

Spooktacular Halloween Parties!



The Haunted Trail - Costumes optional but encouraged!

Saturday, October 29 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 3858 Hunts Point Road
Light snacks and beverages in a heated tent – adult beverages too!



Town Sponsored Halloween Party At Town Hall

Monday, October 31 – 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Pre Trick-or-Treat party for kids and adults. Pizza, salads, adult and kid beverages will be served. There will be fun, games and a costume contest. Cash donations are welcome to reimburse for pizza and drinks.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with set up and clean up,
call Town Hall at 425-455-1834



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Town Engineer

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Town Planner

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All Residents are Cordially Invited to a

Town Meeting

At Tully's

(on Points Drive)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Free coffee drinks served from 6:30 PM to 6:45 PM

Learn about current events in our Town, offer your opinions to the Mayor, Council, Planning Commission and Staff.

Agenda

6:30 – 6:45 PM Coffee and Social Time

6:45 – 7:00 PM Residents suggest topics to discuss, ask questions, voice concerns and make recommendations to the Town officials

Block Watch, Map your Neighborhood and meet the new Medina Police Chief, Mark Thomas

7:00 – 7:30 PM SR 520 design, traffic and construction updates from the WSDOT and ECC

7:30 – 7:45 PM New Town Hall update; site plan, floor plan, funding and timing

7:45 – 8:15 PM Shoreline Management Plan. Learn about the draft plan through a game show contest with REAL PRIZES!

8:15 – 8:30 PM Summary of Town Priorities



LifeSpring Fall Feast (Formerly Overlake Service League)

The Hunts Point Circle of “LifeSpring” will hold its annual Fall Feast and Fundraiser on:

Wednesday, October 26

From 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Olsons
3001 Hunts Point Circle

All residents are invited to this spectacular venue and party.

For more information, contact Marilyn Herzberg,
call Town Hall at 425-455-1834 for her number or email.

Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Public Hearings

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| Monday, November 7, 2011 | 7:00 pm - Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting and Shoreline Management Plan Public Hearing |
| Monday, November 28, 2011 | 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting and Shoreline Management Plan Public Hearing |
| Monday December 5, 2011 | 7:00 pm - Council Meeting to recommend Shoreline Management Plan to forward to Department of Ecology for review and negotiations. |

To view a summary of SMP click here www.huntspoint-wa.gov.

The main take away with SMP is that if you maintain the docks and bulkheads you have, you will be fine. If you need a new dock, or replace more than 75%, the new rules are much more restrictive.

SR520 Update:

Construction continues on schedule with the SR 520 Eastside Project. WSDOT continues to work with our Town on project details. Recent WSDOT announcements are:

1. The 84th Ave. Westbound HOV on-ramp will remain a two (2) person carpool, as it is today for Hunts Point residents and other HOV's. There was concern that the HOV on-ramp would become a three (3) person carpool, but it will not.
2. The "Roundabout" will have conduit and wiring so traffic meters can be installed at a later date. This will meter cars entering the Roundabout to prevent traffic congestion in the circle.
3. As previously discussed, the HOV lanes will be on the curb side, so Hunts Point residents, and local traffic, can use the HOV lanes to get home.
4. Electronic Tolling is scheduled to begin in December 2011. WSDOT's traffic studies estimate that traffic volume on SR 520 will go down at least 10% once tolls begin. In reality, the initial traffic diversion to I-90 could be much higher. Tolls will ease congestion on SR 520 and on our local streets. Once again, the toll rate is variable, but at peak times the rate is \$3.50 each way with a Good- to-Go Pass, and \$5.00 without. Those without a pass will be mailed a ticket, which will accrue late fees and fines if not promptly paid. Good-To-Go tolling stickers are available on the WSDOT website. <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/goodtogo/contacts.htm>
5. WSDOT has an excellent website with the latest renderings, bridge closure notices and the time lapse videos of weekend construction with 40-60 hours crunched into 3 minutes. The organization and staging is especially amazing in "fast motion". <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520bridge>



