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## Christmas lights seeking volunteers

On Feb. 28, Port staff finished taking down the Kingston Cove Christmas lights and inventorying, and storing them away.

Work on new pieces for the 2018 light show starts March 16.

That's when volunteers will start meeting every other week to prepare (and repair) lights for the 2018 show.

That day, the volunteers will have a visitor from Minnesota who is coming to learn how it is done so she can take it back to Minnesota and start a light show there, said Harbormaster Ray Carpenter who in in charge of the annual project.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Carpenter at 360-297-3545 or email [frontoffice@portofkingston.org](mailto:frontoffice@portofkingston.org).

**DON'T MISS!**

**March 3: Northwest Interscholastic Sailing Association South Regionals Sailing competition at Port of Kingston.**

Includes students from Bainbridge Island, Catlin, Central Kitsap, Kingston, Lakeridge, Lincoln, North Kitsap, Olympia, Olympic, Port Townsend, Sequim and Wilson high schools.

## Chamber honors Harbormaster Ray Carpenter as a 'hidden gem'

On Mar. 3, the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce will honor Port Harbormaster Ray Carpenter as a "hidden gem" at its Second Annual Denim and Diamonds Awards Gala at the Village Green Community Center. "Hidden gems" like Ray are folks who voluntarily work behind the scenes to help make our community a better place to live, said Colleen Carey, Chamber director.

Honorees are selected based on nominations the Chamber receives from the community.

**"Ray is the face of the Port"**  
— Jim Pivarnik

"Ray is the face of the Port," said Executive Director Jim Pivarnik. "It's all about how he quietly treats people with love and respect. Most folks know Ray for his role in starting and growing the annual Kingston Cove Christmas Light Show over the past nine years, but he's done so much more than that. Mike Wallace Park is what it is today because of all the years he has spent developing and improving it.

"He's a great guy and a very modest and humble person and he

richly deserves this honor," Pivarnik said.



Harbormaster Raymond Carpenter

## Hit and run driver destroys Port sign

The Port of Kingston sign at the entrance to the parking lot was one-foot thick, two-feet tall, 10-feet long and made of reinforced concrete. That wasn't enough to stop the driver of a heavy-duty pickup from knocking it over and breaking it in two.

Surveillance video showed a dark grey, 1994-1998 GMC or Chevy extended-cab, step-side pickup, ramming the sign, knocking it over and breaking it in two at 11:34 p.m., Jan. 26. The vehicle kept on going into



Parking lot surveillance video of pickup ramming the Port sign

the parking lot. The driver spent about five minutes inspecting his vehicle for damage and then drove off. It is estimated that

replacing the sign will cost about \$7,000. If you have any information, please contact the Port office, 360-297-3545.

# OPC apparent low bidder for the Port's newest park

On Feb. 23, the Port's new Washington Boulevard Park moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

In 2014, a local individual bought the three-quarters-of-an-acre property in downtown Kingston that had once been the site of the Kingston Inn. The buyer, who wished to remain anonymous, deeded the property to the Port to be made into a public park "in perpetuity."

In 2016, the Port secured a \$400,000 RCO grant to build the park. Engineering designs were completed in 2017.

Final permits were approved by the County in January, 2018 and, on Feb. 23, bids were opened to determine the

apparent contractor.

The apparent low bidder was Olympic Peninsula Construction at \$280,227. Other bidders included Vet Industrial, Sealevel Bulkhead Builders, PNW Civil, Nordland Construction and Homeland Construction.

"The final step is to review their bids for completeness and to check references," said Port Executive Director Jim Pivarnik. "Depending on what we find, a contract could be awarded at the Feb. 28 Port Commission meeting."

Until now, the Port has been leasing the property to Diamond Parking on a month-to-month basis.



Plan for the Port's new Washington Park Boulevard calls for gazebo, tables.

Pivarnik expects the park to be done by September if not sooner. When completed, it will link together the Port's other two waterfront parks: Mike Wallace Park on the south above the

marina and SaltAir Beach to the north, on the other side of the ferry parking lot.

"We're the only Kitsap port district that owns this much public waterfront green space. It's very much

the essential core of Kingston and the Port feels very keenly its responsibility to enhance that and grow this area appropriately," said Port Commission President Mary McClure.

## Boat Show report

After several years absence, the Port of Kingston had a booth in the CenturyLink Convention Center at the 2018 Seattle Boat show, Jan. 26 to Feb. 3. During the nine-day run, the booth was staffed by Port employees, along with volunteers from the Kingston Cove Yacht Club.

The KCYC members included Jerry Kirschner, Nancy Langwith, Jack and Robin Lott, Dave and Adella Lucas, Kim and Steve Page, Tom Pickens and Steve and Gloria Young.

Over 500 people entered the Port's raffle. Mikki Leach won the Westside Pizza prize. James Wilhoit, Renton, and Jason Bednarik, Puyallup, won two-nights free moorage and Katy Witherow, Everett, won the grand prize, a stay at the Point casino and Hotel.

## March 9 last day to apply to be a Commissioner

March 9 is the last day to apply to fill the District One Port Commissioner vacancy created when then-Commissioner Bruce MacIntyre unexpectedly resigned Feb. 1.

Whoever is appointed by the remaining two commissioners will serve until the November 2019 elections. The three Commissioners are elected to six-year terms and hold district-specific positions.

The Port's three districts are balanced for population. District One includes the more lightly populated area west and north of the downtown, near Little Boston to the north, Appletree Point to the east and as far west as Ritter Road.

"The new Commissioner, whoever he or she is, will have a remarkable opportunity to help the Port's new management continue rebuild the public's trust and to help assure the

public's wishes are reflected in the decisions the Port Commission makes regarding the Port's extensive shoreline property and greenspaces," said Port Commission President Mary McClure.

Port districts in Washington are special government agencies, governed by an elected commission, that functions independently of other local jurisdictions, such as city and county government, according to the Washington Public Ports Association ([www.washingtonports.org](http://www.washingtonports.org)). Other examples of special districts include the North Kitsap School district and North Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

According to WPPA, port commissions responsibilities include establishing long-term strategies for the port district and creating policies to guide the development, growth, and

operation of the port.

They are also responsible for a port's annual budgets, approving tax levy rates, and hiring the port executive director who is responsible for a port's daily functions.

For more information contact Executive Director Jim Pivarnik, [jimp@portofkingston.org](mailto:jimp@portofkingston.org). The Port of Kingston Commissioners Candidate Packet is available online at <https://portofkingston.org/pok-commissioner-candidate-packet>.

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