

Events

Chamber Cafés with guest speakers and panelists are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly starting at 10:00 am on Zoom. No membership is required to attend these free events. Advance registration is necessary to obtain Zoom access.

Thank you, Congressman Kilmer for kicking off our inaugural Chamber Community Connections in great style. It was a fabulous meeting with timely and fascinating information shared by all.



Community Connection at Finnriver
November 3rd at 5:30 pm
hosted by the Jefferson Land Trust

Panel discussion on agriculture in Jefferson County which sounds like a “don’t miss” adventure with sips & snacks to enjoy along with opportunity to share with all of the attendees what’s happening in your business or organization.

November 4th, Friday from 10am-11am

Chamber Café will feature several of the “New Businesses” we featured last year at one of our most popular Cafés. Learn what the year’s been like for them and where they are now. We may invite one of you with a brand-new business to join us as well. Should it be you? Let us know!



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MEMBER UPDATE

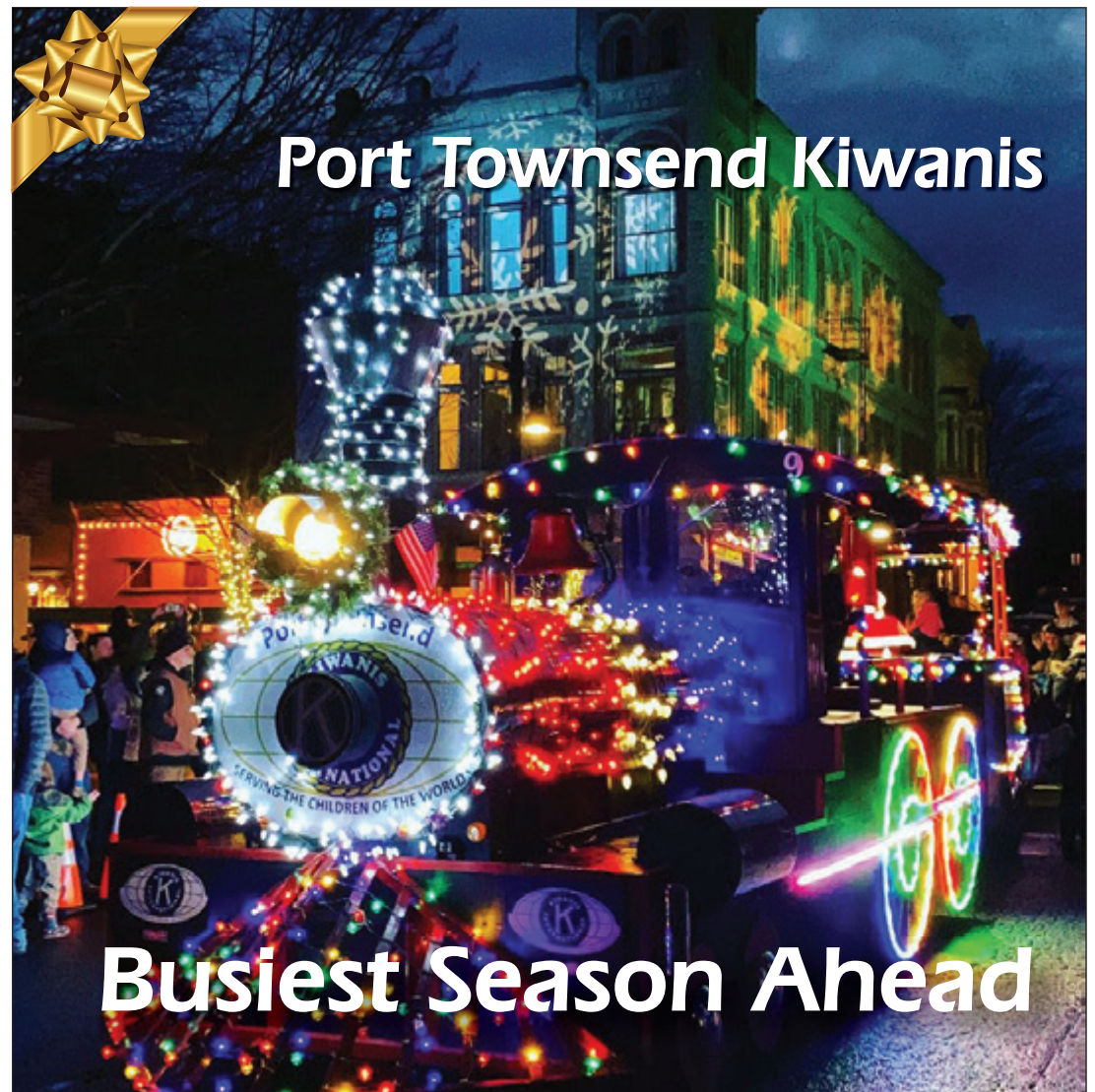
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Spring and Summer 2022 saw a welcome influx of younger members joining the Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend recently, interested in the club's focus on improving the lives of children. The club's mission of serving the children of the world and improving communities is what so many of the younger professionals and families are looking for to fill their lives.

