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Welcoming new staff,
highlighting tenants,
and so much more!

Foreword From CEO, Jim Rothlin

As we begin the new year, it almost feels like we are coming out of a 3-year tunnel and are now moving forward with the changes since the pandemic began. Many challenges were overcome, and many opportunities have developed for our Port and our community. As we entered the tunnel the journey began with our people, asking them to stay at home to work as the offices were closed. Working from home was a brand new experience that required us to create the resources and processes to make that work. Besides work life, personal lives began to get affected either for themselves or someone they cared for. Every day was a new challenge of moving forward both personally and professionally.

Variations were made in how tasks were accomplished, such as through zoom meetings, since getting agreements completed had to be done without the usual face-to-face access to one another. Once a contract for a project was negotiated, further obstacles appeared. Timelines got pushed as supply chains were limited. Costs based on original budget projections became obsolete as the cost of materials skyrocketed. Port staff found creative ways to be more efficient with design so they could keep the project costs close to the intended capital budgets without giving up the quality or effectiveness of the project.

We are now exiting out the other side of the tunnel, with projects on the verge of completion and a whole new approach to creative project management and doing business with others. This is a hybrid approach, using technology to assist in taking care of business both in-person and online.

Projects such as the new airport restaurant, Amelia's Hangar, will be ready for business in March of this year. As part of the restaurant facility, the Port has expanded its footprint to include hangar space, office space, and a pilot's lounge. Old Thyme Aviation will make its home in this new location to store their historic planes that are available for scenic rides around the PNW. We also have completed agreements for three Corporate Hangars to be built on newly constructed infrastructure. With available hangar space at 100% capacity, the Port will begin the design for the next phase of over twenty general aviation hangars. Charging stations have been added to the airport for future plans of supporting the electric aerospace market. We are excited about an agreement that has been made to include an airshow at the Bremerton National Airport this summer; the first in over fifteen years.

The Olympic View Industrial Park continues its award-winning growth in both business expansion and job creation, which is the Port Commission's primary mission to the community. With the recent increased demand for boats, several boat manufacturers are either expanding or creating new businesses in the Port's Park. Construction companies are also expanding due to the demand for new construction.

The Port has recently entered into agreement for our new parking at the Bremerton Marina via Marina Square. This building not only provides parking for the Port's boaters and public, but also includes new state-of-the-art housing for people looking to live on the waterfront and have the ability to walk to the public ferries. New locations for businesses, retail shops, and restaurants are also part of the plan at Marina Square.

At the Port Orchard Marina, the breakwater replacement is moving forward as the Port continues to work on funding opportunities. This breakwater serves as public access for the community to enjoy a stroll along the water and also serves as a base station for the Kitsap Transit foot ferries and fast ferries that provide transportation for its community; whether they are traveling to work at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard or making a visit to Seattle for the day. The breakwater also protects the 450-slip marina that provides over \$10 million in economic support to the City of Port Orchard. A new kayak rental facility has been added to this marina.

Beyond these major projects, the Port is focusing on the upkeep of its current facilities to preserve the integrity of Port assets so that we continue to provide excellent, quality services and maintain a Port you can be proud of.

Sincerely,
Jim Rothlin

Hierarchy at the Port Explained

Board of Commissioners

Commissioners Axel Strakeljahn, Gary Anderson, and Cary Bozeman

Chief Executive Officer

Jim Rothlin

Board of Directors

Chief Operations Officer - Arne Bakker; Chief Financial Officer - Jeremiah Wiley

Director of Marine Facilities and Director of Facilities & Property Development

Marina Operations Manager and Airport Manager



Chief Executive Officer, Jim Rothlin

Doing Business with the Port

With our Mission Statement being to increase the economic opportunity for all of Kitsap County by generating jobs, developing infrastructure, and improving local quality of life, we are always proud to see the strides that our tenants make in achieving said goals. The Port generates jobs by employing staff at our own facilities (Bremerton National Airport, Bremerton Marina, and Port Orchard Marina) and hosting tenants at our Olympic View Industrial Park. Here businesses have the opportunity to rent land and buildings to conduct their work from. Many of the businesses are attracted to our industrial park in particular due to the community work we do: helping fund public community events, making changes to be more environmentally friendly, and participating in local areas of matter such as the Gorst Coalition.