New Town Hall

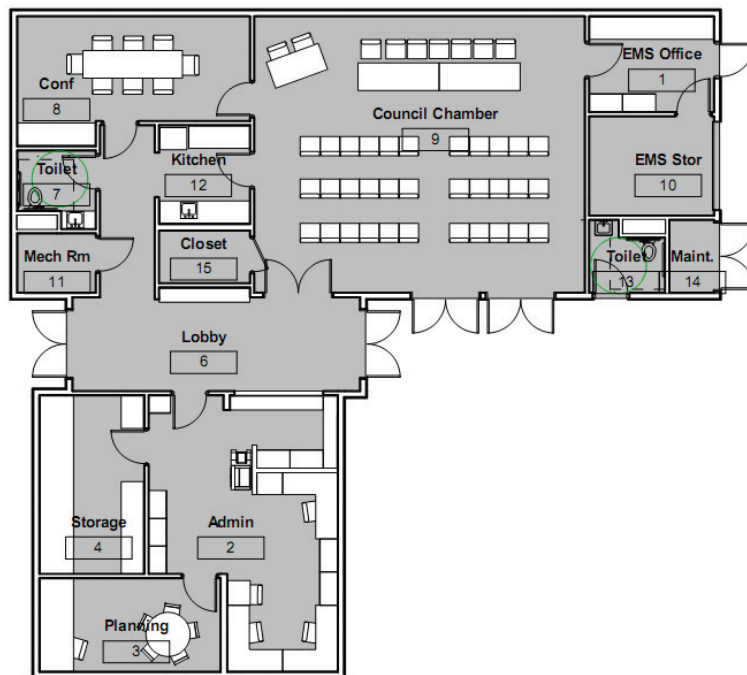
The Town Council decided to build a new town hall at the 2007 Retreat, after the Federal government mandated that all public buildings must be earthquake resistant. This action came after several natural disasters in the United States and worldwide. Our current Town Hall is not structurally reinforced and it has no sheer walls. It would likely go down in a major earthquake. The Hunts Point Town Hall is designated as the Emergency Center Command Post and the Emergency Shelter for Hunts Point and Evergreen Point. The Feds have not given a time line for retrofitting or constructing new public buildings, but the timing is as soon as possible, and hopefully before a major earthquake.

The cost to structurally retrofit our 1,729 s.f. Town Hall is \$450,000.

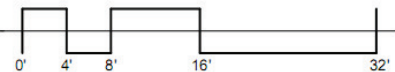
The cost to build a new 2,730 square foot Town Hall is \$920,000.

At the 2007 Town Retreat, the Council decided it would be better to build a new town hall than try to retrofit the old one.

The new Town Hall floor plan is shown below:



① HUNTS POINT TOWN HALL FLOOR PLAN K
1/8" = 1'-0"



Town Finances

Our Town's finances have been amazingly resilient despite the recession. In the past four years, we have saved \$800,000 in the new Town Hall fund. In addition, we still have an additional operating reserve (savings) of \$450,000, and a street fund of \$350,000. Most of the savings for Town Hall comes from the real estate excise tax (REET), which must go to capital projects. This tax is from the sale of homes. We anticipate another \$120,000 in REET income in 2011 - 2012, which will complete our Town Hall funding goal. In 2013, we estimate the operating reserves will also be back up to \$500,000.

In Summary:

Town Hall Cost	\$920,000
Town Hall Fund	<u>\$800,000</u>
2011-12 REET Tax	\$120,000
2011 Operating Reserve	\$450,000
2011 Street Fund Reserve	\$350,000

The Council planned to build the new Town Hall during construction of the 84th Ave Lid, which will be completed by the end of 2013. The entrance to Town Hall will be from the existing traffic circle. Construction prices are still very competitive, and now is a good time to build.

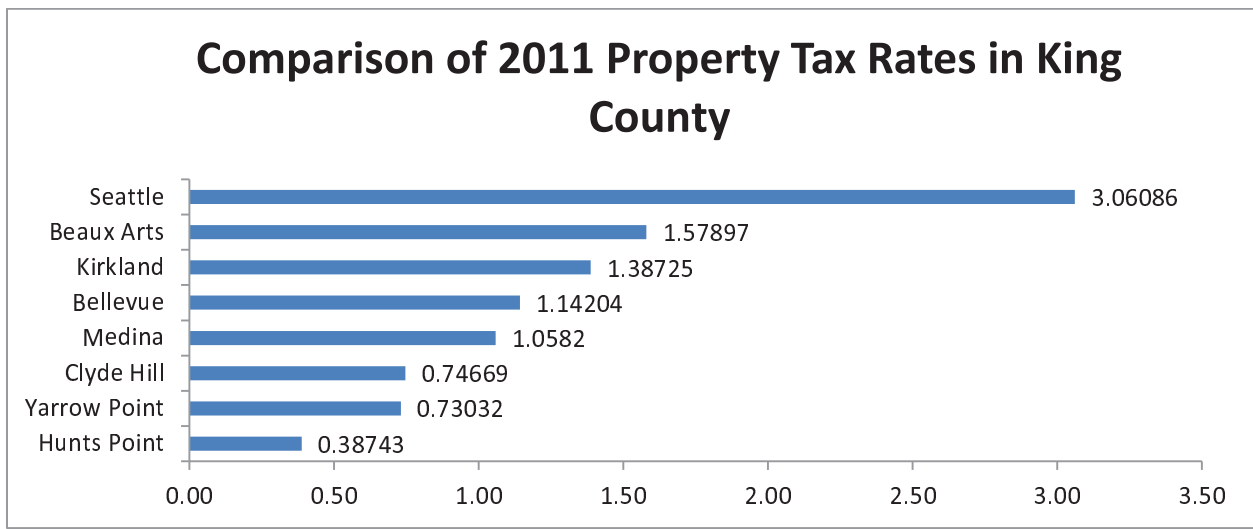
Given the slow economy, the Council and I are looking for confirmation from the residents, that it is still a good idea to build a new Town Hall in 2013, provided the funding targets are met. These topics will be discussed at the Tullys Town Meeting and during Council meetings in 2012. We look forward to your comments. You may email the Mayor with your input at Mayor@huntspoint-wa.gov

