



# PORT OF SKAGIT

# At Work for You

## Jobs for Our Community

### 2009 Tulip Festival Fly-In and Airshow ~ April 25

June ~ July 2009

### Our Mission

*"Jobs for our Community"*

#### Commissioners:

Kevin E. Ware District 1

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You may have attended the 2009 Tulip Festival Fly-In and Airshow but did you know it takes all of the following agencies & organizations to make it happen?

Skagit Airport Support Association, Skagit County Dike District 12, Skagit County Sheriff Department, Skagit County Emergency Management, Skagit County Public Works, Mount Baker Chapter of the Red Cross, Skagit County Explorer Search & Rescue, Skagit County Fire District #6, Mc Clean Road Fire Department, Skagit County Medic One, and Civil Air Patrol.

The Port applauds each of these agencies and organizations as well as the many volunteers who make this event what it is!

*A special thank you to SASA  
~ Skagit Airport Support Association ~  
for organizing this event!*

*Tremendous job SASA!*



Tulip Ambassadors Christian Lathrom & Veronica Pratt

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## 1st Quarter Results from Port Austerity Measures



Kristin Garcia, CPA  
Director of Finance

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In October 2008, the port adopted its 2009 operating and capital budget. Financial indicators in late 2008 and early 2009 showed the economy was rapidly declining which prompted port staff to revisit the original budget. In February 2009, the port commission adopted "austerity" measures to adjust the budget as a proactive way to address an anticipated decline in port revenues. The intent was to develop a revenue forecast to reflect a worst case scenario and then to reduce and/or postpone operating and capital expenses. Implementation of the "austerity" measures indicate a glimmer of success as first quarter 2009 results show actual revenue slightly above the worst case scenario and expenses are within revised figures.

*"I'm cautiously optimistic, based on the port's first quarter financial results, the port will come through this time of economic uncertainty with a reasonable amount of stability. No one has been unaffected by the downturn in the economy, however, because the port faced the challenge head on, we are more prepared, becoming more efficient, and will be stronger in the end." Kristin Garcia*



2009 Skagit Watershed Letterbox Trail

*Saturday, June 20  
Official Start Date!*

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Port of Skagit joins area environmental organizations and groups to hide "letter boxes" up and down the Skagit Watershed this summer. Participants follow clues to discover hidden letterboxes, which include a journal (for stamping) and a stamp or stickers for participants to place in their own journal.

The fun begins Saturday, June 20. All the letterboxes will be hidden and clues are released. Stop by the Port of Skagit or any public library for a list of Letterbox Trail clues.

The Skagit Conservation Education Alliance ([www.skagitwater.org](http://www.skagitwater.org)) will also have information and clues available online.

Have fun exploring the natural wonders of Skagit County while learning about our watershed!

*A special celebration is planned in the Fall for everyone who joins.*