With the approach of the holidays, it's the perfect time for growth as the new club leaders kick off the administrative year. The preparation for the season is in full swing!

Members of the club operate the Toys for Tots (T4T) program as the local affiliate in the area, raising funds to provide toys and gifts to those families who can't afford them and helping to fill wishes for the Christmas for Children (C4C) non-profit program in Jefferson County. The new chair for the T4T program, Conrad Oien, just returned from a week of intense training in Washington DC with the Retired Marine Corps organization, who runs the program in the US. T4T collection boxes are set to go out the week before Thanksgiving and the annual Fill the Bus campaign is set for December 3rd in both Port Hadlock and Port Townsend this year.

Club members also serve on the C4C board, and the planning has begun; watch for announcements of registration and full details. Many Kiwanians work with the C4C committee to help ready the boxes in December to be given to more than 120 local families,



serving over 400 children. It's a favorite heart-warming program!

Other volunteer activities will include helping serve holiday meals and other local activities held for the holidays, as well as the club's annual Holiday

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Arlene Alen

September was a busy month at the Chamber and October followed closely down the same path. The trees surround us are showing off their fall finery in glowing spots of color throughout our community.

In September we held our first Chamber Community Connection

with our guest speaker kicking us off, Congressman Derek Kilmer, A fabulous opportunity where not only did he provide an update on Congress, but we also had a highly active period of audience questions and responses from the Congressman.

We'll be doing many Community Connections going forward and will be looking for host businesses/organizations. The next will be the Jefferson Land Trust

with a JC Ag panel at Finnriver.

That same day, the 45th Wooden Boat Festival came back live and proved to be an even bigger draw than ever! Our visitors and locals alike arrived on hundreds of bicycles and many Jefferson Transit shuttles throughout the weekend. The sessions were fabulous as well as the conversations with other attendees and presenters. The Chamber Café with the School Superintendents from all four districts spoke about the state of post-covid educational challenges locally relative to the national issues. This was well attended, and they were all extremely well received. If you missed this Cafe, it is up on the Chambers YouTube channel and we can send you the slide desk if you would like to review that as well, Reach out to admin@jeffcountychamber.org and we'll be glad to assist.

To wrap up the month we were honored to be able to cut the ribbon for Key City Public Theatre's grand-Reopening. This event marked the completion of a fabulous remodel that will make attending this

great theatre easier and even more exciting as well as facilitate smoother production for the staff and casts. Check out the new lobby update, great bar, sculpture and of course their amazing chandelier.

With pumpkins, goblins, and candy popping up everywhere, can the Winter holiday season be far behind? We're starting to receive Holiday Updates from our businesses and have an annual JeffConnects issue and a web page ready to fill with your restaurants open for the holidays, new menus or holiday specials, holiday events, online winter holiday products and more. Reach out to us with your updates for this no cost advertising for your business/organization.