Town Taxes

Despite the high number number on your real estate tax bill, Hunts Point residents pay only \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value in real estate taxes, versus \$1.01 per \$1,000 in Medina. We have the third lowest municipal tax rate in the state, right behind Twisp,

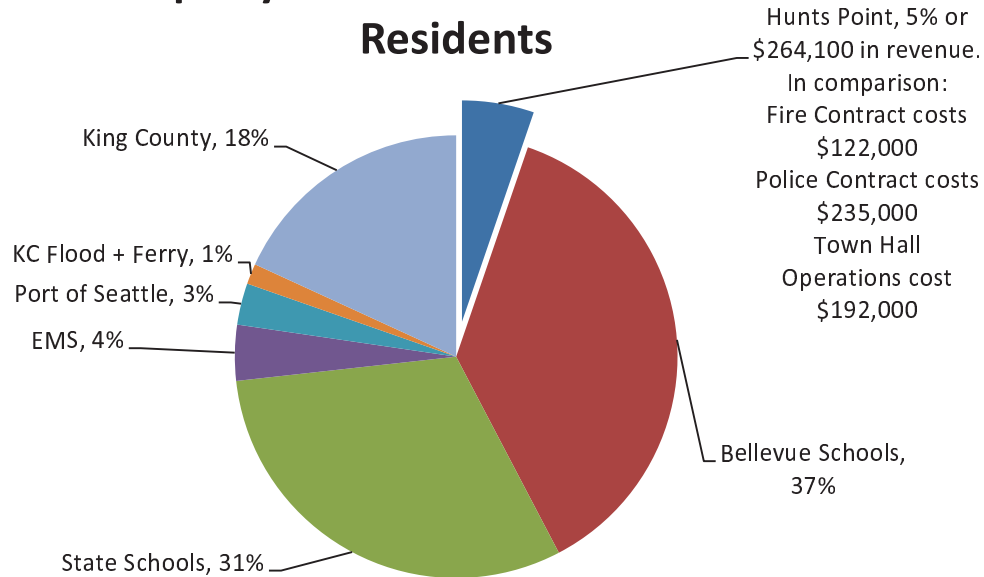
Washington. We are able to maintain this low tax rate because we hire part time retired employees, have no debt, and contract for all town services, including building officials, town engineer, planner, police, fire, utilities and public works. We have found the private sector to be more cost competitive than doing it ourselves, especially given our small scale of government.

This chart shows the property tax rate per \$1,000, compared to our neighbors. We run a very efficient government.



Below is a chart showing where your Property Tax money goes. The Town receives only 5% of your property tax payment.

2011 Property Tax Distribution for Hunts Point Residents



At the December 5th Council Meeting, we will pass the 2012 budget. For a copy of the proposed budget, call Town Hall or attend the meeting.

Sales Tax

The Town of Hunts Point gets 1%, of the 9% state sales tax, on construction work, and on goods delivered to a Hunts Point address. Automobile and boat sales have recently been excluded from sales taxes forwarded to our Town. The best way to help Hunts Point receive your sales tax is to have internet sale items delivered to your home, and to use your zip code extension. Please use Hunts Point, WA 98004-1XXX. You can find your specific zip code extension by clicking on the following link: <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/>. Also, tell your contractor's to include the Hunts Point tax number on billings, the number is 1713.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDER**

Saturday, October 29th is "SHREDDER DAY", as well as "DRUG TAKE BACK DAY", to be held at Medina Park from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your documents to be shredded, as well as any unused prescriptions. They will gladly accept cash or food donations which will go to Hope Link.

COYOTES

Just a reminder that there have been some coyote sightings in Medina, and also around the Cozy Cove area. The coyotes can be heard yelping very early morning, and late at night. Please refrain from leaving foodstuffs and small pets outside.


Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents:

In the next few days, we will have the LifeSpring Party to help Bellevue families in need, as well as two terrific Halloween parties for both kids and adults. We hope to see you at these community events.

On November 9th, we hold our 13th Annual Town Meeting at Tully's. This is a great forum for residents to meet, and to discuss new developments that affect our Town. This year we will discuss the Shoreline Master Plan, SR520 construction, discussion about the new Town Hall, and most importantly, questions, comments, and issues voiced by our residents. Some of our best ideas have come from the Tully's meetings. I hope to see you at these upcoming events.

Sincerely



Fred McConkey
Mayor