

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News

The first annual All Chamber Business Exposition takes place on **Thursday, May 7**. The Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce, including the Port Hadlock Tri-Area Chamber; Port Townsend Chamber; Port Ludlow Chamber, Quilcene / Brinnon Chamber; and possibly the Forks Chamber, will all come together that day at the Port Townsend Aero Museum at 105 Airport Road (Port Townsend International Airport).

Business-to-Business Networking will be held between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. to give local business owners and their representatives the opportunity to network before the doors are opened to the public at 3:00 p.m.

Between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. local businesses exhibiting at the Business Expo will interact with potential customers in lively conversations regarding the merits of shopping locally.

With the Expo theme “Shop Local,” there will be dozens of door prizes, giveaways and food to entice County residents to shop in Jefferson County during the bridge closure and after the bridge re-opens.

Mark your calendar—you won’t want to miss this history-making event! See you **Thursday, May 7!**

Attention, Chamber Members!

Your Port Ludlow Chamber has reserved a booth at the First Annual All Chamber Business Expo, **Thursday, May 7**, at the Aero Museum. Please e-mail your Chamber at info@portludlowchamber.org if you have business advertising and/or giveaways to add to the Port Ludlow Chamber booth.

Only Port Ludlow Chamber members who have paid the 2009 Membership fee of \$80 will be listed on the 2009 Membership Roster for circulation at the Expo. Hurry! You have less than one week to pay your dues to ensure inclusion.

Buying Local Benefits Locals

Stacy Mitchell, a senior researcher with the Institute for Local Self Reliance, has determined that for every \$100 spent locally, nearly \$54 ends up back in the local economy, most of it spent in the county where the store was located; for every \$100 spent at a chain store all but about \$14 flows out of state.

Bridging a Gap

“It takes something to happen to make something happen.” Those of you who know Port Ludlow resident and former Fire Chief Wayne Kier, Sr. may have had an occasion to hear him make this statement. The two mentions of “something” could be (1) the Hood Canal Bridge closure and (2) numerous Jefferson County businesses and residents coming together in a myriad of positive ways to deal with the isolation and inconvenience caused by the closure.

And, on that note of “coming together,” you may have heard that key leaders of the Port Townsend, Port Hadlock Tri-Area and Port Ludlow Chambers met on Wednesday, April 15 to discuss the possibility of combining these three Chambers into one organization that would maintain fair and equitable representation and community identity for all. Hmmmm—Bridging a Gap? What a concept!

Chamber Membership Requirements

Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce membership is open to all individuals, associations, home-based businesses, store-front businesses, service agencies, non-profits, for profits. The 2009 membership dues are \$80. Join now! info@portludlowchamber.org.

The Chamber’s mission is to support, enhance and promote local businesses. Contact us at the e-mail address above if you want to join the Chamber, serve on the Chamber Board, or if you have ideas for guest speakers, community enhancement projects and/or promotional ideas.

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