

# Kitsap County District 2 Highlights

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News from Your Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido



## Kitsap Aerospace Continues to Gain Altitude



Kitsap delegation delivered Puget Sound Coho smoked in Poulsbo to Lockheed Martin leaders

The Kitsap Aerospace and Defense Alliance (KADA) formed in 2011 to promote Kitsap's participation in the rapid expansion of Washington's aerospace industry. KADA is led by a steering committee of elected officials from Kitsap County, City of Bremerton and Port of Bremerton, and local business leaders with industry experience.

Three years ago there were few Kitsap aerospace businesses. Today local companies employ hundreds of workers producing a variety of aerospace parts and products. A prime example is Omohundro, an aerospace manufacturer that relocated from Southern California to Port Orchard last year; and now employs dozens of skilled workers building composite structures for many of the leading Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the industry.

To promote aerospace opportunities in Kitsap, KADA has participated in many industry associations and trade shows, including international air shows convened in Paris France and Farnborough England. Commissioner Garrido, along with KADA Co-chairs Tim Thomson, Capt. USN (ret.), and John Powers, executive director of the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, joined a 40-member Washington State delegation led by Governor Jay Inslee, to July's Farnborough Air Show (FAS).

The Kitsap contingency met with dozens of aerospace and defense firms from around the globe, including many that already have interests in Kitsap. The objective was to explore opportunities to grow their base in Kitsap. The group also met with site selectors scouting new locations to grow aerospace companies. KADA is working on several solid leads generated from this forum. The Kitsap team also met with Farnborough attendees on behalf of Kitsap-based companies striving to expand domestically and abroad.

Prior to heading to Farnborough, Commissioner Garrido joined a select group of delegates led by Alex Pietsch, Director of The Governor's Office of Aerospace, to tour the National Center for Advanced Composites located in Bristol England. This group had the opportunity to examine the latest in technology and workforce applications in the rapidly expanding advanced materials industry.

KADA has produced results over the last three years and continues to chart Kitsap's future in aerospace.



On September 4, Commissioner Garrido joined Governor Jay Inslee and more than 20 military and economic development leaders to launch the Washington Military Alliance. This diverse group of military and defense stakeholders represent industry, infrastructure, veteran, workforce and economic development interests across the state. The governor is asking WMA to help the state prepare for the impacts of U.S. Department of Defense reductions in military assets.

WMA will meet quarterly beginning in late September, and meetings are open to the public.

## Terra Madre



This October, Commissioner Garrido will represent Kitsap County at the tenth biennial Terra Madre events in Turin, Italy. She is one of nine delegates from Washington State with the U.S. delegation. Commissioner Garrido will personally subsidize her Terra Madre travel.

This international meeting of food communities brings people together to address the value of locally grown foods. A program of conferences, taste workshops, and classes explore our food habits. Terra Madre and the associated Salone del Gusto, a huge food fair, have been described as “an Olympics for Food”.

Bringing together more than 1,000 exhibitors from 130 countries, and six continents, the event aligns with Kitsap food policies:

- ◆ Good - our food should be tasty, seasonal, local, fresh and wholesome.
- ◆ Clean - our food should nourish a healthful lifestyle and be produced in ways that preserve biodiversity, sustain the environment and ensure animal welfare— without harming human health.
- ◆ Fair – our food should be affordable by all, while respecting the dignity of labor from field to fork.
- ◆ For all – good, clean and fair food should be accessible to all and celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions and nations.

Individuals returning from Terra Madre are expected to share what they learned from others around the world about appreciating local foods. Commissioner Garrido looks forward to taking information about Kitsap County food system assets to Terra Madre, and bringing insights from other countries and communities home to Kitsap.



## Commissioner Awards at the Kitsap County Fair

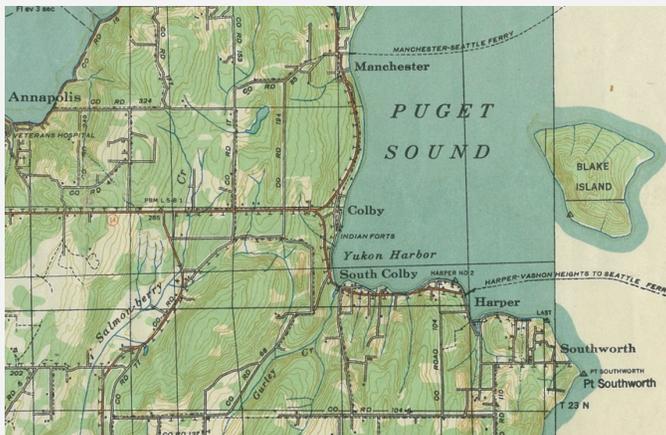


Kitsap County Commissioners publicly recognize organizations exhibiting each year at the Kitsap County Fair and Stampede by awarding “Commissioner’s Choice” ribbons. At the 2014 fair Commissioner Garrido presented her award to the Olalla Grange, which showcased local food products as part of the Olalla community’s initiative to promote citizen awareness of the rich resources available at local farms.

Commissioner Rob Gelder’s award went to Better Bilt Barns, a Silverdale company specializing in barns, sheds and tiny cabins ([www.betterbiltbarns.com](http://www.betterbiltbarns.com)).

Commissioner Linda Streissguth gave a ribbon to the Kitsap Fairground Heritage Garden, a demonstration garden of organic gardening practices with attention to crop varieties and techniques. Kitsap County Master Gardeners teach classes at the Heritage Garden during the summer, and staff the garden during the Kitsap Fair.

