

PORT OF KINGSTON NEWS

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MAY 2018

SUMMER SEASON OFF TO GREAT START

This is going to be a great season for locals and visitors if attendance at the first two events of the summer is any indication.

The May 5 opening day of Farmers Market featured 27 vendors and the May 12 Farmers Market, held in conjunction with Kingston Cove (almost) Summer Fest, offered five food trucks. Organizers and vendor representatives estimate the May 12 event drew over 2,000 visitors.

Kingston High School Swim Team and Football Team volunteers did a fabulous job helping out, including surveying 799 visitors that day. The survey



results indicate about one-third of the attendees were local, one-third were from elsewhere in Kitsap

County, and the final one-third of the visitors came from outside Kitsap County.



Left: Big crowds, great food. Above: Children enjoyed building toy wooden boats. Port photos

Music, brewfest, food and the Fourth of July in Mike Wallace Park

Here's a calendar of events that will be taking place in the Port's Mike Wallace Park between now and Labor Day:

Kingston Farmers Market:

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturdays, June 2 to Oct. 27. Info: www.kingstonfarmersmarket.com.

Fifth Annual Kiwanis Brewfest and Benefit Concert:

5-9 p.m., June 9. Help support Kiwanis youth programs in the Kingston area. Info: greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com.

Kingston Cove Summer Concerts

5:30 p.m. Beer and Wine Garden and food vendors open; 6-8

p.m. live music. Info: www.kingstonchamber.com/calendar.

- July 7—The Blue Rhinos.
- July 14 – Danny Vernon.
- July 21 – Soul Sirens.
- July 28 – The Relics.
- August 4 – The Weavils.
- August 11 – Sister Mercy.
- August 16 – Cannon & The Lion of Judah.
- August 25 – Betsy & The Boys.

Kingston Fourth of July: Over 100 years of celebrating our nation's birthday makes this one of the

oldest continuous celebrations in the USA. Info: www.kingston4thofjuly.com. This year, the Port is adding something new to the event.

Building on the tradition of the Port of Kingston's Christmas Lights, some of the trees and gardens in Mike Wallace Park will be lit for the Fourth. Additionally, there will be an animated light sculpture of fireworks as well as giant bottle rockets.

HOW GREEN IS MY PARK

All of these events take place on the 7.5 acres of Port property. This includes some 60,000 square

feet of manicured lawns, trees, and shrub and flower gardens. Keeping it beautiful is the job of Port staff members Steve von Marenholtz, Joe Krogh, Marvin Robles, Greg Anderson, Austin Goff and Ray Carpenter.

"I want the lawn to look like a country club," said von Marenholtz who maintains the lawn surrounding the main stage area.

In addition to transplanting foliage and growing it from seed, this summer the Port has purchased 40 geraniums, 108 petunias, three escalonas, 40 California lilacs, six yew bushes, 40 box woods and 20 hanging baskets.

PORT BRIEFS

Three major construction projects are underway.

Washington Boulevard Park

The Port's newest park is on schedule to be completed by this July.

The components for the 24-foot diameter gazebo have arrived; it will be erected once the concrete slab has been poured. The project was funded with a \$400,000 grant from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office.

Covered moorage

Covered moorage re-roofing will be completed in June. The \$1.1 million project to redo C, D and E docks began last year. It involved laying over an acre of metal roof and siding as well as replacing many of the wooden rafters, joists and timbers. The final step was to install fall protection systems on the roofs and train Port staff on their use.

Passenger ferry terminal

Remodeling the passenger ferry terminal is progressing well. Besides redoing the roof, windows and siding, plans

currently call for also installing heating and air-conditioning systems and remodeling the interior of the terminal.

New Port slogan

Look for the Port's new tagline "West Sound's community port" to begin appearing on Port materials and banners.

"The Port is Kingston's town square where most of our community gathers for special events or just to enjoy the water front green space," said Jim Pivarnik, Port executive director.

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