



Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

HUNTS POINT ROAD CONSTRUCTION 3600 Block July 2005

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Local News

Message From Your Mayor

Dear Residents,

Changes and improvements are underway in Hunts Point!

Current projects include reconstructing Hunts Point Road, installing walking paths, new landscaping, and the traffic-circle security cameras. Unfortunately, this is causing construction delays and back ups. The road construction will be substantially complete before school starts this fall with final completion in mid-September and will all look great when it is completed. Thank you for your patience.

Have a great summer! We extend a special welcome to all of our new residents. We hope you attend the Hunts Point events and get involved in this great community.

Sincerely,

Fred McConkey
Mayor

Hunts Pont Road Update

The Hunts Point Road project is progressing well, and residents are impressed with the new concrete half road sections. The new eastern side looks narrow because it is only 40% of the width. The west side will comprise the other 60%, for a 19-foot wide road.

The project was delayed when excavators encountered clay and soft material that had to be dug out and replaced with a compacted-gravel road base. Now that the project has moved out of this soft material, things are progressing more rapidly. The clay delay added a couple of weeks to the length of the project, which is now estimated to be completed fully by about September 15th.

We are doing our best to minimize traffic backups and delays. The traffic problem is made worse by the many landscape trucks with trailers and delivery vehicles that use our roadways. To reduce the impact of these vehicles as much as possible, please schedule your landscapers and other truck deliveries to arrive after 3:00 pm, when the job shuts down and the contractor's equipment is cleared from the street.

The very north end of the road will be completed at the end of the project as we have utility vaults to deal with and a sloped concrete pour. Our goal is to have all of the concrete work completed before school starts. The landscaping will be planted this fall. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call Town Hall at 425-455-1834.

Security Cameras

The security cameras are currently being installed in the traffic circle and should be fully operational by August 1. We expect these cameras to deter crime and help us catch burglars. The last couple of months have been crime free in Hunts Point, and the security cameras will enhance the police's ability to keep us that way!

History of Hunts Point Project

Sarah Decker, our summer intern, is helping us produce a booklet on the history of Hunts Point for our 50th Anniversary. If you have pictures or stories from the early days, please give her a call at Town Hall.

She will also be calling some of you to ask for interviews and to get more information. We are producing a documentary DVD of interviews with long-term residents. Thanks to those that have participated so far. The DVD is going to be excellent!

50th Anniversary Clean-Up Day

The 50th Anniversary Clean-Up Day was a great success. Thanks to all of you that participated, organized and attended the events. Congratulations to Mary Barton, Citizen of the Year, and to Jan Brekke for the Outstanding Service Award.

We appreciate all of the donations that were mailed to cover the expenses the Town could not. In the future, we will raise money by donations before the event, like the Hunts Pt-Yarrow Point Fourth of July celebration. This way we can continue to host high-quality events with budgets based on the actual donations raised.

Tennis Courts

Attention tennis fans! The tennis courts will be refurbished in the spring of 2006, when they will receive a high-quality upgrade.



Milfoil Update

We will be treating Hunts Point waters for milfoil on July 19th. Notices will be posted next week. During this time, you may want to switch off your irrigation system for a couple of days if you pump out of the Lake.

This is the last year of the State subsidy for the Milfoil Test Program. The program has been less successful than we had hoped, mainly because so many other communities do not treat for milfoil, and it drifts into our bays and grows again. Fortunately, our milfoil problem is not nearly so bad as that in Yarrow or Juanita Bays, where no treatment is applied.

Protect Your Vehicle

During the summer months, we often see an increase in number of car prowls. To minimize the opportunities for this activity, we encourage residents to remove all valuables from vehicles and to store vehicles in a locked garage whenever possible. And if you should see any suspicious activity, please call 911 to report it right away.

Current Contact Information for Town Hall

We are updating contact information for all Town residents and converting from our rolodex cards to a Microsoft Outlook database. Please send an email (with your v-card, if possible) to Sue Israel at suei@hunts-point.wa.us or call Town Hall with your name, home address, telephone number, and email.

We find that we are emailing more and more information to residents so having a current email address is very important. This contact information is kept **confidential** at Town Hall.

We also need current information for the Town's Emergency Preparedness Plan, which the Planning Commission is working to complete for use in the event of an emergency. Let us know if you are a doctor or know first aid so your talents can be listed in this important Plan.

Staff changes

We welcome back Joe Willis as Project Engineer on the Hunts Point Road construction and landscaping project. Joe is Public Works Director at the City of Medina and has contracted with the Town to oversee our road and engineering projects. Joe has done an excellent job for Hunts Point for the past five years.

Sue Ann Spens has joined us on a part-time basis to handle our accounting and finance records, community relations, web page updates and technology upgrades. She is a Stanford graduate and was formerly the Clerk-Treasurer of Yarrow Point. She is now a full-time Mom and a part-time employee with Beaux Arts and Hunts Point.

Jack McKenzie is Town Administrator, and Sue Israel is part-time Deputy Clerk in charge of the Building Permit Process. They both continue to do an excellent job in serving our residents.

Town Elections

This November is an election year. Positions up for election and the incumbents are Mayor, Fred McConkey; Council Position #1, Jeri Boettcher; Council Position #3, Ted Frantz; and Council Position #5, Jeff Wright. We believe all of these people will file for re-election, but we always welcome all residents to run for election and get involved in our local government.

Registration week is July 25 – 29 at the King County Court House, 5th floor. Mail-in filing is also available. If interested, please contact Town Hall or King County Elections for further information.

We also have openings on the Planning Commission and the Wetherill Nature Preserve Board. These positions are appointed by the Mayor. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Town Hall.

Return Address Hunts Pt, WA 98004

Just a reminder: We encourage all residents to please change your home address from Bellevue, WA 98004 to **Hunts Point, WA 98004**.

If your address reads *Hunts Point* rather than *Bellevue*, the Town receives 1% of the 8.6% state sales tax on all retail purchases delivered to your home. If it reads *Bellevue*, then Bellevue gets our sales tax money. We currently estimate that the Town is losing \$50,000 to \$100,000 in sales tax revenue to Bellevue, due to this.

The address change becomes even more important with new sales-tax streaming legislation, where sales tax revenues from internet sales will be credited to the buyer's city rather than that of the seller.

By making a permanent address change to Hunts Point, you help ensure that the Town receives all of the sales-tax revenue that we should be receiving. That, in turn, helps keep the property-tax levy-rate as low as possible while allowing us to maintain services and our Town's independence.

SR-520 Bridge Update

There is not much news to report on SR-520. Most of the changes and negotiations are taking place on the west side of the lake. The project definition and scope is negotiated and largely completed for the Points Communities. Details can be found at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520bridge/





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