In this quarter's newsletter, we are highlighting a BNA business tenant, Airlift Northwest, and an OVIP tenant, General Dynamics Electric Boat. We hope you enjoy hearing of the personal side of what we do, and if you have a nomination for next quarter, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Tenant Highlight: Airlift Northwest



Flying a 2005 helicopter dubbed 'The Queen,' the Bremerton National Airport branch of Airlift Northwest has been one of our tenants for the past four years and serves approximately 500 cases a year. With an average flight time

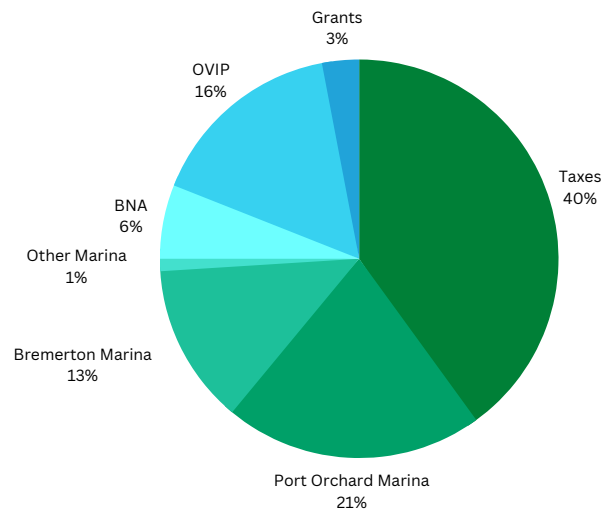
of only 15-20 minutes, this group of dedicated nurses and pilots serve the entire Olympic Peninsula from Shelton to Forks. Bremerton National's group has a total of ten nurses, four pilots, and one mechanic on staff; the nurses serving 24 hour shifts and the pilots 12 hour shifts. Although a taxing and stressful job, it was noted by manager Claire Clark that it is also highly rewarding to be able to help those in need. Pilot Joel also recognized that 'someone has to do it,' and given their extensive requirements (a minimum of 5 years of critical care for nurses and 2000 flight hours for pilots), their team knows how to be efficient and give cases the best care. As for patients, Airlift Northwest operates much like a typical ambulance - making insurance such as 'Air Care' a beneficial tool.

To learn more of the impressive work done by Airlift Northwest out of BNA, check out their social media or website!

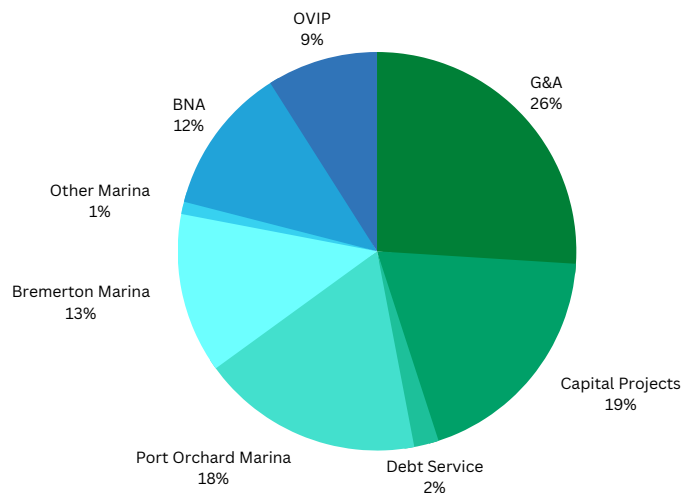


Budget Overview

INCOME



EXPENSE



If you're interested in learning more about the Port of Bremerton's budget, the 2023 Budget Book was released in mid-February.

COLLINS HISTORIC AIRCRAFT FOUNDATION



TRADER JOE'S

SILVERDALE

FOOD

Our 2022 Food Drive was a huge success with a total donation weight of 6,714 pounds. In comparison, last year we donated 737. This sizable increase could not have been accomplished without the support and generosity of our recreational tenants, staff, and partnering organizations. The border of this layout features the organizations that facilitated additional donations from both their staff and our community. Our largest donor this year was Roger Collins, courtesy of the Collins Historic Aircraft Foundation, followed by Silverdale's Trader Joe's. We are also incredibly grateful for our own business tenants having facilitated donations: Bremerton Pilot's Association, General Dynamics Electric Boat, SAFE Boats, and Avian Flight Center. Those outside of Port property, including Bella Bella Bakery and Burger Claim, went above and beyond to help our shared community through their donations out of nothing but the desire to help. Amelia's Hangar, the new airport restaurant, helped sponsor our community incentive portion of this year's Food Drive by donating a \$50 gift certificate to their restaurant.



