



NEWSLETTER
Port Angeles
Business Association

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Our Purpose

- To promote all business in the Greater Port Angeles area.
- To provide information regarding business development in the Greater Port Angeles area.
- To increase business growth and develop jobs within the market place.
- To retain the private enterprise system with free competitive markets.

P.A.B.A. is a dynamic, diverse-membership organization representing business men and women in the greater Port Angeles area. Our members are the active business leaders in our community from both large and small businesses. At any meeting you may be sitting next to the owner of a hotel, restaurant, technology business, sign maker or an elected official. Our focus is to be actively opening the door to business opportunities critical to maintaining a strong and healthy economy.

P.A.B.A. is a renowned and respected organization that provides community and business leadership as we participate in and encourage the growth of local business. We actively encourage new business investment in our area with a concern for our heritage as well as our wonderful quality of life. We help to position Port Angeles as the premier place for business on the North Olympic Peninsula.

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Guests are welcome at our meeting. Join us and meet our local business and civic leaders and find out first hand the important issues of the day. We encourage anybody to join us at Joshua's Restaurant in Port Angeles on Tuesdays at 7:30am to participate in a hometown organization whose interest is that Port Angeles will remain a great place to live and an exciting place to do business. The Port Angeles Business Association means business.

March 06, 2007

PROGRAM: Rayonier Site Update

PRESENTER(S): Bill Harris, Program Manager, Department of Ecology and Larry Dunn, Representative Lower Elwha Tribe

- Mr. Harris indicated that he and his staff have been instructed to speed up the investigation process.
- He also indicated that comments have been received on the Uplands report. DOE and Rayonier are preparing responses.
- Rayonier recently completed some additional sampling of the log pond. The results have not been analyzed yet.
- A Human Health Risk Assessment is in progress.
- The marine portion has been slow, because DOE lacks qualified people in this area.
- Mr. Dunn says the process has been streamlined as much as possible. He went on to describe the enormity of the task.
- Mr. Harris said that Rayonier indicated that they should be into the cleanup process by 2008 and finished by 2009. DOE indicated that one of the public hearings on the changes to the Model Toxic Control Act is planned for Port Angeles. For more information contact Dave Bradley, 360-407-6907, regarding WAC 173.340. The web site is www.ecy.wa.gov.

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March 20, 2007

PROGRAM: Combined Sewer Overflows

PRESENTER(S): Glenn Cutler, Director of Public Works & Utilities for the City of Port Angeles and Steve Sperr, Engineering Service Manager

- The program was very capably introduced by Andrew. He indicated that Port Angeles is one of the top 11 cities in the state that are polluting with sewage overruns.
- Mr. Cutler provided an historical background of Combined Sewer Overflows.
- The City has an unfunded mandated to clean up our process by 2015. The estimated cost is between \$35 and \$40 M.
- Mr. Sperr explained the difference between storm water and combined sewer overflows.
- Overflows occur in Port Angeles approximately 100 times a year. Mr. Cutler discussed possible ways to finance the project and then responded to questions from the audience.

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March 13, 2007

PROGRAM: The Sheriff's Department

PRESENTER(S): Bill Benedict, Clallam County Sheriff

- Mr. Benedict recognized the following guests; Tom Johnson, Patty Morris and Paul Martin
- The sheriff described his views on law enforcement and indicated that he leaned toward the progressive end.
- Crime, he indicated, involves means, motive and opportunity. He sees his job as removing one or more of those from the equation.
- He described how his department handled the squatter issue in Joyce.

The sheriff then fielded several questions from the audience.



March 27, 2007

PROGRAM: Model Toxic Control Act Amendment

PRESENTER(S): Dave Bradley, Toxicologist, Washington State Department of Ecology

- Perhaps Andrew coined a new phrase this week when he introduced Mr. Bradley. He indicated that Mr. Bradley may peel back another layer in the "onion of delay" in this process.
- Mr. Bradley indicated that the Model Toxic Control Act was an initiative approved by voters in November, 1988.
- He noted that the one part per million requirement is less restrictive than the original requirement; however, it is still more restrictive than the Federal standard. This is apparently what the voters asked for by approving the 1988 initiative.
- DOE will hold 3 public hearings in May. The one in Port Angeles is tentatively scheduled for May 10th. Mr. Bradley fielded questions from the audience for approximately 10 minutes.



COMPUTER CORNER

MICROSOFT UPDATES?

If you own a Personal Computer and it is running Microsoft XP operating system it is very wise to be vigilante about keeping the computer's "Critical Updates" current. If you do not, you risk serious virus threats that could wipe out all your data and you may even leave your computer exposed to hackers snooping around your files looking for personal data that may put your identity at risk. To check your computer for the latest updates, open your Internet Explorer and in the tools menu select Windows Updates. Follow the prompts until you reach a button that says "Express" press this button and wait. If it comes back to and tells you "there are no high priority updates" then you have all the latest updates. If not follow the prompts and keep installing updates until it says you have them all.

NOTE: All computers MUST also have anti-virus software for complete protection!

"Comments and suggestions regarding this newsletter are \$50 each, payable in cash." Craig E. Johnson