October 21st was our Chamber Café discussion featuring services & support in Jefferson County for senior quality of life. October 22nd was our Fall Newcomers Meet-Up. This was a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to connect with resources in our community as well as each other. We are so happy to help our community with these get-togethers.

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Party social. The script is being readied and rehearsals will begin for the club's annual fundraiser show, Dinner & A Murder, returning this year on December 2nd and 3rd after a 2-year pandemic hiatus. The show is a very fun event and this year will benefit a new project to support local foster kids year-round.

Finally, residents will be happy to once again see the Kiwanis Choo Choo in the Main Street Christmas Parade and giving rides to children during the season. All in all, there will be a lot going on in Kiwanis for the club members to participate and support our local residents and communities though the holiday season and beyond!



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RISEING ENTREPRENEUR

Article by Ashlyn Brown
 Images courtesy of Lou Geraghty

Horus Horizon Marine is an independent marine trades business established in 2021. While considering business names, owner Lou Geraghty realized that "Horus" (the ancient Egyptian deity and their personal and occupational guardian) paired with the expansive sense of the word "Horizon" was a fitting name for their new venture.

Lou's skillset is broad, experience-based, and enhanced by formal education. A transplant from New York State, Lou shares a love for mechanics with their master mechanic father. Discovering that a wrench could be as big as then 4-year-old Lou, inspired their inquisitive mind to learn more about the uses of tools. While working as a teen at an auto shop, a client offered extra work in property management where Lou mastered painting and repairs. Soon a full-time gig, this led to summer stints varnishing boats. By their early 20's, Lou excelled at inventory, working as a lube-tech and mechanic, a service writer assessing jobs, ordering, estimating & billing, and managing paint crews while maintaining workflow for customer satisfaction.

The idea to go to boat school presented itself at

Connecticut's Mystic Boat Show one summer. After extensive research, the NW School for Woodenboat Building "felt right". Lou arrived to a warm welcome. Once the full boat building and systems courses were completed, Lou worked various jobs in Boat Haven, Port Townsend. Since establishing Horus Horizon Marine, Lou, now independent, often collaborates with others on a variety of mostly wooden boat projects. "I am willing to take on intimidating projects and I know I can figure it out. I have a good community to ask for help if I need to.

It all comes really naturally to me and I love to do it." Projects include woodworking, finishing, and systems. Mechanical systems are Lou's first love but building with wood brings as much joy and is a skill Lou continues to grow. "The boats talk to me," Lou chuckles, "I make a plan, note the weather and goals for the day, select some good music, fall into the flow, and it becomes meditative."

Coming up through the trades has always been a struggle for me as fem-bodied but who comes across as masculine. There has been support and push-back. I just want to work alongside others and learn." Lou identifies as non-binary (They, Them). "I have always been this person, but it has become more important to me to identify openly now that I feel safe in my community



Horus Horizon Marine

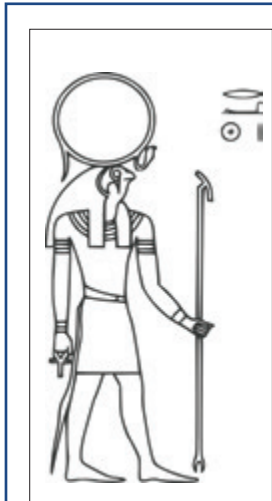
and have developed a network of people who support me on my journey."

Whether working in the trades, as an artist, or competing in downhill bicycle racing, Lou says, "I am OK being that person who raises a hand and says this is who I am if it can help others be the beautiful people they are with confidence". Lou's core mission? "I do the best job I can in a timely fashion, and keep people informed and included in the process.

I'd also like to teach someone just coming into the trades so I can pass on these skills the way others taught me."



