

# YOUR CITY

JULY/AUG 2018 ISSUE

WWW.CITYOFPA.US

THE CITY OF  
PORT ANGELES



COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER

Photo by Isaac Gautschi

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Aug. 5:** Ride the Hurricane  
**Aug. 7 & 21:** City Council, 6pm  
**Aug. 8 & 22:** Planning Commission, 6pm  
**Aug. 14:** Utility Advisory Committee, 3pm

**Aug. 16-19:** Clallam County Fair

**Aug. 19-26:** Paint the Peninsula Plein Air Competition

**Sept. 1:** Jammin' in the Park [West End Park]

**Sept. 4 & 18:** City Council, 6pm

**Sept. 8:** Great Olympic Adventure Trail Run

**Sept. 8:** Dream Playground Maintenance Day

**Sept. 8-9:** Gold Cup/State Finals [Lincoln Park BMX]

**Sept. 8-9:** Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show [Vern Burton]

**Sept. 11:** Utility Advisory Committee, 3pm

**Sept. 12 & 26:** Planning Commission, 6pm

**Sept. 20:** Parks Commission, 6pm

**Sept. 21-23:** Arts & Draughts Beer & Wine Festival

**Sept. 22:** The Big Hurt Race

**Every Saturday:** PA Gateway Farmers Market, 10-2

## DID YOU KNOW?

Effective July 2, 2018, retailers in the City of Port Angeles can no longer provide customers with thin plastic checkout bags. The "Bring Your Own Bag" law is intended to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable shopping bags to prevent waste, reduce litter, and help our environment. For more information, please visit: <http://cityofpa.us/883/Plastic-Bags>.



## STAY IN TOUCH



Follow the Community & Economic Development, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works departments on Facebook.

## LINCOLN BMX TRACK GETS MAJOR UPGRADES

In early 2017, the City advertised for Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a track operator at the Lincoln Park BMX Track. After receiving one RFP from a group of local residents who had formed the *Lincoln Park BMX Association*, the RFP was reviewed and approved by the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission and City Council.

The Lincoln Park BMX Association took over the operation and maintenance of the track in the spring of 2017, and they had immediate plans for improving the facility. After establishing their non-profit status, they went to work cleaning up the grounds, removing unsafe equipment, and painting the buildings.

Since then, they applied for and received \$50,000 in City lodging tax funds. The funds were used to completely rebuild the starting hill and staging ramp, and build a bridge connecting the two. They purchased and installed a ProStart pneumatic safety gate, which was the first of its kind in Washington state and on the West Coast. They've also installed a new fence along the first straight, repaired the exterior fencing, rebuilt the track, and installed a new sound system and speakers.

*(story continued on back)*



## LINCOLN BMX TRACK, CONTINUED

The association has received an incredible amount of local support since taking over operations. In 2017, they had 22 business sponsorships and 23 more were added in 2018. Nearly 1,500 hours of volunteer service and more than \$74,500 in equipment, materials, and services were donated for the starting hill project.

In an effort to get more people riding, they have teamed up with the Lower Elwha Tribe, Sound Bikes & Kayaks, and Ben's Bikes of Sequim to establish a track bike program. In one year, they now have 21 bikes and helmets available for kids to use who don't have their own equipment.

As a result of all of their hard work and partnerships, 2018 rider participation is up 110% over 2017, and they hope that those numbers will keep growing. The track will be the host of the 2018 Gold Cup/State Qualifier on July 7-8 and the 2018 Washington State BMX Finals on September 7-9. Combined, these two events anticipate bringing 6,000 people to Port Angeles over those weekends.



For more information and to find out about upcoming events at the track, visit <https://www.usabmx.com/tracks/1251>.

## PORT ANGELES' FIRST ANNUAL DAY OF PLAY EVENT - JULY 28



July is National Park and Recreation Month, and in an effort to recognize the importance of our community parks and recreational opportunities, the Parks & Recreation Department is launching its first ever "Day of Play" event.

Join us on Saturday, July 28, to discover and explore all the ways you can play in Port Angeles.

We are partnering with local organizations such as the Feiro Marine Life Center, Dream Playground Foundation, Lincoln Park BMX Association, William Shore Memorial Pool, Port Angeles Senior Center, and Lefties Baseball to host events across town celebrating the power of play.

Each participating organization will have planned activities at their respective locations. Enjoy the new deck at the Marine Life Center, swim for free at William Shore, learn how to ride a BMX bike, or enjoy a barbecue at a local park!

Visit [www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us) for details and to get a map outlining the Day of Play activities. For more information, call 360-417-4550 or email [parksandrecreation@cityofpa.us](mailto:parksandrecreation@cityofpa.us).

## SPOTLIGHT ON: CITY BEAUTIFICATION CREW

Each year, the City of Port Angeles Parks & Recreation Department's Beautification Crew is responsible for planting approximately 25,000 flowers and foliage in more than 80 hanging baskets and more than 70 planter boxes throughout town.

In the spring and summer, the Beautification Crew is typically made up of 2-3 seasonal employees under the direction of full-time employee Brooke Keohokalole.

Brooke, who has been with the City since 2005, checks plant availability from the nurseries and manually plans out the hanging baskets and planter boxes on graph paper. She generates ideas and color schemes based off of the available products, which result in the beautiful displays you see downtown and at each of the City's facilities.



Beautification Crew Members Cloud Huxley, Mel Hamilton & Brooke Keohokalole