

25th Pre-Launch Awareness Email to Key Stakeholders

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Hello friends, neighbors and community leaders - we hope this finds you and your families well. We're happy to bring some exciting news that we wanted to share with you ahead of the public launch next week!

Spoiler Alert: We want to know WHAT YOU WANT for the future South Kitsap Community Events Center in Port Orchard and we would appreciate your help spreading the word about our Community Input Survey.

The Community Input Process begins Sept. 28th! Learn more at www.imagineportorchard.com.

As you'll likely recall, last year the South Kitsap Community Events Center (SKCEC) proposed for downtown Port Orchard was met with overwhelming support and allotted up to \$12,000,000 in funding from the Kitsap Public Facilities District to help make the vision of a revitalized downtown, a new space for our Library, and a multi-purpose gathering space for our community a reality.

South Kitsap has been in need of a central gathering place for decades, a venue to provide a multitude of functions and uses that would serve the public and business needs of our community. The Imagine Port Orchard Project engaged the public directly by communicating updates on the proposed SKCEC and inviting input on the future of Port Orchard's waterfront and downtown.

Imagine Port Orchard received over 150 comments and insights from the public on what they wanted from community events and gathering space.

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Now, as we refine our vision for what space, programming and usage will ultimately be for the SKCEC we are once again asking our community, civic, and business leaders - *what do you imagine for Port Orchard's downtown?*

An online survey has been created to help us further understand what our community would like from the SKCEC. The survey will go live on the www.imagineportorchard.com homepage on Monday, Sept. 28th, and will be live for 3 weeks - until Oct. 16th.

After this Community Input Process, we will correlate public comments with planning data and hold a second Community Input Survey that will build on what we have learned and present the public with additional information. This survey is a vital step in planning the SKCEC and we want the public to feel a sense of pride and participation in this process!

How You Can Help:

- Take the Survey! Please take a moment to leave your thoughts and take the SKCEC Community Input Survey.
- Share with your Network / Team / Fans / Friends: We want to hear from EVERYONE in our community so please share the survey LINK and social posts.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!
~ The City of Port Orchard and the Imagine Port Orchard team.

Social Launch Announcement for Sept. 28th

Imagination Takes Action! TAKE the Survey: imagineportorchard.com

Last year you helped Port Orchard imagine what a new events center, library, and gathering space could mean for our community. Your support and enthusiasm were vital to demonstrate public interest in the South Kitsap Community Events Center (SKCEC). Thank you!

Now, we are excited to move from *Imagination to Action* as we finalize the plans for the key features, usage, and programming of the SKCEC.

From Sept. 28th - Oct 16th we are asking the South Kitsap community to complete an online survey that will help the various teams planning the SKCEC to determine needs and priorities for space usage, programming, and features. The SKCEC will be a multi-purpose indoor/outdoor gathering space that will reflect what we want and value as a community and this survey is an important step in completing that vision. Your participation will help shape your city's future!

Stay tuned, there will be more Community Input events for the SKCEC in the coming months and you can look for project updates on this page and on www.imagineportorchard.com.
#imagineportorchard #SKCEC

Sept 28th Launch Email to Public

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We Need Your Input on the South Kitsap Community Events Center Design

Hello friends and neighbors. After years of consideration, the South Kitsap Community Events Center (SKCEC) has reached an exciting design phase and your input is requested to ensure the facility is developed to meet the community's future needs. This is your community center so the more input we receive from our citizens, the better.

Please complete the Community Input Survey [Link] during the public comment period open today through October 16. Nationally-recognized architecture firm Rice Fergus Miller [LINK] in Bremerton is leading the design process and they want us to think big and get creative. We encourage you to spend a few minutes to express your vision for the facility and share the survey with your friends and families. Visit ImaginePortOrchard.com [LINK] for more details and inspiration.

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