

Orange cones, the missing pier, and the Boat Show; your questions answered

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We get questions. Here are three of the most frequently asked.

What is going on with all the construction on Dayton Street in front of Harbor Square?

The City is replacing some of its sanitary sewer infrastructure. It involves relocating an underground lift station and replacing the piping associated with it. In layman's terms, the lift station is a large pumping system that moves sewage originating on the waterfront up the grade to the City's sewage treatment plant at SR-104 and Dayton. The project—and some associated utility work under the railroad tracks—is expected to be complete this summer. Meanwhile traffic seems to be getting through the area with a minimum of disruption. The pavement will initially be patched, then—when the soil has been allowed to settle—it will be repaved. Right now that is scheduled for 2010.

When will they be done taking down that big pier next to Marina Beach Park? It is pretty much done now. The pier, known familiarly as the Union Oil dock (even though purchased by Chevron and now owned by the City), was constructed decades ago as a fueling dock. It has been unused for 18 years. Crews from Manson Construction Company have finished removing those portions of the pier that are above the water and above the ground. They are still finishing up with some parts that are below the waterline, but for all practical purposes the pier is gone.

The Port was an exhibitor at the Seattle Boat Show. Why? To what purpose, some people ask, when you have a long waiting list for moorage? First, the waiting list is not long for all boat sizes. Some of the shorter slips are available today; others have a list that is short enough to make it likely that space will be available this year. We signed up new tenants at the boat show in both wet moorage and dry storage, and had out-of-town yacht clubs book our guest moorage for group cruises.

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The boat show, although not as large as it has been in some years, was nonetheless quite successful. The people attending were not just “kicking tires,” they were serious buyers and there were exceptional deals available for them.

Our booth was almost always busy; people seem to have a great respect for our city and our marina and are eager to learn more. Everyone staffing the booth knew a lot about the Port: our staff volunteers, the commissioners and adult leaders from our Sea Scout group.

Any time you have questions about the Port, don't hesitate to ask. Most of the answers are available on our website: www.portofedmonds.org. However, if you prefer, you can come down and talk to us almost any time, or you can call us during normal business hours at 774-0549. We are always happy to hear from you.

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