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August 2010 From the President



Now that my year as Chamber President is more than half over, I feel it is a good time to review the chamber's accomplishments and see what else is on the horizon. Some of these items may have skipped your notice, but they are all the result of hard work from your chamber committees and volunteers.

First are the "Big Belly" solar compactors in the downtown area which help to keep our downtown clean. Many thanks to the volunteers from local landscaping companies who empty these trash receptacles on a regular basis. Another visual improvement is the hanging baskets on our light poles. A regular crew of community volunteers waters these. And there is also a big covered sign and map in the downtown area listing many community businesses. The reverse side will feature a trails map of our area. The sign, done by S & J Graphics was made possible by the Kingston Stakeholders and erected by Dave Wetter and Rick Lanning.

Have you come down to Mike Wallace Park and the Port of Kingston on a Saturday evening? The Concerts of the Cove summer series has begun with concerts starting at 7:00 on all eight Saturday evenings in July and August. We have expanded from the four concerts in the 2008 & 2009 series, thanks to the generous monetary support of our local sponsors and the Events Committee of the Chamber. Local groups also paid for the sound reflective panels along the back wall of the park, to help contain the concert music so as not to disturb surrounding residents.

Our Chamber now has its own radio spot, hosted by Dr. Tom Lamar and Kingston Chamber Executive Director, Linda Fyfe. Their program highlights all of the activities in our North end communities—Suquamish, Kingston, Eglon, Port Gamble, and Hansville. Listen to it at KITZ

Radio 1400 AM or on the home page of the Chamber of Commerce web site.

Kingston Connection is a new service the Chamber has set up to welcome new residents of the North End communities. Here's how it works: Once a house is sold, real estate agents will inquire if new residents would like a welcome visit from our local chamber representative. A representative of Kingston Connection will call and set up a time for a visit. They will present a "goodie bag" to the new resident filled with a "welcome to Kingston" packet, local newspapers, and small gifts or coupons from local businesses. If you have something that you would like to have distributed in our "goodie bags", please contact Kim Poole at Winderemere Real Estate, 360-297-6420.

So what is left to accomplish? We need to involve more of the businesses located in the downtown area of Kingston with Chamber activities. Sadly, most of the businesses closest to the ferry terminal do not belong to the Kingston Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber works hard to promote all the businesses in the North End, so we all benefit from the Chamber's work. If you have a connection with any of these businesses, encourage them to join the Chamber and help shape the business face of our communities. You'll know which businesses are Chamber members, by looking for the Chamber of Commerce decal on their door. If they have past grievances with the Chamber, tell them it's a whole new ballgame now and we'd like them to join our team.

Join the winning team at The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce. Review our member directory at www.KingstonChamber.com and keep it as a reference. Our membership is enthusiastic about the greater Kingston area and supporting our local businesses. You can only be a voice of business if you all take a part. I look forward to meeting you and working with you on our many chamber projects. We value all of your contributions. Thanks for your support!

Dan Martin
Patchwork Equities LLC
"Investing in a Sustainable Downtown Kingston"
Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce President, 2010
<http://kingstonchamber.com/>

The small town Fourth of July award goes to

I'm, sorry, but I have no photos for today's blog. After all, the "winner" of this week's "exciting" city is not my usual new adopted home, but rather one I thought had no chance of doing well, one which LOOKS so boring as to be impossible to arrange a truly exciting and unique day for its population. I've grown so used to Port Gamble providing me with something to write about, something new and different, that I was totally taken by surprise when I found that it takes a much larger city to pull off a truly fun and wholesome celebration. I'm specifically asking myself, "Is Port Gamble a large enough town to have a July 4th celebration and do it right?" Strike me with lightning for saying it, but it appears to me it is not.

Here's what happened today. Kris and I late this morning (the fourth) went driving around, seeing what the various municipalities of the area do for July 4th. We were hoping to get a comparison between Port Angeles and Port Gamble, but any other comparison might also work, since we assumed we knew which city would come out on top.

First we went to Poulsbo, which HAD its fireworks display on July 3rd, and we found no other activities on their schedule. It's a town about the size of Port Angeles, and thus getting a large percentage of the population organized to come out and be together is difficult. Towns like that can put something on FOR its population, but rarely WITH its population. Its people have too many things they would like to be doing to settle on one good time.

Other towns in Kitsap County had the same problem. If a town can be too big to organize its people, one would have to include Bremerton and Silverdale as well. But we had breakfast in one small town (Kingston) and had watched the citizenry prepare for their fourth of July parade, watched a carnival setting up and taking place, watched the kids riding on ponies, watched the local insurance man set up a cover for his clients in case of rain, and watched the local politicians pack their pockets full of brochures and candy. I had the feeling that if someone lived in Kingston, they were either in the parade or watching it. There was no other choice.