Our county fair could not happen without the hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time each year to make this a great event in Kitsap County. A huge THANK YOU to those from the Fair Board, 4-H leaders, exhibit superintendents. In fact, thank you to all who help with set-up and information – and those who bring their animals, rake the barns, paint fences and more!



## Harper History

There is a rich local history in the Harper area of South Kitsap County. Commissioner Garrido is working with residents to compile stories of the region’s antiquity through memoirs, pictures, and historical documents. Videos of community gatherings and a short documentary filmed by the South Kitsap High School Video Production Team recorded local lore. These resources/materials will be made available to the public, and will be housed at the Kitsap Historical Society and Museum.

## 2014 Military Families and Veteran Action Summit

Commissioner Garrido attended the 2014 Military Families and Veteran Action Summit at IslandWood in Bainbridge Island. Military families across the nation are facing vast pressures and challenges. There is no single entity equipped to address all of these concerns. The Military Families and Veterans Action Summit, convened by Senator Patty Murray, brought non-profit, government, military, philanthropy, and academic leaders together to collaborate on solutions regarding military family and veteran issues.



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### Justice for All

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County (DRC) and Kitsap Legal Services (KLS) hosted the "Justice for All" Awards Dinner. The event honored individuals who commit themselves to providing equal access to justice for non-criminal matters in Kitsap County. That evening, Kitsap Legal Services recognized Commissioner Garrido with a "Justice for All" award. The Dispute Resolution Center feted attorney Steve Olson.

The event was well attended and a great way for members of the community to learn about opportunities to refer those in need to Kitsap Legal Services and/or Kitsap Dispute Resolution Services and support access to justice for all.

Commissioner Garrido presented campaign streamers to many who participated in "The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma V," during Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board meeting on September 17. She's pictured above with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4992 member Michael Johnson.

"The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma" ceremony is sponsored by the Kitsap Board of County Commissioners, Kitsap County Coroner's Office, Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board, and Combat Veterans International. The ceremony occurs when the County Coroner has the remains of at least one unclaimed, deceased veteran in his care. In Kitsap County, the Coroner's Office keeps the remains of a veteran who is not claimed by friends or relatives, and the estate has no funds for burial.

On May 24, the Veterans Advisory Board took possession of the remains of six veterans, and assisted by several veterans' organizations, made the 51-mile trip from Port Orchard to Tahoma National Cemetery where the veterans were interned with dignity. The deceased veterans are: Walter L. Brown, who served briefly in the US Army during the mid-1950s; and five others submitted by family members or friends including Michael F. Shaughnessy, Norman N. Holgate, Robert J. Brown, Frederick L. Hughes and Kenneth D. Hughes.



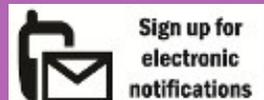
### Welcome!

On September 3, Kitsap County hosted a reception to welcome three exceptional new leaders within County government:

Karen Goon—County Administrator  
Andrew Nelson—Director of Public Works  
Steve McLain—Director of Human Resources



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Growing for a better tomorrow



September 30, 2014 – District 1  
 Welcome by Commissioner Robert Gelder  
 Poulsbo City Hall Chambers, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo

October 7, 2014 – District 3  
 Welcome by Commissioner Linda Streissguth  
 Evergreen Room, Silverdale Community Center 9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale

October 14, 2014 – District 2  
 Welcome by Commissioner Charlotte Garrido  
 Kitsap County Administration Building Chambers, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard

Join us at one of our Comprehensive Plan update open houses!

Great communities don't just happen; they take vision, planning, and collaborative teamwork. Kitsap County wants to hear from you regarding growth challenges and solutions. It's a great way to get involved where you live, work and play!

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**Doors open at 5:00pm and the open house will begin at 5:30pm for all meetings**



“With four ferry terminals in Kitsap County, we are experts on ferry services, and have some great ideas to offer for this update of the WSF Long-Range Plan.”  
 -Commissioner Garrido

### County Commissioners Host Ferry Forums

As the Washington State Department of Transportation updates its Ferries Division Long-Range Plan, Kitsap County is engaging residents in discussions about local ferry priorities. The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners will host a series of forums in partnership with the cities of Bremerton and Bainbridge Island and Ferry Advisory Committee members. The purpose is to explore ferry system issues of particular interest to riders including communications, vessels, fares/tariffs, schedules, service standards, parking and terminals.

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| <u>Bremerton</u> -         | September 23, 5:30 p.m. | Bremerton City Hall, 345 6th Street #600                         |
| <u>Silverdale</u> -        | September 24, 6 p.m.    | Silverdale Community Center, Evergreen Room, 9729 Silverdale Way |
| <u>Kingston</u> -          | October 7, 6:15 p.m.    | North Kitsap Fire & Rescue Station, 26642 Miller Bay Road NE     |
| <u>Southworth</u> -        | October 9, 6 p.m.       | Harper Church, 10384 SE Sedgwick Road, Port Orchard              |
| <u>Bainbridge Island</u> - | October 22, 6:15 p.m.   | Bainbridge Island City Hall, 280 Madison Avenue North            |

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these forums, which offer an opportunity for open conversations to identify local interests and priorities.

Kitsap County Commissioners, mayors, and the Kitsap County Ferry Advisory Committees will facilitate the discussions. The public can ask questions and provide feedback on the long-range plan. Input from the meetings will be compiled into a report and presented on behalf of ferry-served communities during the WSDOT update process.