



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

January 2009

## Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 8

7 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting  
Commission Meeting Room  
1st and Commercial Avenue  
(Re-scheduled from January 1)

Thursday, January 15

7 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting/  
Joint Meeting with Port of Skagit  
County  
Commission Meeting Room  
1st and Commercial Avenue



Port tenant 48° North built new hangars at Anacortes Airport.

## Private hangars among airport improvements

Private hangars at Anacortes Airport were among projects completed in 2008, with more construction anticipated this year.

Port tenant 48° North Aviation LLC built new hangars at a site near existing hangars built and operated by the local company. Plans call for construction of commercial hangars in 2009.

Last year approximately \$1 million was invested by the Port in airport improvements funded in large part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Improvements include a washdown facility, run-up apron, automated gate and screening berm.



COMMUNITY TOUR: Work continues at Dakota Creek Industries (DCI) on a joint Port/DCI project called "Project Pier 1." Another community tour of the project is scheduled Monday, January 12. Call 293-3134 to RSVP for the 4 p.m. tour.

## Port Perspectives

### Port will continue to make an impact



Bob Hyde,  
Executive Director

Happy New Year! We will be working harder than ever in 2009 to make a positive impact on the economy in Anacortes.

This looks to be a very important year for your Port:

2009 will see our most aggressive public works program. We plan to execute more than \$17 million in local projects and environmental cleanups, with all but \$2 million being paid for by grant or third party funding sources. This should

be good news for the local economy, and especially the local construction trades and suppliers.

2009 will see the completion of the \$27 million Pier 1 upgrade project, which will allow our Dakota Creek Shipyard to expand and become even more competitive.

2009 will also see the groundbreaking of the Marine Skills Center, which will welcome its first students in September 2010.

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## Switalski named Employee of the Year 2008

Teri Switalski, who plays a crucial role in winning and administering government grants for Port projects, has been named Port of Anacortes Employee of the Year for 2008.



Teri Switalski

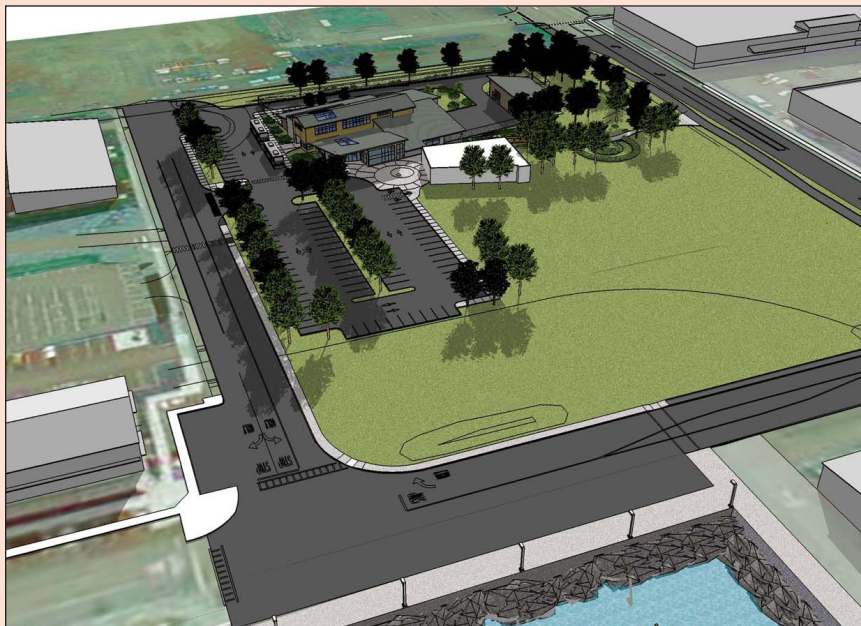
Switalski was honored by her fellow employees, receiving the most nominations for the annual award.

Switalski, who joined the Port team as Contract/Grant Administrator in June 2006, has been instrumental in implementing

grants for all environmental cleanup projects the Port has undergone in the last year. She also developed a close working relationship with Washington State Department of Ecology (DoE) grant administrators, and as such has facilitated existing grants in progress as well as new grants.

"Teri is also responsible for managing other time-sensitive tasks," noted one of the many employees who nominated her. "Those responsibilities include bidding assistance and contract administration for numerous Port projects. And let's not forget processing all of the

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When completed, a new marine skills center on "R" Avenue will operate as an integral part of the K-12 system for all Skagit County high schools, and college students as well.

## Final Marine Tech Center review, construction anticipated in 2009

Progress continues on a new marine technology center made possible by a partnership of organizations including Skagit Valley College and the Port of Anacortes.

The center is officially titled the Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA) Marine Technology Center at the Anacortes Campus.

Port of Anacortes involvement in the project is limited to provision of a ground lease and assistance with environmental analysis necessary to proceed with construction permitting.

The new, \$5.3 million facility, scheduled to welcome its first students in 2010, will feature instruction of preparatory programs related to this community's thriving marine industry.

As a satellite branch of the larger NCTA

Mount Vernon Campus, the single story building will consist of both educational and 'real life' spaces, classrooms, labs, an assembly area and administrative offices.

The initial phase of the project will include programs with four specialized marine industry areas: a Systems Lab to teach plumbing and electrical systems; a Composite Lab for fabrication applications such as resin and fiberglass; a Mechanical Lab for boat assembly, welding support and engine maintenance; and a supporting Wood Lab.

The 15,000 sq. ft. campus is located off "R" Avenue, west of The Cannery building and Seafarers' Memorial Park.

## 'Port will continue to make positive impact'

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This year will also see a change to the Relay for Life as its location moves to the marina! It should be an outstanding venue for this event, and a chance to show off the marina to the entire community.

2009 will see a return of our much heralded Summer Concert Series at the Cap Sante Boat Haven. Also, the Boat Haven will see the installation of a new small boat hoist in the north

basin to allow better access to the water for our very important small boat customers.

Please note, your Port is always happy to come to your club or gathering to provide a presentation on our activities. If you are interested, please contact us at 293-3134 or at julie@portofanacortes.com to set up a time and date.

Best wishes to you in 2009!

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invoices for contracts Port-wide."

Another nomination endorsing Switalski stated: "She has built a strong working relationship with Accounts Payable to help ease the stress of tight monthly schedules. Along with the DoE grant administration, she has managed federal and Skagit County grants during 2008, building important working relationships at all government levels."

Switalski was heralded for "stepping up to serve on the Safety Committee, a daunting job that not many others would undertake. She is always looking for ways to improve our working environment, both in safety and functionality."

The 2008 Employee of the Year was credited with "playing a critical role" in terms of a strong working relationship with DoE and other outside government agencies.

"Grant receipts and timely reimbursements, obtained in part by Teri's efforts in efficiently meeting deadlines, have saved the Port of Anacortes taxpayers a great deal of money," concluded a fellow employee. "This success is not accidental, but can be attributed in part to Teri's commitment to open channels of communication, and to her preparation of complete, thoroughly prepared documentation."

Switalski's selection as Employee of the Year was announced in-house at the Port's annual staff holiday party in late December. At an upcoming Port Commission meeting her selection will be acknowledged with receipt of a commemorative plaque.

Her name will be added to a plaque on display in the Port District's Main Office. Last year's Employee of the Year was Sarah Valoven.

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