We headed back to Port Gamble, where the town was ... what else can I call it ... deserted. I'd never seen it so dead. The people were gone, perhaps to other events, but gone. There were no illegal firecrackers going off, no kids with burns on their hands going to the hospital, in fact no kids at all.

Thinking back, we could remember seeing lots of people at Kingston, but no where else had we seen crowds. So off we went again, this time to see what the post-parade crowd was doing there. By this time it was 8:30 pm or so, and driving all the way to the city's waterfront we

finally saw a surprising spectacle. The downtown, with its face looking at the waterfront, was filled with people, apparently waiting for the official fireworks display. Now this area is huge, able at other times in the week to hold, it would seem, the entire car population of the area ... HUGE parking lots, all running together, all giving the population an enjoyable place to visit people they hadn't seen for most of the year.

It was like something that only Norman Rockwell could show. Everyone excited, everyone stopping and talking to friends they had known for years, many with SUV'S with the hatch open and either a sleeping child, a cooler full of hamburgers ready to be cooked, or a couple of dogs inside. THIS was small town fourth of July. THIS was clearly fun, and THIS might not necessarily be the best fireworks the town had ever had, but would at least be memorable.

We left, hoping to catch the display in Port Gamble, and even when leaving we saw countless people still heading (walking) toward the waterfront. But we should have stayed. We saw one other couple in Port Gamble that night while we watched the home displays some people across the bay had put on. We weren't disappointed, but we certainly could have seen better elsewhere, especially if that elsewhere had been Kingston.

Is Port Gamble now our No. 2 most favorite place to be? Certainly not, but I can tell you that if I want to see an exciting fireworks display, or families being close like they were fifty years ago, or a parade filled with local politicians making impossible promises, then I'll be at Kingston next year on the fourth of July. It truly was exactly what you would like your children to be doing on the fourth, whether they are ten or eighty. We heard their fireworks display from at least eight miles away, the "thump.... thump" of the rockets exploding reminding me of the "thump ... thump" of the rockets that won us our first fourth of July. And the smiles on the faces of the kids that day had reminded me that it had all been worthwhile, no matter which of the wars we had fought. After all, that's the purpose of Fourth of July celebrations isn't it?

Jerry Cornell, Port Gamble, Washington
<http://paperclipartblog.blogspot.com/>

Jerry is a new resident of Port Gamble, who happened upon the Kingston 4th of July celebration for the very first time this year. He maintains an entertaining blog about life in Port Gamble.

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Calendar of Events

JULY 30 - AUGUST 1

Kitsap Arts and Crafts Festival – Kola Kola Park in Kingston
Art and food booths, entertainment and music abound. Car show on Saturday night. Visit the website at www.KitsapArtsandCrafts.com for schedule of events and more information.

AUGUST 3

Chamber Business Luncheon
Guest Speaker is Captain Eric Osnes, Spirit of Kingston Passenger Ferry Sponsored by Costco 12 noon at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club. \$15 with an RSVP to 297-3813 by Monday, Aug 2, noon, or \$20 at the door. Door prizes to share are much appreciated. Enter your business card into a drawing to be the October Member Spotlight in the Chamber Newsletter. Lunch provided by Little City Catering.

AUGUST 6-7

Paddle Kitsap
Kayak from Port Gamble to Poulsbo in a 2 day paddle through North Kitsap's "String of Pearls." This is an all ages event. Fee: \$175 per person For more information: 360.697.6095 www.paddlekitsap.com

AUGUST 7

Port Gamble Garage Sale
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM One man's castoffs are another man's treasures. Hunt for your own treasures in this town wide garage sale. portgamble@orminc.com 360.297.8074

Concerts on the Cove Series
5 PM @ Mike Wallace Park featuring food vendors and Rotary Beer Garden. Concert begins at 7 PM featuring Balkanarama – Contemporary Balkan Gypsy Party Music. Sponsored by the Law Offices of Gerald A. Kearney, PLLC.

