

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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As we begin a new year, we are off to a very hectic pace with numerous meetings, ribbon cuttings and other public events. We also have Japanese visitors in Port Angeles from our Sister City, Mutsu City, who we want to welcome. And we have two Special City Council meetings this month including the meeting this Monday at 10 a.m. with the Department of Ecology on our CSO project. The second special meeting (annual Council Retreat) is all set for Saturday, January 21 at the Port Angeles Art Center. There are many important topics to discuss at this meeting that will provide guidance and direction for the coming year. So fasten your seat belts as it appears that we will have another very busy year.

One of the most important events scheduled next week is the ribbon cutting at the new Composite Manufacturing Campus on Monday at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Kidd has been invited to make some comments at this event on the partnership between the City and the Port that was critical for the success of this project. The Port should be congratulated with keeping this project on schedule so that we can get some new composite manufacturing jobs on board in the very near future.

Speaking of congratulations, we certainly need to recognize the efforts of Teresa Pierce in completely redesigning our web site. Today we announced the completion of these upgrades and we have already received a number of positive comments from City employees and local citizens. You are encouraged to spend some time accessing information on our website www.cityofpa.us and I think that you will find it very easy to navigate.

Next week I will be attending the Choose Local Committee meeting to make plans for our 2012 campaign. One of the areas that I will be recommending to focus on in the coming year is customer services training for local business. In my opinion, the program will not be successful on a long-term basis if local shoppers do not get quality customer services. Please let me know if you have any other suggestions on how we can enhance this program in the next year.

Several City officials will also be attending a planning meeting next week to get prepared for welcoming the cruise ships that will arrive this year. This meeting is being coordinated by the Olympic Peninsula Tourism Commission and will involve four or five different local organizations.

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