

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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The **Community Survey on City Budget Priorities** has been finalized and is now available online via the City's website. The survey will also be mailed with utility bills starting next week. Extra copies are available at the front counter at City Hall and in your City Council boxes. Thank you for your input on this survey and it should be interesting to see the results.

As reported this week in the *Peninsula Daily News*, a fund raising drive has been launched to raise the money required to keep Hurricane Ridge Road open throughout the week during the winter. The Chamber of Commerce has taken an active role in coordinating in these efforts and a number of individuals and businesses are already expected to step forward to assist.

As you recall, \$250,000 has been committed by the Department of Interior and Olympic National Park needs an additional \$75,000 for funding necessary to hire another snow plowing crew so the road can be kept open. Plans are being made to provide presentations to numerous community groups over the next six weeks along with working with the local media to keep these efforts in the forefront.

On a related topic, a meeting was held this week with Olympic National Park officials and Terry Weed, General Manager of Clallam Transit, to discuss the possibility of providing transit services to Hurricane Ridge in the next several years. The federal government has initiated a new global climate initiative to reduce vehicular traffic in National Parks. Federal funding may be available to conduct feasibility studies and there is a hope to access these funds in order to conduct a local study within the next year.

The City Council is encouraged to attend the grand opening ceremony on Thursday, July 8, at 10 a.m. at the new Elwha Klallam Heritage Center at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Peabody Streets. This building has been transformed to a beautiful new facility that will serve as a skills center for training both Tribal members and visitors in a number of areas such as cooking and crafts.

Have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!

**- Kent Myers**