Portion of collected donations.



Port staff with Fly WA trophy.

As a reminder, the community incentive was for anyone who donated ten or more items to the Food Drive. For every ten items, the donor was entered into a raffle with the chance to win the aforementioned \$50 gift certificate to Amelia's Hangar. This being the first year we offered an incentive, we were pleased to see that there were many participating individuals. The lucky winner ended up being Port Orchard Marina tenant Robert Haey - huge congratulations to him and thank you again to all who participated!



DRIVE



Of the total 6,714 pounds of donations, 3,591 pounds went to Bremerton Foodline and 3,123 pounds to South Kitsap Helpline. These two non-profits were selected for their proximity to Port property, as well as being two of the largest Food Banks in Kitsap County. Following the success of this year's Food Drive, we hope to expand next year on the number of organizations receiving donations to further help Kitsap as a whole.

If there is an organization within Kitsap County that you would like to nominate, please reach out to us at ericaf@portofbremerton.org to let us know!

Between both organizations, dozens of families have been assisted during some of the harshest months of the year. We are grateful & honored to have facilitated this community-wide donation.

Fly Washington was the ultimate spark to this Food Drive, having created the annual competition between participating local airports in 2020. Thanks to this organization, there have been three years of various counties coming together to support our respective neighbors.

As mentioned, this competition has been active for three years now - and we are pleased to announce that 2022 made the first year of Bremerton National Airport receiving first place! Pictured to the right is the trophy with our airport callsign (PWT) engraved on the side. To view it in-person, come see us at the airport!



SAFE BOATS

BURGER and more CLAIM



Airport Restaurant GRAND OPENING



One of the most widely anticipated restaurants in Kitsap, Amelia's Hangar is in the finishing stages of construction! Initially being delayed due to coronavirus and having faced difficulties due to supply chain issues, this project has certainly been a labor of love for those involved. Located at Bremerton National Airport, this Port of Bremerton project receives daily calls questioning the official open date, and we're excited to announce that it will officially be opening sometime in March! Until then, we recommend you visit Burger Claim in Belfair; owners Rena & Don Morris also own Amelia's Hangar.

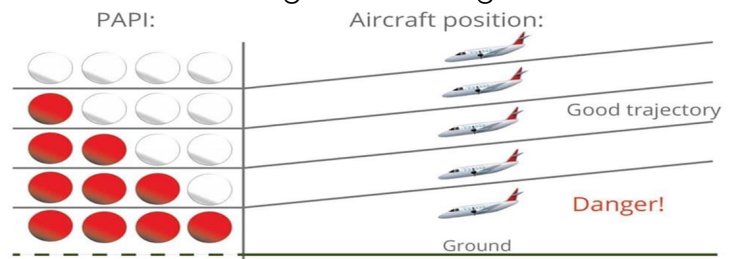
Pictured below is the original inspiration for this new restaurant, and below that, a portion of how it currently looks. Consider a drive-by of the airport to see for yourself!



Bremerton National Airport & OVIP UPDATES

BREMERTON NATIONAL AIRPORT: In recent months, Port staff were able to close out two projects; the Taxiway Relocation/Apron Rehabilitation Project and the LED Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) Light Project. The former created a more fluid taxiway system on the North end of the airport and increased the size of the apron itself. This project also gave us the opportunity to install a more efficient way to remove pollutants from the wastewater by installing a bioswale on the apron. The new PAPI system effectively helps guide pilots to the correct glide slope when landing. On the Southeast side of the airfield, Phase One of the South Hangar Project is currently erecting additional hangars and Phase Two planning is nearing completion.

Port staff and our lobbyist consultant, the Desimone Group, have also been working tirelessly with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to have the airport's approach lighting updated. This was originally supposed to happen seven-ten years from now, but is being expedited by the FAA due to current failing lights. Moreover, we are currently sending out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a new engineer for a standard five-year contract. Our current engineer is Century West, and they may be selected as our engineer once again.



OLYMPIC VIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK: The recent months have brought varying weather, including heavy rain, snow, and ice storms, which prompted our facilities team to clear trees, repair gutters, and replace several large heaters throughout the industrial park. There has also been a large focus for our facilities team to continually ensure that our storm water is working adequately, safely, and to all appropriate environmental standards. In the coming months, multiple industrial park buildings will begin to receive entirely new roofs and gutters, aiming to ensure more years of life by utilizing metal materials that allow for better insulation and energy efficiency. In working to upgrade our aging wastewater systems, we will begin replacing the old pump lift stations as well as the control systems and their housings.

