

## News from the Interim County Administrator

Hello to my fellow Kala Point neighbors! Last month we gave you some information from Public Works about the Transportation Improvement Plan and the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. This month I'd like to give you a few tips from our County Public Health department, along with an update on SMP public outreach in July.

### Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs

The County's Public Health department issues public information bulletins on a regular basis regarding topics that pertain to our citizens. This particular post is from Federal Guidelines.

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash.
- Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags will further ensure the drugs are not diverted.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so. The FDA advises that the following drugs be flushed instead of thrown in the trash: Actiq, Daytrana Transdermal Patch, OxyContin Tablets, Avinza Capsules, Baraclude Tablets, Tequin Tablets, Zerit for Oral Solution, Meperidine HCl Tablets, Percocet, Xyrem and Fentora. (Not being a medical professional, they sound like a foreign language—check your prescriptions!) Note: Patients should always refer to printed material accompanying their medication for specific instructions.
- Take advantage of community pharmaceutical take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Some communities have these programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Where these exist, they are a good way to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals.

For more information, contact the County's Public Health department at 385.9400 or via e-mail at [info@jeffersoncountypublichealth.org](mailto:info@jeffersoncountypublichealth.org).

### Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update

A revised *Committee Working Draft Shoreline Master Program* was released to the public in May. Supplemental technical documents including the *Final Shoreline Inventory & Characterization Report* and the *Shoreline Restoration Plan* were released in mid-June. Informal public comment will be accepted until July 11, 2008, on these three documents.

County staff will be available at the following locations in early July to provide information and answer any questions you may have on the SMP Update:

Tuesday, July 1	noon-1 pm	North Beach County Park
	2-3 pm	Discovery Bay Golf Club
	4-6 pm	Port Townsend Safeway
Wednesday, July 2	4-6 pm	Shine Fire Station

Thursday, July 3      11am - noon    Coyle Community Center  
                                 2-3 pm            Nordland General Store  
                                 4-6 pm            Port Hadlock QFC

On Thursday, July 10, there will be an all-day SMP Community Planning Workshop held. This will include an Open House with informational displays and casual Q&A, along with daytime focus group meetings on key issues and culminating with an evening public meeting to showcase the draft proposal before its deadline for informal public comment the next day, on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Michelle McConnell in the Department of Community Development at 379.4484, via e-mail at [mmcconnell@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:mmcconnell@co.jefferson.wa.us) or visit the County's Web site on the SMP Update at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm).

And, of course, if you'd like to contact me with any questions, please feel free to call me at 385.9100 or e-mail me at [drichards@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:drichards@co.jefferson.wa.us).

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