also be a paper bag in the Leader on Wednesday, October 20, just for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Thinking of quitting smoking or chewing tobacco?

It's the perfect time to prepare for the upcoming **Great American Smoke Out November 18, 2010.**

Make this your last year smoking or chewing.
Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

A free service of WA State Dept. of Health

Main Street News!

Main Street invites you & your girlfriends to **Giddy Up to Girls' Night Out**
Thursday, October 7, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

- Special Sales & Treats
- Demos & In-Store Events...Many Shops Open Later
- Join in the Cowgirl fun and wear your Western get-up
- Door prizes at the wrap-up party at 8 p.m. at The Upstage, 923 Washington St. \$5 donation at the door.

Merchant Breakfast

Thursday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. The Public House

Stand By for the Port Townsend Family Portrait

This year is very special. This Family Portrait will highlight our state's newest ferry, the Chetzemoka. It's a great opportunity for community members to come together and pose for posterity in front of the vessel that will serve our community for many years to come.

Low Interest Loans Available to Rehab Commercial Buildings in Port Townsend's Historic Districts Fall HUD Loan Deadline October 27.

16TH ANNUAL Main Street Downtown Trick or Treat & Costume Parade

- Takes place on Halloween Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m. Preschool through 6th graders are invited to gather at 3:45 p.m. under the Bank of America clock.



PLEASE NOTE:

Water St. is closed to traffic from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Madison St. to Polk St. for this event.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(8 a.m. for Members of the Friends)
Community Center Uptown



Flu Vaccines Arriving Early This Year

Unlike recent years, influenza vaccines are arriving in clinics earlier this fall. Those with certain health conditions or who are close contacts of young or vulnerable people are strongly urged to get the yearly shot as soon as possible. Women at any stage of pregnancy and everyone over 6 months of age are also encouraged to get a flu shot. Below is a list of area clinics. **Please call for dates, times and method of payment** or go to the County's website at www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org for more information.

Jefferson County Public Health
385-9400

Jefferson Medical and Pediatric Group
385-4848

Olympic Primary Care
379-8031

Madrona Hill Urgent Care
Port Townsend 344-3663
Port Ludlow 437-9990

Port Hadlock Medical Care
379-6737

Port Townsend Family Physicians
385-3500

QFC Pharmacy
Port Hadlock 385-1900

Safeway Pharmacy
385-2860