

# Hoquiam Happenings



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**Upcoming Events at  
Timberland Library**

Washington's Company  
Towns: How Women  
Shaped Employer-Owned  
Communities An Inquir-  
ing Minds Program pre-  
sented by Linda Carlson  
Saturday, October 4, 2008  
1:30-2:30 PM

FCC and the 2009  
changeover to Digital  
Television Thursday,  
October 16, 2008 1:30-  
2:30 PM

Preschool Storytimes  
Fridays October 3 -  
November 21  
10:30 AM

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am very proud of this edition of Hoquiam Happenings, as much of it has to do with our community's future. Among other things, our updated Comprehensive Plan will help us determine where new housing and businesses will be located. Public hearings will be held soon to discuss the plan before formal adoption by the City Council so please participate. Information is available on our website at [www.cityofhoquiam.com](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com) or at City Hall.

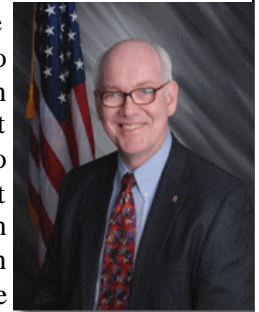
A key element to the success of Hometown Hoquiam is involvement by volunteers. Our proud new Crime Watch volunteers are highlighted in another article here. But we are also in need of help with the volunteer groups who work tirelessly to put on the River Festival, On Track Art Festival, Logger's Playday, and Blue-

grass Festival. The city also has appointed groups who serve in specific areas including our Planning Commission, Community Services Board, Building Code Council, Cemetery Board, Library Board, Olympic Stadium Committee, Community Garden, Historic Preservation Commission, and Civil Service Commission.

Non-City organizations like the Hoquiam Development Association, the Hoquiam Business Association, Lions, Rotary, Veterans, Scouts, our new Harbor Young Professionals, and various school and church groups need our participation to make Hoquiam the kind of community we all want to live and raise our children in.

If you have an interest in any of these City or non-City groups, email me at [mayor@cityofhoquiam.com](mailto:mayor@cityofhoquiam.com) or call me at 580-9856 and I

will be happy to explain what they do or put you in touch with the right



person or group so that you may serve. There is also going to be a Volunteer Opportunities Fair on Saturday October 25 from 11-2 at the SouthShore Mall. Like a diet or exercise program, it is sometimes easier and more fun to do it with a friend. So get active to help your community!

Hoquiam is our hometown and we are involving a lot of people to build a strong future just for you. On behalf of the Hoquiam City Council, our management team, and all of our employees and volunteers, it is an honor to serve and we look forward to your participation.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH By Fire Chief Pumphrey

**Will you be prepared when disaster strikes?**

The Hoquiam Fire Department would like to remind everyone that they should have an emergency plan in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Disasters can come in many forms, but some of the ones that we hear about the most are earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, storms and acts of terrorism.

Families and individuals should know what to do in the event of an emergency. Being prepared can reduce the fear, anxiety and losses that accompany these events. An excellent resource for developing your own plan is a guide called "Are you Ready? An

*In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness*". The guide has been designed to help citizens learn how to protect themselves and their families against all types of hazards. The focus of the guide is how to develop, practice and maintain an emergency plan that reflects what must be done before, during and after a disaster to protect people and their property. It also includes information on how to assemble a disaster supplies kit that contains the necessary supplies for individuals and their families to survive on their own for up to a week or longer. This guide is available free and can be received by calling 1-800-BE-READY.

## HOQUIAM CRIME WATCH...SUMMER INVOLVEMENT

Hoquiam Police CRIME WATCH has had a busy summer. They have been involved in the Cancer Relay, Bicycle Safety Rodeo, the On Track Art Festival, the Bluegrass Festival, National Night Out and Loggers Playday. They even got to "watch over" the classic Deloreans for *Back to the Future* at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre! In addition to helping around the police station, they continue to conduct security checks for Hoquiam residents and businesses. The CRIME WATCH senior volunteers feel a great deal of satisfaction in serving the community and making Hoquiam strong.

CRIME WATCH is currently recruiting for a few new members. If you have a clean background, live in the Hoquiam area, are over 50 years old and would like to be a part of the team, please pick up an application at

By Officer Aaron Hergert

the Hoquiam Police Department, 215-10<sup>th</sup> Street or call (360) 532-0892 ext. 117.



