

*Port of Brownsville*  
*Newsletter January 2020*



**Thank you for a successful 2019 – even with all the changes!**

After looking over the entire 2019 year the port community has taken on some major changes to our infrastructure and operations. We rounded out the year with success and style and are continuing to explore new opportunities for increased revenues and decreased costs.

One of these ideas will take effect in the very near future as the Port has partnered with Kitsap Bank to honor our merchant services for credit card payments. The next couple of months will have increased offerings for making your payments including an on-line function, recurring credit card payments and streamlined payment processing. While this change won't be noticed by most of you it allows a savings of over \$6000 per year on the payment processing and ensures a more secure processing of payments. Please let us know if you have any questions about this change.



Reports are in and with the closure on Sundays our staff has already been able to complete contract work for the Port of Waterman and have been contacted for additional work from Port of Keyport. This winter schedule is allowing for far more flexibility so far and should continue to allow staff to be fully functional more days of each week.

In case you missed it, the Port received phone calls on Sunday, December 22 around 11:30 AM about a boat that was submerged with water and sinking on the D Dock. By the time the maintenance crew arrived on site the boat had been taking on water and was pulling the dock and electrical lines down with it. Our staff had no choice but to cut the boat free from the dock. Maintenance secured the site with booms and absorption rags in case of any fuels leaching from the sunken vessel. Calls were made to the US Coast Guard, Department of Ecology, National Response Commission, T&C Diving, and the owner of the vessel. On Monday, December 23, the US Coast Guard arrived on site to assess the situation and took over the containment of possible fuel and oil spills and hired Global Diving to raise the boat. As of Friday, December 27 the insurance company for the owner was working to get the funds distributed to the owner to allow Global Diving to raise the boat and assess the next steps to the process. Thanks to the quick reaction of our tenants to alert maintenance and their quick reaction this potentially devastating event was quickly contained and any further contamination was averted.



Commissioners' Meeting: The regularly scheduled meeting **will be January 8th at 6:00 P.M.**



Reminder: Port office will be closed on January 1, 2020 for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 20, 2020 in recognition of the Martin Luther King Junior Federal Holiday.

**Have a safe and happy start to 2020 from all of us here at the Port of Brownsville!**