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Upcoming Events -Mark your calendar!

June 4, 2022 - Kingston Brewfest <https://greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com>

July 29-30, 2022, Kingston Wine and Brewfest www.kingstonchamber.com

Kingston Cove Christmas Wrap-up

Kingston Cove Christmas has been such a success over the years! This year was no exception, and it would not have been possible without the many volunteers. Here are some of the organizations:

Port of Kingston Staff
Kingston Cove Yacht Club
West Sound Pageant
Cookie Creations
Safeway
D'vine Wine

Kingston Ale House
Almost Candid Photo and Frame
Danny & Marsha Vernon
St. Mick's Tree Farm
Mike Slavin
Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary

North Kitsap Fire and Rescue
KCYC Chorus
Kingston Chamber of Commerce
North Kingston HS Honor Society
Kingston High School Jazz Band
Port of Kingston Moorage Customers

Thank you from all of us at the Port of Kingston!

About the Port



Laura Gronnvoll,
Commissioner District 3



Steve Heacock
Commissioner District 1



Mary McClure
Commsioner District 2



Greg Englin
Executive Director

The Port of Kingston services 4498 District Voters. The mission of the Port of Kingston is to enhance the economic and social well-being of the Port District Residents by support of the economy, and by providing a waterfront facility for recreation and leisure activities.

262 Slip Marina	335 Parking Spots	Mike Wallace Park	Golf Course & Casino
49 Slip Guest Dock	WSF & Kitsap Transit Ferry Terminals	West Kingston Road Park	Retail Shops
2 Launch Ramps	Kingston Cove Yacht Club	North Beach Park	Restaurants
Non-Ethanol Fuel Dock	Fishing Pier	Kingston Kiwanis Park	Bike Trails & Cycling

Sewing what matters today with a view for tomorrow.



NEWSLETTER

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What is an Industrial Development District?

The Port of Kingston has an important role in sustaining the economic health of Kitsap County. A central purpose of the Port is to create economic development and provide employment opportunities that strengthen the local economy. Port infrastructure provides a foundation that supports Kitsap County's marine-related commercial and recreational sectors. The Port also serves as a transportation hub for the Olympic Peninsula.

In recognition of the key economic development role played by port districts, the Washington State Legislature adopted Chapter 53.25 RCW authorizing the establishment of Industrial Development Districts (IDD). Formation of an IDD provides a port district with specific powers, including special additional taxing authority, to facilitate development and redevelopment of lands within the boundaries of the IDD. Chapter 53.25 RCW was originally adopted in 1955 and amended in 1957 to allow multiple levy periods.

The Port of Kingston has never used this statutory authority. The Port Commission established an Industrial Development District (IDD) in the event a Port Commission decides to exercise this authority to issue a levy.

The Port Commission *could* decide to implement an IDD tax pursuant to RCW 53.36.100 to help fund improvements within the newly established IDD. The Commission could authorize a levy of forty-five cents per thousand in assessed valuation (\$0.45/\$1,000) within the port district over a multiyear period. As applied to the Port of Kingston, the formula would enable the Port to collect up to (approximately) \$4.2 million in additional tax revenues, incrementally, over a six-year to twenty-year levy period. *Next Issue: What would this mean to me as a taxpayer?*

Port Project Updates

Public Restroom Replacement

The Port of Kingston established a marina back in 1967. Part of that original project included creation of a public restroom. That building is over 50 years old and is due for replacement. Port staff and our consultant, Marc Horton, submitted for multiple grants to Washington State's Recreation and Conservation Office. The Port received an RCO ALEA grant and a BIG Tier 1 grant totaling \$328K. We will be replacing the restroom in 2022 starting with a Cultural Resources assessment during the First Quarter.

Commercial Development

The Port of Kingston has been working to potentially redevelop the property commonly known as the Tent Pad area located on the corner of SR104 and Washington Blvd next to the WSF toll booths. The Port has submitted a rezoning application, so that all the property is zoned Urban Village Center (UVC) similarly to the adjacent land property in downtown Kingston. This property is designated an Urban Growth Area (UGA). We will be issuing a Request for Qualifications for architectural services for the site. We expect that we will hire an architectural firm to put together additional concepts that the Port commission and the community will comment on. With the resulting concept we would then go to the market to try and secure tenants to commercially develop the site. We look forward to further public involvement and comment! Please visit <https://portofkingston.org/master-plan/> to leave a comment or subscribe to updates.


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