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New 'Welcome to Kingston' reader board

It's a dream that for some has been at least a decade in the making. On Sept. 21, the last obstacle to building Kingston's long-awaited electronic reader board sign was cleared when the county issued its final approval.

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new sign is a credit to the perseverance and passion of community volunteers with a vision," said Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder.

The sign is expected to be completed and in service in time for this year's holiday season.

The two panels on the new \$40,000, L-shaped reader board sign on the corner of

Lindvog and Highway 104 will face traffic both coming and going. Each panel will feature a seven-foot-wide by 41-inch-tall color led display that can be programmed remotely.

It all started with a need for blood, said Kingston resident Jon Sole, who is credited by many with being the driving force behind the new sign.

Back in 2007 or so, Sole oversaw the Rotary Club of Kingston-North Kitsap blood drives.

"And, as far as getting publicity out, the only place you could advertise back then was on an old ... monstrosity [of a sign] on the old community center. With that old sign, you could only get one message out a month, and it would take another month before someone would take the old one down and put a new one up,"

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Art: Hanson Signs

Sole recalled. "With our new electronic sign, we will be able to display numerous events simultaneously, one after another ... All of the small clubs need that so they can let the rest of the town know what they're about."

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New Port office addition ribbon cutting is Dec. 2

Homeland Construction Co., Inc. owner Rick Lanning says he and his crew are on track to complete construction of the new Port office addition on time.

Photo: Terry Asla



There will be something extra to celebrate at the Kingston Cove Christmas Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2: Kingston Chamber of Commerce members, Port commissioners and Port staff and tenants will cut the ribbon and officially open the newest addition to the Port of Kingston: a 950 square-foot addition to the front of the Port's administration building.

"It's all about the customer experience, from ADA accessibility, to convenience and new technology," said Port Executive Director Jim Pivarnik. "Ground floor convenience is very important for our customers."

The work, which began Sept. 1, is being done by Homeland Construction Co., Inc. at a cost of \$167,000.