Looking to the Spring, a new land lease will begin their starting phase for a new building. This will be a welcomed addition to the Kitsap community, especially as the majority of the Port's economic development comes from similar growth in the industrial park. We hope you're excited to hear of the news!

Bremerton & Port Orchard Marinas UPDATES

BREMERTON MARINA: Marina Square, a 344,400-square-foot mixed-use project at 280 Washington Ave in Bremerton, has been completed and is now open. The project was a partnership and includes a total of 75 designated parking spaces for exclusive use by the Bremerton Marina tenants located within the three level parking structure. The mixed use residential project also includes retail outlet space at street level, a restaurant space, and a landscaped public plaza overlooking the water between the two towers. Retail elements include a public market, which is set to open June 1, 2023. A public pedestrian promenade along the waterfront connects the Bremerton downtown area with the Bremerton boardwalk, local ferries, and the Port of Bremerton Marina.



PORT ORCHARD MARINA: The biggest project impacting the Port Orchard marina is the replacement of the entire 1500-foot-long floating breakwater protecting the marina. The current breakwater was installed in 1974, has reached the end of its functional lifespan, and is in critical need of replacement. The local, State, and Federal permitting for this major capital project has been in process for two years. Habitat improvement mitigation related to this project has been designed in coordination with the State and Local Tribes. The Port has pursued funding partnerships with State & Federal Grants, and a funding partnership with Kitsap Transit to help offset the cost of replacing this vital public infrastructure. Breakwater construction is anticipated to begin in 2023 and would occur over two years with the existing breakwater remaining in place until the new one is complete.



The Port Welcomes Our New Airport Manager, Monroe Whitman



About Monroe:

Having been born in Guam and raised in Texas before finally moving to Washington, Monroe comes to the Port with the intimate knowledge of military families and a passion for community. Previously, Monroe worked for Arlington Municipal Airport handling everything from the addition of new taxi runway lights to the paint and maintenance of in-house projects. He also served as the FAA Liaison and was the Chair of the Safety Committee for the City of Arlington. Monroe moved with his wife and two kids for this position.

Q: What made you choose the Port of Bremerton?

With a resume as lengthy and impressive as Monroe's, he believes that he has the skillset to build what is already an airport filled with potential. Focusing on security, safety, and general improvements, he hopes to be seen as a confidant to all tenants. When asked, Monroe pointed to organizations such as Bremerton Pilots Association as being a reason for joining us.

Tenant Highlight:



GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat



General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) is a national company with a branch located in our Olympic View Industrial Park. Having been a tenant for 14 years, they successfully employ approximately 96 individuals. Here they actively manufacture parts and structures for submarines belonging to the United States Navy, making them a vital component of our military.

Furthermore, the majority of GDEB staff are retired or discharged Navy members, directly benefiting those looking to carry their careers outside of the military. In contrast, most welders employed by GDEB in Bremerton are hired as new graduates from Olympic College's welding program, focusing on finding talent locally. Given this, it's safe to say that GDEB makes a significant positive impact on Kitsap County.

Our Bremerton branch of Electric Boats works closely with both the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) and Bangor Naval Base. GDEB's off-site maintenance and modernization of submarines provide assistance in ensuring our military is as strong as possible. With a job as complex and important as one of this standing, it can be a wonder how staff manages the stress of the job. When asked, however, Quality Advocate Troy Kellington pointed to the fact that it is imperative to get the job done right the first time. As GDEB staff take such great pride in their work of supporting our troops, there are rarely mistakes made that lead to significant delays or even injuries. Moreover, with their maintenance and modernization team focusing on repairing parts that have been damaged due to use, they focus on being a supportive role rather than a lead one.

As our U.S. Navy continues to grow and modernize, it's clear that GDEB will have longevity in this industry. For as long as there are submarines, there will be diligent and passionate people needed to fix and manufacture them. Program Representative Jess Benkovsky noted that there have been more GDEB staff on the road today, delivering parts to bases around the nation, than in the last five years. Even with such advancements, GDEB takes pride in maintaining their standards of quality, including their robust environmental regulations. It was said that even buying something as simple as a bottle of window cleaner goes through a system of checks, ensuring that they are doing all they can to offset the environmental impact of their work. Between their external care for community (employing ex-service members, hiring locally, and mindfulness of the environment) and their internal care for staff (ample employees to share the workload, competitive salary and benefits), General Dynamics Electric Boat is an Olympic Park Industrial Tenant that we are exceptionally proud to support.



