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Port of Bremerton Expands Community Facilities at Port Orchard Marina Park

Port Orchard, Wash., – The Port of Bremerton is finalizing construction on a new covered pavilion overlooking the Sinclair Inlet at its Port Orchard Marina Park. Located at 1001 Bay Street, “This new Overlook is a great addition to the Port of Bremerton’s Port Orchard Marina Park, providing an alternative venue for the community to host events at the Park in addition to the Port’s gazebo and grandstands,” commented Jim Rothlin, Port of Bremerton’s CEO.

The Port Orchard Soroptimist chapter has donated over \$100,000 through fundraisers in support of the Port of Bremerton’s efforts to enhance the area near the Port Orchard Marina Park. Their charitable contributions continue with a \$10,000 donation to the project, with total project costs in the amount of \$35,500. The City of Port Orchard has also contributed \$5,500, which covered the cost of permitting.

“The state-of-the-art equipment and beautiful location of the park attracts families from all over Kitsap County and from Pierce and Mason Counties as well,” stated Bobbie Weatherill, Soroptimist Public Awareness Chair. “The Overlook is a beneficial and significant addition.” Thanks to the non-profit’s continuous support, the Overlook has been named after this local Soroptimist chapter. A plaque will be erected near the structure thanking them for their partnership with the Port and highlighting the Soroptimist mission.

The new Overlook is a 30x34 foot structure built with stained glu-laminated beams and galvanized metal connectors. It will feature a metal roof and polycarbonate skylight panels. “The Overlook is a wonderful area to take in the views of the Sinclair Inlet and will enhance the use of the area,” added Port Commissioner, Larry Stokes.

Future plans include adding power and lighting and offering a fabric enclosure for group event rentals. Other improvements in the park proposed for 2017 include some paving, additional landscaping and new playfield matting around the adjacent playground equipment. Steven Sparks, Director of Facilities and Planning at the Port, produced architectural and site design and supporting structural engineering was provided Norm Olson Engineering of Port Orchard through an in-kind donation of \$3,000. The majority of construction is done by Port staff.

A community ribbon cutting is planned for Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 3 p.m., and all are invited to attend.

About Port of Bremerton:

The Port of Bremerton is currently home to over 35 businesses and approximately 1,000 employees within the Olympic Industrial Park. In addition, it has 11 pad-ready sites and over 1,700 acres for development adjacent to the Bremerton National Airport that features a 6,000 foot runway.

About Port Orchard Marina:

Located on the pristine waters of Puget Sound, our convenient greater Seattle area location offers easy access to boating locations from Olympia to the San Juan Islands and beyond. The charm of a walkable, friendly, small-town has made this marina a favorite among boaters. Amenities include covered moorage, full service repair yards nearby and the Port Orchard Marina is pet-friendly. To learn more, visit: <http://www.portofbremerton.org/portorchardmarina> or call (360) 876-5535.

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