

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 ~
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LIBERTY ALERTS:

October 5th, 2017: Voter Information Forum

County Council and Port of Bellingham Candidates Meridian High School. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Event begins at 7:00 PM and ending at approx. 9:00 PM.

Event Sponsors:

WBA, BIAWC, 4th Corner, Whatcom Farm Bureau, Ass. Gen. Contractors, WC Cattleman's Assoc., Whatcom Farm Friends, WC Assoc. of Realtors, WC CAPR, and CTNW.

October 18th, 2017: Pre-Release Premier Showing of

"Same Kind of Different as Me." Starring Jon Voight, Greg Kinnear, Rene Zellweger, and Djimon Hounsou. The event is sponsored by the Lighthouse Mission Ministries. **Pre-sales can be purchased at this link.**

October 19th, 2017: Wake-Up Whatcom Event

A **WakeUp Whatcom County**, event. Guest Speakers: Tim Eyman, Glen Morgan, and Lars Larson are confirmed to entertain and inform the audience on issues affecting Whatcom County and Washington State.

Event location - Meridian High School.

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COMMON CENTS:

"Where-oh-where did all that flood money go?
Oh, where-oh-where did it go???"

RESOLUTION No. 2017-251A

Resolution requesting the Executive develop a special funding district to fund water quality improvements in the unincorporated Lake Whatcom Watershed to provide local fees to be used in conjunction with other funding to address water quality concerns specific to Lake Whatcom no later than Nov. 8, 2017.

This will bring in "more revenue" and there is nothing within this resolution that holds the weight of law (it is not an ordinance) but a statement using highly influential language asking the W.C. Executive to establish a, "long-term deficit reduction alternatives that maintain or enhance current levels of service and authorized the expenditure of \$40,000 in the 2017 FCZD budget to enable this work." FCZD means Flood Control Zone District.

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/.../Flood-Control-Zone...>

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1. [Port of Bellingham Overview](#)

Countywide Special Purpose Municipal Government
Three Elected Commissioners: Mike McAuley, Bobby Briscoe, Dan Robbins
Enterprise Activities (User Fees, Revenue Bonds)
Public Purpose Activities (Property Tax, GO Bonds)
100 FTE (full time employees)

2. [Economic Development Highlights](#)

Major Infrastructure Projects
Local Economic Highlights
2018 Priorities

3. **Blaine**

Redevelop Blaine Industrial Area – MTCA funds?
Electrical Upgrades at Blaine Harbor

B’ham and Whatcom County focus on Port activity is:

4. [Bellingham International Airport](#)

2017 Highlights

Completed - Passenger Demand – What’s next?

5. [Waterfront District](#)

Development Agreement with Harcourt ([Who is Harcourt?](#) [How is it going?](#))

ASB Trail

Environmental Cleanup (Six State-Listed Cleanup Sites)

Where are we in clean-up at GP site?

Reshape shorelines to support marine trades, mixed-use development, public access & salmon recovery

First time in how many years that the Longshoremen in Bellingham have received and unloaded a freighter?

Why so long?

Keep existing navigation depths at C Street Terminal & Colony Wharf

(Dredging completed? Ongoing need?)

[GP West](#)

Cleanup activities will support extension of downtown to the waterfront

(Specifics?)

[Cornwall Landfill Engineering Design](#)

Support development of City’s largest waterfront park (17 acres)

(What percentage of the overall project? 7 %?)

Site Preparation (Stormwater and Infrastructure) where are we? Roads, piping, electrical, what’s holding things up?

(Timeframe to completion? 40 – 50 years?)

New target Industries – what do new businesses and industries need most?

How is the Port of B’ham and City of Bellingham coordinating on streets, Parks & infrastructure?

([Masterplan for redevelopment](#) – Restricted access areas?)

Mass transit and pedestrian oriented development for an Urban Village?

Groceries, schools and low-income housing are in the MP as phased-in project goals?)

Coordinate with WWU

What percentage of redevelopment has been retained for trades and parks?

[Public Investment - Community Benefits](#)

Avoid “Brownfield” Syndrome

New Jobs

Rebuild Tax Base

33 Acres of Public Parks

(24% of total waterfront project)

Connect Downtown to the Water