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Let's enjoy, celebrate, and welcome the new year ahead. Our restaurants and shops are ready to help you this season with great holiday meals and a variety of amazing gift ideas.

The Old Alcohol Plant

Spirits Bar & Grill at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn will be hosting a Thanksgiving buffet on Thanksgiving day from noon to 5:00pm. The cost is \$60 per person, and Chef Troy makes a great roasted turkey with all the fixings! They are also excited to be hosting a visit from Santa on Tuesday, November 29th, from noon to 5:00pm for pictures, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookie and ornament decorating. Santa will continue to visit for "Bedtime Stories with Santa" every Saturday in December leading up to Christmas: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Keep an eye out on their website for more details to come.



310 Hadlock Bay Rd
Port Hadlock-Irondale
oldalcoholplant.com

Owl Sprit Café

Owl Sprit Café is the place to be for healthy dining options in Port Townsend, and features a fabulous vegan menu. Owl Sprit will remain open this winter from 11:00am to 5:00pm, closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Head downtown and enjoy their eclectic menu of soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts.



218 Polk St, Port Townsend
owlsprit.com



Holiday Special Meals & Shopping



Old Whiskey Mill

Have anyone in your life who loves all things whiskey? This holiday season, treat them to a Bourbon Breakfast at the Old Whiskey Mill in downtown Port Townsend. Held the first Sunday of every month from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Bourbon Breakfast features an inventive menu with whiskey-infused cuisines, paired with the perfect bourbon to complement the dish. Top off the experience with Old Whiskey Mill merch, including t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and even an OWM copper mug to enjoy a Moscow mule at home by the fire. Gift certificates for your loved ones are available in-store and online.



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Elevated Ice Cream & Candy Shop

Spread joy to your friends and family with a gift of delectable desserts from Elevated Ice Cream & Candy Shop. With tons of options for truffles, caramels, taffy, and ice cream, holiday shoppers can find something sweet for everyone on their list. Gift boxes, gift cards and even wooden nickels good for a scoop of ice cream can be purchased in-store and online.



627 Water St., Port Townsend
elevatedicecream.com

Tommyknockers Cornish Pasty

Tommyknockers features warm and hearty meals with a menu that is sure to accommodate all kinds of palates. With their signature pasties, seafood, a kids menu, and even vegan options, Tommyknockers is a fantastic dining option for the whole family this holiday season. And what's more, Thursdays are now Baked Potato Thursday! Choose your favorite toppings, such as BBQ pulled pork, bacon, cheese sauce, mushrooms, onions, and more. Place to-go orders online or over the phone.



711 Water St.
Port Townsend

tommyknockerscornishpasty.com

Café Tenby

Give the gift of a warm and fragrant cup of tea with loose leaf teas and tea accessories at Café Tenby. Their selection features over 70 loose leaf teas, with flavors such as Pumpkin Pie Chai and Pippamint Patty that are sure to help you and your family stay warm during the holidays. Pair the tea with an infuser mug or tea pot to complete the perfect package gift for the tea lovers in your life. Loose leaf teas and gift cards for their online shop can be purchased on their website.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Port Townsend Main Street Program Ring in the Holidays in Port Townsend!

Nov. 26th

Small Business Saturday

Get a jump on holiday shopping! Check out the new overhead lighting which extends the use of the plaza in the darker winter months.

Enjoy the strolling carolers downtown.

The Kiwanis Choo Choo

will roll merrily through town, making several Saturday appearances

November 26, December 3 and December 10th

Article and Images Courtesy of PT Main Street Program

The Port Townsend Main Street Program invites you to celebrate what's special about Port Townsend during the holidays! We are working with the Chamber of Commerce to make our town an even more memorable destination. Port Townsend's historic districts are known for their individually owned businesses filled with delightful gift ideas which offer the personal touch. Inviting dining spots and unique lodgings offer something for every taste. There are so many thoughtful and creative gifts available here that will be remembered long after the holidays. Thanks to the City of Port Townsend Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) funds, we can spread the word about the charms of our town throughout Puget Sound. The campaign is sponsored by the Port Townsend Main Street Program, the Chamber of Jefferson County, the City of Port Townsend, New American Funding, Richmond American Homes, and the Port Townsend and Jefferson County Leader.