To learn more of General Dynamics Electric Boat, visit their website at www.gdeb.com!

The Port Welcomes Our New Director of Facilities & Property Development, James Goodman



About James:

Raised in Bremerton and settled in Port Orchard, James is an Air Force Veteran having served for ten years as an equipment operator. He then worked at the shipyard (PSNS) for nine years of operating cranes. It is believed that such experience will aid in his understanding of our industrial tenants, allowing him to understand the 'how' of how things are done. While juggling work, marriage, and his three kids, James also finds time to serve on the Board of Directors for the Bremerton Food Bank and participates in the local American Legion.

Q: What are you most excited about regarding working for the Port of Bremerton?

James believes that the Port of Bremerton can be credited for much of the growth in his hometown of Bremerton, which makes it an "honor to serve." Additionally, James thinks he has the necessary skills to truly aid in such growth of the Port and is excited to see how he may be of help.

COO Position Changing Hands



We are saying goodbye to a long-standing member of our Port Team, former COO Fred Salisbury. Fred has officially retired after nearly 24 years at the Port. While here, he headed both the construction of our new multipurpose facility (which includes Amelia's Hangar) and the Children's Observation Deck, among so much more. He will be dearly missed and we wish him well in spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

The COO position has since been taken over by former Port Director of Business Development, Arne Bakker. Arne has worked for the Port for 5 years and embodies all that we could ask for in this new position.

Holidays at the Port

Holidays here at the Port of Bremerton are a magical thing! Although we did have a Grinch steal some holiday decorations at Bremerton National Airport, Christmas Lane at Port Orchard Marina was a huge success! We take pride in the decorations we set up ourselves, but it is always wonderful to see our tenants and guests participate in the cheer as well. If you're interested in seeing how we like to celebrate the holidays, consider checking out our social medias and taking a scroll through this past season. We hope everyone is having an amazing start to 2023!



Cruise Ships at the Bremerton Marina



For those who are unfamiliar, our Bremerton Marina has occasional cruise ship dockings during the Fall and Spring. Our marina being a destination aids directly in our local economy as those on the ship typically spend a day or more exploring Kitsap. The last time they docked, tourists spent their day visiting the USS Turner Joy, shopping in Downtown Bremerton, touring Elandan Gardens, and so much more! This provides a huge influx of visitors and revenue to these local businesses.

While local business owners appreciate the influx of customers and many people understand that the use of a tour bus eliminates an increase of traffic - leaving little to be noticed of the ship's presence - there are others who don't like the idea of cruise ships in our smaller community. We would like to take this opportunity to note that Bremerton and Kitsap as a whole are continuously growing as we keep up with the times. It's important to make sure that we stay ahead of these changes and allow them to work for us, rather than simply being resistant to the change. At the end of the day, we will never be Seattle. We can, however, be the best that we can be. If you're still not convinced, we encourage you to discuss the matter directly with the decision-makers: Port Marina leaders and, of course, Port Commissioners. They will be able to explain the benefits of local cruise ship dockings in a more personal & tangible way.

The Port of Bremerton strives to increase economic development and improve the quality of life for all of Kitsap County, so a cruise ship docking at one of our marinas is a huge deal. We hope that the next time a docking is announced you consider visiting the marina to check it out!

Meet the Commissioners



Axel Strakeljahn

President

Term: Jan 1 2018 -
Dec 31 2023

District 3: Portions of South Kitsap, Southwest Bremerton, Seabeck/Holly/Crosby



Gary Anderson

Vice President

Term: Jan 1 2020 -
Dec 31 2025

District 2: Downtown Port Orchard, portions of Eastern South Kitsap



Cary Bozeman

Secretary

Term: Jan 1 2022 -
Dec 31 2027

District 1: West Bremerton, portions of East Bremerton, Kitsap Lake, Chico

Did you know that you can attend commission meetings? Head to portofbremerton.org/commission-meetings for dates & meeting links!

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Are you a tenant that wants to be featured by the Port?
Contact ericaf@portofbremerton.org for more info!