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If you have any thoughts of what you feel the community would like to see
added to our quarterly newsletter, please let us know via e-mail at
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THE PORT'S MISSION AND VISION

To create, promote, and support economic development that supports the preservation and public enjoyment of local, cultural, and natural resources, provide family wage jobs, local services, and promote the development of cottage industries, tourism, and family-related activities.

WHAT'S NEW

The Port of Hoodspport has had an interesting summer. In May 2009 two Commissioners, Jack Hamlin and John Wyatt, resigned, which left only one Commissioner on the board. Under state law a Port meeting can not be accomplished unless there is a quorum present. Since one Commissioner does not make a quorum, the Port was unable to have meetings between May 13th and July 22nd. The County Commissioners, by law, had to make an appointment to the Port board. That was accomplished and Gary Carlberg was appointed and became the Port of Hoodspport's new Commissioner. Welcome aboard Gary. Then a third Commissioner was appointed, Charles (Chuck) Engle—Welcome Chuck. All three Commission positions are up for election in November 2009.

PROJECTS UPDATE



I'm sure you remember that the Port of Hoodspport accepted the deed from Washington State Parks for the 80 acres known as the Hoodspport Trail Park. The Port felt that the trail park was too valuable a resource to not be open to the public. The Washington State Park Board closed the trail park to hiking because of budget cuts.



Since obtaining the deed, the Port has accomplished bringing the trail and its structures back to a safe standard in order to re-open it for the public's enjoyment. This entailed two items that needed immediate attention. The first was repairing the damaged bridge from the December 2007 wind storm. Many thanks goes out to David Beers for making the bridge restoration happen. **Thanks Dave!** (continued on inside)



Welcome to the
Port of Hoodspport
Serving Hood Canal since 1951

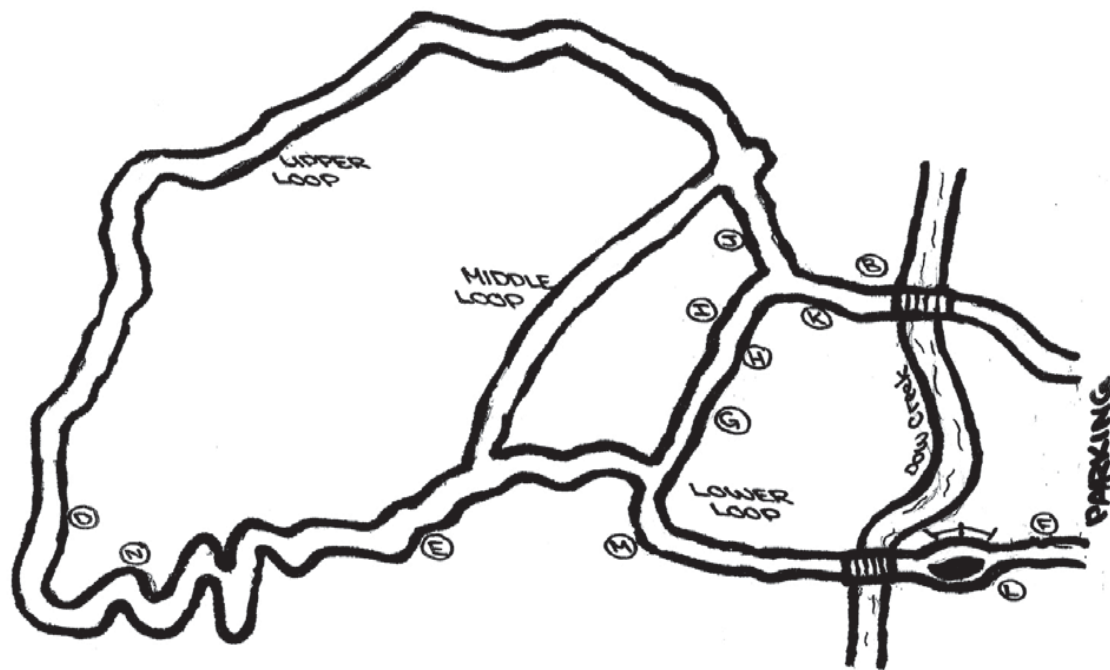


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The second area was clearing the trails themselves. Since the park had been closed for some time, the brush and trees roots were overgrown and had to be cut back and or removed. This was accomplished by teaming up with the WSU Mason County 4-H Forestry Leadership Summer Program. These young men and women did an outstanding job and worked long hours in the summer heat to accomplish this task. . We can't say enough about how dedicated and thorough they were in giving the community back its trail park.

Interpretive signs were also added to give the trail users information on the surrounding area. Picnic tables and trail benches were added to give those needing a rest or wishing to picnic on the grounds the opportunity to do so.

Hoodspport Community Trail Map



There are 60 acres on the north side of the Hwy 16, across from the entrance to the Lake Cushman Golf Course, and 20 acres on the south side. There are no immediate plans to do anything other than leave the area natural. If in the future the Port Commissioners wish to add to the park—they will meet with the Lake Cushman Board of Directors and the Hoodspport community to obtain consensus on how to move forward.

REMINDER: There will be a Port Commission Candidate Forum, featuring all persons running for the Port Commission positions, at the Hoodspport Fire House on **October 7th, 2009 at 7PM.**

GRANTS UPDATE

The Port was successful in obtaining a grant from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for the purpose of hiring a consultant firm to conduct a feasibility study on the Port Projects. At the top of the list is the construction of a public restroom to serve the community of Hoodspport. The study will also address the feasibility of building a parking lot, building a large wharf, doing some interpretive signage, and extending the new Hoodspport Community Trail Park trail south to Foothill Park. This study allows the port the ability to apply for additional grants to pay for the projects that are feasible to the area.

Since the last newsletter the Port has also applied for two additional grants. First, a grant from WADOT to assist in the cost of building a public restroom and second, a State of Washington Small Communities Rural Counties for the same purpose. The Port Commission is determined to find funding to obtain the design, engineering, permitting, and the construction of a public restroom. It is a slow process but we are pushing on. The Commission is in the process of deciding the best location for the project, in the park upland from the Port's docks or on the west side of the street across from the docks.

PORT DOCK USAGE INFORMATION:

The Port of Hoodspport dock is there for everyone to enjoy. We have very good usage during crab and salmon season and on hot days during the summer. Just a reminder, any vessel under 25 feet can moor at our dock overnight for just \$10.00 per night.

Some broken down vessels have been left for long periods of time, which is in violation of our insurance requirements. If you experience a break down, please remove that vessel as soon as possible in order to allow us to meet our legal requirements. The Port thanks your for your understanding.