McGruff visits with local children at Night Out Block Party at Emerson and Alder

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Hoquiam City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Public is welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. Council Committee meetings are held as announced. Check on the City website to see current and past agendas and Council Minutes.

**City of Hoquiam Mission Statement:**  
The City of Hoquiam is committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens by diversifying its industrial base, increasing business and housing opportunities, while providing safe communities and opportunities for all.



Vandalism to the Dory and Lighthouse Art was recently repaired by the Washington State Art Commission and the City of Hoquiam. Leading the repair work was Reid Johnson, Artist Assistant to Cork Marcheschi, who was the creator of the Art. For those who haven't seen them, the Dory is located on the Hoquiam River next to the Riverside walkway and the lighthouse is located across from Levee Lumber.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the Critical Areas Ordinance on Monday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoquiam City Council Chambers. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

## Hoquiam Hazard Mitigation Plan Open House

Please join the City of Hoquiam for this important event and learn about the hazard mitigation planning activities in your community. Citizens will have an opportunity to get information and ask questions about the goals and objectives of the Hoquiam Hazard Mitigation Plan, provide information about the history of disasters in Hoquiam, and suggest mitigation actions.

### What is Hazard Mitigation Planning?

While most disasters cannot be avoided, there are things people can do to lessen the loss of life and damage to property. Hazard mitigation planning is about Hoquiam working with its citizens to choose which actions are appropriate to protect our community BEFORE disasters strike. This is different than an emergency response plan, which deals with handling disasters AFTER they occur. This is also not a meeting where you will learn what to do during a disaster.

The Hoquiam Hazard Mitigation Plan will, when complete, assess the vulnerability of people and property in Hoquiam to natural and human-made hazards; set goals and objectives for minimizing the potential impact of those hazards; and provide a strategy for mitigation of potential hazards in Hoquiam.

**What hazards are we talking about?** The Hoquiam Hazard Mitigation Plan will focus on hazards caused by disasters. These include: landslide, earthquake, tsunami, severe storm, flood, volcano, wildland fires, hazardous materials and terrorism.

**Why does Hoquiam need a Hazard Mitigation Plan?** Recent disasters in other parts of the world have demonstrated the importance of disaster preparedness at the local level. Hoquiam received a grant from the Washington State Emergency Management Division in January 2008 to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hazard Mitigation offers many benefits for your community:

- Saves lives, property, economy and the environment
- Reduces vulnerability to future hazards
- Facilitates post-disaster funding from State and Federal government
- Speeds recovery from a disaster; and
- Demonstrates commitment to improving community health and safety.

Details on the open house are listed below.

The Open House will take place **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Hoquiam Public Library located at 420 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Hoquiam, WA.**

For more information please contact Brian Shay, City Administrator or Alissa Thurman, City Planner at (360) 532-5700 ext. 240.

## CITY TO ADOPT CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE

By Alissa Thurman

### Why is the City adopting a Critical Areas Ordinance?

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act, all counties and cities in the state are required to adopt development regulations to protect critical areas. While Hoquiam is not required to plan under the Growth Management Act, the city is still required to adopt a Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) by December 1, 2008. Critical areas can include wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and frequently flooded areas.

### How has the City developed the Ordinance?

The City received a grant from CTED to develop a CAO. They hired

John Kliem of Creative Community Solutions to work with the Planning Commission, City Staff and State agencies to develop an ordinance. The Planning Commission has been working with John Kliem over the past six months to develop an ordinance that meets the minimum requirements while protecting critical areas. In August of 2008 the Planning Commission voted to approve the draft Critical Areas Ordinance and recommended approval to the City Council. The City Council has set a public hearing to consider the draft Critical Areas Ordinance on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

### How will this affect property owners?

Upon submittal of a

project permit application, your property will be evaluated for presence of critical areas. If critical areas are present, you may be required to hire a qualified expert to prepare a technical assessment. Depending upon the category of the critical area and the proposed land use, you may be required to maintain a buffer to protect the critical area.

### How do I know if I have critical areas on my property?

To assist you in determining if your property contains a critical area, you may contact the City of Hoquiam Public Works Department. They can provide you with maps of critical areas. Since not all critical areas have

been identified on maps, these maps should be used as a general guide for property owners. Your property may still contain a critical area that requires protection under the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. In this case, a qualified expert may need to visit your property to make the appropriate development recommendations.

### How can I learn more?

Please visit the Planning Commission website to view the draft Critical Areas Ordinance at:

[www.cityofhoquiam.com/planning.php](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com/planning.php) or call the City Planner, Alissa Thurman at 360-532-5700, ext. 211.

## SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

By Brian Shay

You may have noticed several new sidewalk sections on Simpson and Sumner recently. The City of Hoquiam Public Works and Community Services Departments are working together to eliminate severe trip hazards on our most traveled sidewalks. This project is a direct result of the Hometown Hoquiam Project where fixing sidewalks was identified as a top priority of our citizens.

Additionally, the City is developing a new partnership pro-

gram to help property owners replace dilapidated sidewalks. Dating back to 1916, the responsibility to maintain and repair sidewalks is the responsibility of the neighboring property owners. Specifically, HMC 6.16.010 states, "Whenever a street, lane, square, place or alley in the city shall have been improved by the construction of a sidewalk or sidewalks along either or both sides thereof, the duty, burden and expense of cleaning and repairing of

such sidewalk or sidewalks shall devolve upon the property directly abutting upon that side of such street, lane, square, place or alley along which such sidewalk has been constructed." Over the course of the summer, many property owners have fixed their sidewalks. An example is shown in the adjacent photo of 1027 Washington. The City appreciates these improvements as they benefit our entire community.

The City understands that repairing sidewalks can be a financial burden for many property owners and has developed an innovative partnership to fix sidewalks. Unknown by many residents is that for many years, the City will remove and dispose of the old sidewalk free of charge to homeowners willing to replace their sidewalk. The City has expanded that program and, depending upon the scope and nature of the sidewalk repair, will partner with property owners to make the actual sidewalk repair provided that the property



Photo by Alissa Thurman

provided that the property owner pays for the materials.

The City is developing a brochure to further explain the program which will be available on our website at [www.cityofhoquiam.com](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com).

For more information about this program or to report a specific sidewalk section with a severe trip hazard, please contact the public works department at 360-532-5700 ext 240.



Photo by Alissa Thurman



Photo by Macleod Pappidas

### Department of Licensing Grand Opening At Their New Location in Hoquiam

The Department of Licensing held their Grand opening on September 3, 2008, at their new location in the City of Hoquiam Train Depot. Pictured here are Pat Herrington and Liz Luce of the DOL cutting the ribbon. The DOL has signed a 10 year lease with the City and averages 2,500 customers per month from throughout the county.

City Hall Information: Open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily or by telephone at: (360)-532-5700.

The Punt, Pass and Kick event is tentatively scheduled for October 3rd at Olympic Stadium. Information will be distributed through the schools—special thanks to Grocery Outlet for sponsoring this event. This event is a cooperative effort between the City of Hoquiam and the City of Aberdeen. For more info call the Community Services Department at (360) 532-5700, ext 240.

## PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

By Allissa Thurman

Over the past year the Planning Commission has been working diligently to formulate a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The current Comprehensive Land Use Plan has not been updated since 1996. The City received a grant from CTED to hire John Kliem of Creative Community Solutions to work with the Planning Commission to develop the new plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that guides the content of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. It is anticipated that at the completion of this project the updated Comprehensive Plan will suggest that the City's Land Development, Zoning, Subdivision and Environment

chapters of the Municipal Code be revised to reflect the community's vision.

The Planning Commission held a series of workshops beginning in April of 2007 that focused on the environment, housing and neighborhoods, business and industry, public facilities and services, transportation, and the layout of future development districts. After gathering ideas from community members, John Kliem presented a draft to the Planning Commission at the beginning of 2008. After many more months of working together and with community members, the Planning Commission voted to approve the

Comprehensive Plan and recommended approval to City Council in May of 2008.

In the coming months the City Council will be reviewing the contents of the draft and welcome any input from the community.

To view a draft please visit: [www.cityofhoquiam.com/planning.php](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com/planning.php) or contact Allissa Thurman, City Planner, at (360) 532-5700 ext. 211.

A copy of the proposed Future Land Use Map is also included as an insert in this edition of *Hoquiam Happenings*.

We're on the Web!  
[www.cityofhoquiam.com](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com)



### City of Hoquiam Vision Statement

Hoquiam is known for its vibrant business districts, green industries, safe and attractive neighborhoods, cultural arts and celebrates its rich heritage.

