

Port of Brownsville
Newsletter October 2020



After the most recent security concerns and damage to vehicles we received a great suggestion from one of our own tenants. Their suggestion was to include the phone number for the Port's security company, Safe Security. Great suggestion and here it is: (360) 440-0870. I would ask that you keep phone calls to emergencies only and during the hours of 8PM to 4AM as that is the hours our contract includes. As always emergency numbers are posted around for the Port and you can call these anytime.



As you all are aware the Port has been actively recruiting to fill a few vacancies on our staff. Looks like in early October we will bring on a new face in the office to assist Joe and all of you. Also, we have been looking for another maintenance crew member to fill the vacancy created last winter. This position will be a Maintenance Manager who will lead the crew and organize maintenance and capital projects. These positions are both in the final hiring stages so please welcome these employees and come by to meet them once they have started.



Just another reminder that every June 30 the annual boat registrations expire. Letters will begin going out very soon for those of you who still need to do your annual boat registration. This can be done on-line without ever having to set foot in a state licensing office. Here is the link for ease.
www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/renewboat.html



On or before the 15th day of September of each year the port commission shall prepare a preliminary budget of the port district. This preliminary budget has been prepared and the commission held a budget workshop on September 16 prior to their regular meeting. The port will set a budget hearing soon to take testimony on their proposed budget. The hearing will most likely be in November. The budget consists of the revenues and expenses throughout the year, any tariff revisions, general and

administrative costs (overhead) and capital projects. Don't forget our suggestion box at the office for anything you think might be worthwhile for the commission to consider as part of the budget process.

Another reminder as we move into fall, temperatures will soon start dipping lower. Please start thinking about winterizing your boats so that you aren't caught off guard in freezing temperatures. This also includes the rainy season and making sure bilge pumps are functioning so your vessels are not taking on more water than they can handle.



Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be October 14 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be hosted using Zoom. Meeting ID: 945 3386 6373 PW: 042692

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting. Please keep your device muted as repeated interruptions may result in your removal from the meeting.

For updates and information on the Coronavirus: Coronavirus.wa.gov