AUGUST 8

Port Gamble 1/2 Marathon
Time: 8:00AM Foot race on the Port Gamble Trails. 1/2 marathon trail. Contact Poulsbo Running for more information and registration. poulsborunning@foxinternet.com www.rootsrockrun.com 360.779.8757

Wool Applique Workshop at Quilted Strait
Time: 12:30PM-3:30PM Every Second Sunday This is your chance to get started working with wool, work on one of the 2009 Wool Block of the Month Projects, finish up old Wool Block of the Month Projects, or start a new wool applique project of your own choosing. \$750/month or \$55.00/year www.quiltedstrait.com

AUGUST 10

Chamber Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 AM @ Little City Catering

AUGUST 11

KINGSTON NETWORKING
Hosted by the Kingston Chamber Ambassadors 8:30 AM @ Cleo's Learning Center. Visit www.KingstonChamber.com for speaker information. Open to the general business public. If you have a business you'd like to promote, please join us for coffee and donuts. Bring lots of business cards. This opportunity is FREE. Chamber Membership Benefits will be discussed as well as Ambassador privileges.

AUGUST 12

Chamber After Hours
Hosted by the Kitsap Bank at Kingston Crossing (Albertsons Mall) 5 – 7 PM A great networking experience. Enjoy meeting new people over refreshments.

AUGUST 14

5th Annual Maritime Music Festival
Time: 12:00PM-5:00PM Between The General Store & The Walker-Ames: The Whateverly Brothers, Broadside, Tugboat Bromberg, Wendy Joseph, Spanaway Bay, Contact: Chris Glanister - (425) 218-5872

Hansville Rummage Sale
Saturday August 14 9 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, August 15, 11 AM – 3 PM @ the Buck Lake Community Center

Concerts on the Cove Series
5 PM @ Mike Wallace Park featuring food vendors featuring Blues Counselors. Sponsored by Rotary

AUGUST 21

Kingston Slug Hunt
9 AM – all day – all over town. Buy your slug hunting license for \$1.00, get a map of the hidden slugs, and hunt for over 100 individually-decorated ceramic slugs all over town. Look in stores, under bushes, beside rocks and in trees. When you've found a slug, you get to keep it. Another license means you could hunt for another slug! Silent Auction for the most creative slugs.

Concerts on the Cove Series
5 PM @ Mike Wallace Park featuring food vendors and Rotary Beer Garden. Concert begins at 7 PM featuring Buz Whiteley Band. Sponsored by Hill Moving Services

AUGUST 25

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AUGUST 28

Coaster Games in Hansville
9am – 4pm @ Benchmark Road in the Sterling Highlands subdivision http://hansville.org/hlog/Current_Edition.pdf

Concerts on the Cove Series
5 PM @ Mike Wallace Park featuring food vendors and Rotary Beer Garden. Concert begins at 7 PM featuring House of Cards. Sponsored by Kiwanis. Enjoy strawberry shortcake and listen to see if YOU won the Mustang! Tickets still available for \$10 each all over town including the Chamber Office.

For more information, July Events Websites:
Kingston - <http://kingstonchamber.com/drupal/>
Hansville - <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=calendar@hansville.org>
Port Gamble - <http://www.portgamble.com/default.asp?ID=91>

ON GOING WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

- Wednesdays **Rotary Lunch** (every Wednesday) 11:30 @ Kingston Cove Yacht Club
- Thursdays **Kiwanis Meeting** (every Thursday) 7 AM @ The Oak Table Café, Kingston
- 1st Tuesday **Events** (Downtown Kingston Association) 4 PM @ Cleo's Learning Center
- 2nd Tuesday **Friends of the Library** 10 AM @ Kingston Library
- 2nd Tuesday **Plus or Minus 50 Singles Night** 6 PM at Cleo's Learning Center
- 4th Tuesday **VILLAGE GREEN FOUNDATION** 4 PM @ Cleo's Learning Center
- 1st Wednesday **Kingston Citizens Advisory Council** 7 PM @ North Kitsap Fire and Rescue on Miller Bay Road
- 2nd Wednesday **Super Seniors Lunch** Call (360) 881-0288 for more information

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- 2nd Wed. Cont. **Kingston Networking** 8:30 AM @ Cleo's Learning Center
- 3rd Wednesday **Kingston Garden Club** 9 AM @ Redeemer Church on Parcells
- 4th Wednesday **Kingston Historical Society** 10 AM @ Kingston Community Center
- Kingston Networking** 8:30 AM @ Cleo's Learning Center
- 4th Thursday **Community Beautification Committee Monthly Meeting** 4 PM @ Cleo's Learning Center Seeking more volunteers. Please come and learn about upcoming projects for the new season.
- 1st Friday **Urban Economic Development (Stakeholders)** 9 AM @ Cleo's Learning Center
- Thursdays **Crux Port Gamble** 4:00 PM @ Port Gamble Forest Ridge, behind the Espresso Stand. Relax and enjoy cool cars, friendly people and good food. Classic Cars and hot rods welcome. 360.598.3365

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