## CITY ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Over the past four months the City has experienced various personnel changes in the public safety departments. The City would like to recognize the following personnel for their years of service to the citizens of Hoquiam:








Firefighter Brian Copeland  
Police Sgt. Harry Blodgett  
Police Sgt. Dallas Hensley  
Officer Carey Lundstrom

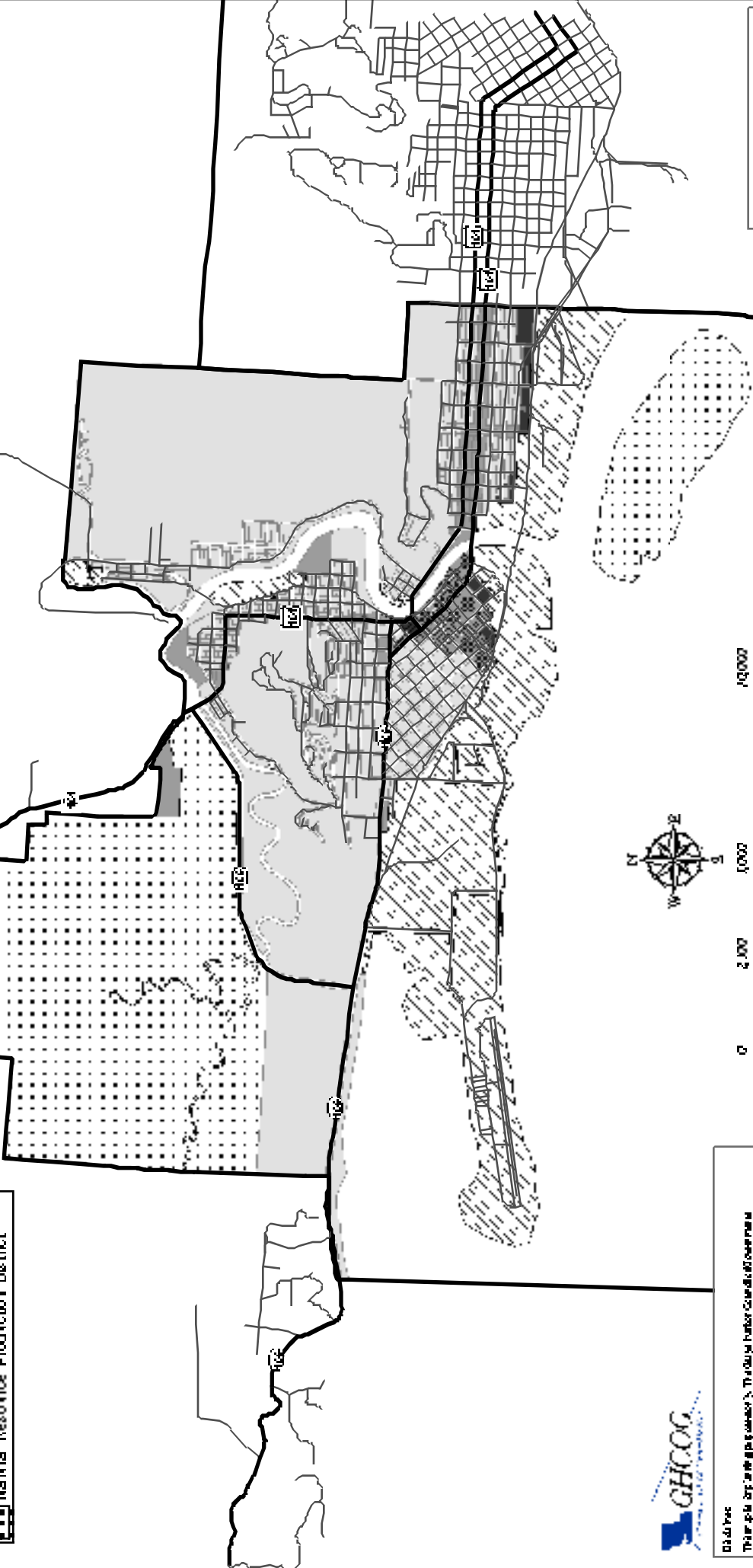
The City of Hoquiam would like to welcome the following new personnel to our team:

Firefighter David Corr  
Officer Jerrod Figg  
Officer Dennis Luce  
Officer David Peterson

Thank you for your commitment and service to Hometown Hoquiam!

# CITY OF HOQUIAM FUTURE LAND USE MAP

- Legend**
-  Hoquiam Downtown Overlay
  -  Mining
  -  Residential District
  -  Community Commercial District
  -  Heavy Commercial District
  -  Industrial District
  -  Marine Resource Production District



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