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## LOOKING AHEAD



**Oct. 2 & 16:** City Council, 6pm  
**Oct. 5-7:** Crab & Seafood Festival  
**Oct. 9:** Utility Advisory Committee, 3pm  
**Oct. 10 & 24:** Planning Commission, 6pm

**Oct. 13:** Walk to End Alzheimer's, 9am [City Pier]  
**Oct. 17:** Public Safety Advisory Board, 6pm  
**Oct. 18:** Parks Commission, 6pm  
**Oct. 20:** Clallam Mosaic Tour of Italy Gala [Vern Burton]  
**Nov. 3:** Ski Swap [Vern Burton]  
**Nov. 6 & 20:** City Council, 6pm  
**Nov. 9-11:** Christmas Cottage [Vern Burton]  
**Nov. 13:** Utility Advisory Committee, 3pm  
**Nov. 14 & 28:** Planning Commission, 6pm  
**Nov. 15:** Parks Commission, 6pm  
**Nov. 17:** Winterfest [Vern Burton]  
**Nov. 21:** Public Safety Advisory Board, 6pm  
**Nov. 23-25:** Festival of Trees [Vern Burton]  
**Every Saturday:** PA Gateway Farmers Market, 10-2

## DID YOU KNOW?

In July, the City completed a seven month project with our website host CivicPlus to redesign our website. As part of the process, we restructured the way information is presented in an effort to simplify the site and make information more readily available. Visit [www.cityofpa.us](http://www.cityofpa.us) to check out the new site and if you have questions, email [webmaster@cityofpa.us](mailto:webmaster@cityofpa.us).



## STAY IN TOUCH



Follow the Community & Economic Development, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works departments on [Facebook](#).

## NATHAN WEST TAKES OVER AS CITY MANAGER

The City of Port Angeles is pleased to announce the appointment of its new City Manager, Nathan West. City Council approved Nathan's contract to begin on September 5, following the retirement of Dan McKeen, who served as the City Manager since 2012.

Nathan has worked for the City for 13 years. He began in 2005 as the Principal Planner, and was promoted to Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development (CED) in January 2008. By August 2008, Nathan was promoted to Director of CED, and he has served in that capacity since.

Over the past eight years, Nathan was the primary Acting City Manager during Dan's absences. Nathan's understanding of all City operations, demonstration of high problem-solving skills, and ability to work with Council, staff, and the community provides him the necessary qualifications to act in this capacity.

Since March, the City underwent an extensive hiring process, which included hiring a recruiting firm to determine whether or not Nathan was a good fit to be the next City Manager.

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## NEW CITY MANAGER, CONTINUED

The City recognizes the importance of having well-qualified, trained, and interested managers who actively seek to advance to higher positions.

“We are pleased to promote Nathan West to the City Manager position. The whole Council unanimously supports this decision and we are grateful that we have such a capable candidate that knows and cares about our community,” Mayor Sissi Bruch said when announcing Nathan’s appointment.

Prior to coming to Port Angeles, Nathan managed the Policy Development Section of the Cayman Islands Government Planning Department. While there, he was part of the Governor’s Vision Round Table developing a strategy to protect the natural environment and coastal ecosystems of all three Cayman Islands.

Nathan has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Willamette University and a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Tennessee. He is a certified Dive Master and has logged numerous hours in the underwater environment. Please join us in welcoming Nathan to his new position with the City of Port Angeles!



Nathan and the CED Department at the 2017 Big Hurt race

## LODGING TAX FUNDS TO BRING ICE SKATING RINK TO TOWN



Photo from Ice-America of an outdoor skating rink in California

Over the summer, the Port Angeles Lodging Tax Committee and City Council approved the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce’s request for \$35,000 in lodging tax funds to rent a portable outdoor ice skating rink to be located in the downtown corridor this winter.

The Chamber will enter into a one year contract with Ice-America, an ice skating and ice games business based out of California, to rent the 3,200-square-foot outdoor aluminum ice skating rink.

The rink will be open for six weeks, from November 24 through January 6, 2019. Volunteers will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the rink and ice skates will be available to rent.

The Chamber anticipates more than 8,600 people from Port Angeles and the surrounding region will visit the ice skating rink.

For more information, contact the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce at 360-452-2363 or stop by the Port Angeles Visitor Center at 121 East Railroad Avenue.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: KARI MARTINEZ-BAILEY, NEW CITY CLERK

The City Manager’s Office is excited to announce that Kari Martinez-Bailey was recently promoted to the position of City Clerk. Kari has worked for the City for six years. She first served as a Customer Service Representative in the Finance Department and then as Administrative Assistant to the City Manager’s Office for the past four years.

In that capacity, Kari not only orchestrated the business of the City Manager’s Office, but also served as primary support to the City Council. During her time in that position, she frequently served as acting City Clerk and was identified for the City Clerk role in the office succession plan.

Kari’s genuine concern for our customers and citizens, as well as her ability to juggle a multitude of competing priorities, have made her an invaluable addition to the City Manager’s Office.