Tour the Winter Lights

The Port Townsend Main Street Program is lighting up Port Townsend! Sparkling white lights decorate the trees in the historic districts. Look for a flurry of illuminated snowflakes coming to Uptown. The PT Main Street Program winter lights program runs November-February thanks to the City of Port Townsend LTAC. Main Street elves will be busy decorating. The Haller Fountain and Bell Tower lighting designs are created by Fyerlite Grip and Lighting Services.



Dec. 3rd

Ring in the Holidays in Port Townsend

- 2 pm** Caroling in the streets
- 2:30 pm-** Photo opps with Santa and
4:30 pm the Kiwanis Choo Choo by
Flagship Landing
- Dusk** Tree lighting at Haller Fountain

More information coming soon. Check our website for additional information about other holiday activities and follow the Port Townsend Main Street Program on social media for holiday updates.



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NEW MEMBER

Law office of Steve Dowdell

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feel well-represented



Article and images courtesy of Steve Dowdell

I'm Steve Dowdell. I've lived in Jefferson County for about three and half years, and it's been a wonderful experience. Several years ago, I left a career as a US government trial attorney, hopped in a self-made camper converted from a Sprinter van, and headed west. Through serendipitous circumstances, I bought a farm property on Beaver Valley Road, and with the help of one of my best friends started Gray Fox Farm. We were thrilled to have our inaugural appearance in the Jefferson County Farm Tour just this year.

I've found joy and community in Jefferson County and have discovered my purpose in life - helping others. In an effort to help as many people as possible, I decided earlier this year to open the Law Office of Steve Dowdell.

People ask me what I specialize in, and I tell them that I do a bit of everything. I have a passion for learning, building, and figuring things out, extending back to my engineering degree from Georgia Tech. I was very heavy into civil litigation as a government attorney, and I do that with the firm. I also love working with business owners, and I'm passionate about helping them with opportunities and challenges like acquisitions, regulatory issues, and contracts. I also find property law fascinating because each property is unique, one or two facts can change everything, and people have such a strong connection to their property.

I'm very excited to start my practice in Jefferson County. I value straight talk, hard work, acumen, responsiveness, and entrepreneurialism. It's important for me to make sure that my clients feel supported and well-represented. When my clients call me, I want them to feel like I'm adding value towards a solution, and not a running expense. I'm here to help!



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MEMBER UPDATE

Kristin Manwaring Insurance Providing Strategic and Informative Guidance



Article and Images courtesy of KMI

As we enter November, many are thinking of warm drinks, comfy sweaters, and the upcoming holiday season. Those of us in the health insurance industry are bustling away to prepare for the upcoming enrollment periods. Many plans have a specific time of year in which you can enroll in a plan or make a change without a qualifying life event.

This is the time of year that most people will interact with our team, though we are active and available year-round. Each of the individuals on our team hold the heartbeat of the community, even beyond our roles at work. We volunteer with, donate to, and advocate for organizations and agencies that are making the changes that we are passionate to see. We are all grateful to be part of a close-knit community that is continually working to benefit its members, across political and socioeconomic spectrums. We thank everyone we work with for trusting us to play such integral roles in your lives.

This passion is carried into our work, where we place a strong emphasis on providing strategic and informative guidance, whether it's for Medicare, Employee Benefits, or individual and family coverage. With over 84 years of combined experience, our team is ready to help navigate the complexities of health, disability, and life insurance.

