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Kitsap County District 2 Highlights

News from Your Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido



Manchester Matters



Patrick Quain presented a thank you letter to Commissioner Garrido for her leadership and support for projects in Manchester during the March meeting of the Manchester Citizen’s Advisory Committee (MCAC).

The Manchester stormwater park is taking shape now, and is scheduled to open in time for the annual Salmon Bake. Manchester also looks forward to projects that will improve storm-water and Main Street walkways up to Alaska Avenue; and sewer pump station relocations on Caraway Lane, Hemlock, and Daniels Loop.

A public meeting will be held prior to the start of each project, and neighboring property owners will receive notices by mail.

The MCAC continues to represent Manchester residents’ interests in the Manchester Community Plan, which will shape the future of Manchester. The group recently reviewed goals for the upcoming 2016 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan Update. Two new topics for the updated plan are trails and public participation. The MCAC meets on the first Tuesday of every month (6:30 p.m.) at the Manchester Library, and all Manchester residents are welcome to attend. If you live or work in Manchester and would like to serve on the MCAC, go to <http://www.kitsapgov.com/boards/CAC/manchester/mcac.htm>, where you will see how to apply for an open position on the MCAC. For more information, you may also contact Jennifer Haro at (360)307-4212 or jharo@co.kitsap.wa.us.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act Steering Committee

Commissioner Garrido was appointed to the Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board’s new steering committee earlier this year. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Steering Committee is charged to coordinate an accountable workforce system according to the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act. (WIOA). The WIOA replaces the 1998 Workforce Investment Act, which called for a one-stop workforce center. The 2014 Act further enhances partnerships with economic development, businesses and training institutions to increase certifications and degrees through vocational and apprenticeship programs. Local elected officials on the Steering Committee are Commissioner Garrido, Skagit Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt and Spokane Mayor David Condon. They will work with local jurisdictions across Washington.

March for Meals

Meals on Wheels Kitsap celebrated Community Champions Week March 16-20 as a part of their annual March for Meals celebration. Commissioner Garrido showed her support by serving meals at the Conifer Ridge Apartments meal site.

The nationwide March for Meals celebration which seeks to raise awareness for the vital network of Meals on Wheels programs operating in communities across America, as well as the needs of the seniors they serve. Meals on Wheels Kitsap celebrated March for Meals throughout the month by participating in several community events to help raise awareness, support and to recruit more volunteers.



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Food Policy Update

The Kitsap Food Policy Council has drafted food system goals to include in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, which is the blueprint for planning the future of Kitsap County. The suggested goals include:

- ◇ Promote all elements of the local food system for a healthy community and vibrant economy.
- ◇ Promote education, technical assistance and mentoring. For all involved in the food system to support production, processing, distribution, waste management and access to healthy local foods.
- ◇ Encourage the continued practice of farming and promote diverse agricultural activities.
- ◇ Improve the economic viability of operating farms in Kitsap County.
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- ◇ Preserve and expand land suitable for agricultural production within the County through regulatory and non-regulatory means.
- ◇ Develop and maintain adequate rural and urban public facilities and services that support local agriculture.
- ◇ Create, improve and increase Kitsap County's processing infrastructure.
- ◇ Support and enhance a local food aggregation and distribution network.
- ◇ Expand and coordinate resources so that local healthy food is available to all residents of Kitsap County.
- ◇ Facilitate education, technical assistance and mentoring to support access to healthy local foods.
- ◇ Maintain and improve the waste management system in Kitsap County to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment, and pursue new innovations in waste management.



More information on food systems and the Kitsap Food Policy Council can be found at <http://kitsapfoodchain.org/>

South Kitsap Parks

Anderson Point Park – Anderson Point Park was closed to the public since 2010 due to landslide damage. After repairs to the access trail, the hillside and an agreement with neighbors, the Park reopened May 21. Temporary closures are expected to complete road improvements, but they should be minimal. This beautiful waterfront park features a sandy beach, trails, forest and sweeping views of Mount Rainier, Colvos Passage, and Vashon Island. It is located on Millihanna Road off of Banner Road in the Olalla area.



Horseshoe Lake Park – Due to a continuing partnership between Kitsap County Parks and Recreation and Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (Key Pen Parks), Horseshoe Lake Park opened on May 15. It will remain open seven days a week through September 30. Although located in Kitsap County, the partnership benefits citizens of both Kitsap and Pierce Counties, as it is near the border dividing the two jurisdictions. The park, located on Sidney Road SW, offers lake access, a swimming area, walking trails, picnic areas, a playground, and a baseball field.



Manchester Stormwater Park – Construction continues on the Stormwater Park at the corner of Main and Colchester. Northwest Cascade Construction anticipates a late June completion. In July, construction will begin on a new outfall and aluminum pier in Pomeroy Park to replace the existing wooden pier.



Harper Happenings



The Harper Estuary restoration project continues forward as planned, with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife managing the restoration efforts, and Kitsap County Public Works working on a new roadway design for Olympiad Drive. Natural Resources staff from the Department of Community Development has been coordinating the efforts on behalf of Kitsap County. Commissioner Garrido stresses the importance of keeping the community involved and informed. Staff was on hand to offer recent updates and answer questions about the project at a community gathering on June 17. A special treat was the presentation about the local culture and history by Sandra

During the project, numerous bricks from the old Harper Brick Factory will be removed from the estuary. Commissioner Garrido seeks ideas for a neighborhood project that would use the bricks to create a lasting reminder of Harper's history, as well as help from the community with sorting the bricks for use in the project. If you would like to help, or have any project ideas, please contact Heather Adams at hadams@co.kitsap.wa.us or (360)337-4683.