Since it's enrollment season, we want to remind you of some important enrollment dates. Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period for Prescription Drug (Part D) and Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans runs from October 15th through December 7th. Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment for individual and families runs November 1st through December 15th for coverage that begins January 1st. Employers can implement coverage any time of year but should begin the process eight to twelve weeks prior to the intended implementation date.

Like our page on Facebook, check out our website, or call the office for more information.



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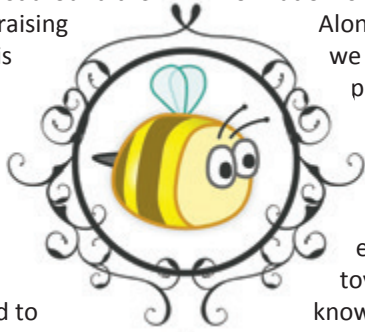
Jumping Mouse Children's Center

Buzzing with activity

Article and Images courtesy of Jumping Mouse

It's the time of year when Jumping Mouse is buzzing with activity. Our Annual Turkey Trot 5K is just around the corner, the year-end fundraising to meet our annual goals is underway, and there is a sense of anticipation for school breaks and all the holidays and activities happening in school, with families, and in our community.

This year, we are excited to host our Turkey Trot 5K and Kids 1-Mile Fun Run in person on November 19th and online from the 19th-27th. Starting from the Boat Haven in Port Townsend along the waterfront on the Larry Scott Trail, we invite supporters, runners, families, and our wider community to bundle up, wear their turkey day-themed best, and run/walk/trot their way along our course to



benefit therapy services to children in our community. Sign up and more information is on our website.

Along with the Turkey Trot, we have our holiday giving program. The holidays can be particularly stressful for vulnerable families, and gift cards and certificates for food and everyday essentials, and/or our local toy stores, lets our families know that they are a part of this community that truly cares.

Our therapists work carefully to match the gift cards and certificates to the right families and with your help, we get to brighten this holiday season. If you would be interested in being a part of our holiday giving, we request that gift cards are dropped off to us by Friday, December 2nd so that we have time to distribute them before our winter break!



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The Winter Season in Port Ludlow

The winter season is a favorite for many of us at The Resort at Port Ludlow. The Fireside's menus have been updated to incorporate the winter ingredients including roasted squash and root vegetables. Ludlow Bay is aglow with the beautifully lit boats in the Marina and our lobby and hallways are decorated for the season to welcome guests from near and far for holiday parties, and The Fireside's annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve dinners.

One great holiday tradition we have is our staff stockings that line the hallway. Each year every employee hangs a stocking as part of our lobby decorations. Then, mysteriously, these are filled - and on Christmas Eve, after the Christmas Eve dinner, the stockings are enjoyed...and treats often include notes left by our guests and fellow employees.

We encourage everyone to shop local for the holidays and we have a number of options in Port Ludlow: the Inn, Marina gift



shop or the Port Ludlow Golf Course.

Some great items featured at the Inn are the always classic Gurgle Pots and Chirpy Tops which are sure to liven up any dinner table or bar, a new favorite, Coast and Cotton tea towels featuring nautical and seasonal prints and local Port Townsend Soap Company bath salts, lotion balms and soaps in our custom Port Ludlow Resort scent.

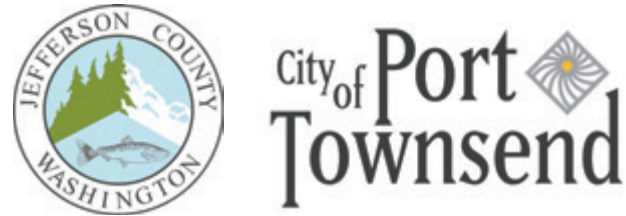
Our Marina is open year round offering watercraft rentals for those looking to get out on the water for a mild winter day excursion. The Golf Shop has added seasonal clothing items and winter golf boots to enjoy the course and tackle the colder and wetter days. And the perfect gift for anyone on your list... pick up a Resort gift card in any denomination, redeemable at all of our hospitality venues.

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