The issue of fireworks has been a long standing debate in our city. This conversation is not unique to our City. Many other jurisdictions have wrestled with this issue as well. Currently, the discharge of legal fireworks is allowed in Orting. However, the City has restricted the timeframe for their use to July 4th only between 12:01am and 11:59pm, and over the New Year’s holiday from 6pm on December 31st until 1am on January 1st. Some of our neighboring municipalities including Lakewood and Gig Harbor, have placed similar restrictions on fireworks. Other neighboring municipalities, including Tacoma, Fircrest and Steilacoom, have outlawed the possession and use of fireworks all together.

Given the significant amount of public input we receive on the fireworks issue every year, Council has decided, for at least this year’s 4th of July, to enhance the enforcement of our current laws. Basically this means:
1) No illegal fireworks
2) Fireworks use only during the legal hours and day
3) No blocked streets this year (2019)
4) Police officers will be more visible with increased patrols

We encourage everyone who feels strongly about this issue (for or against) to make their opinion known by participating in Council meetings which are the second and last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Multi-Purpose Center ~ 202 Washington Ave S next to the library.

Mixed Use Town Center North Zone

The properties just north of the high school (Mixed Use Town Center North Zone) is currently designated for retail, office space, light industrial, and dense multifamily housing. The Planning Commission is continuing to review a developer request to reduce the level of commercial retail space and increase the amount of multifamily housing. The request is based on changing national market trends. The last dates for public input will be May 6th and June 3rd at 6:00 PM at the OHS Performing Arts Center (PAC). The Planning Commission may come to a conclusion on June 3rd and send their recommendation to the City Council who will debate the recommendations in the month of June.
Greetings, Orting citizens. As the weather continues to warm up, police departments anticipate a rise in property-related crime, especially between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. Car prowls and similar theft-related incidents are widely considered crimes of opportunity, which makes it necessary to take three important steps to reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

- First and foremost, never leave valuables, including shopping bags, purses, wallets, briefcases, and GPS devices in your vehicle unattended.
- Do not store or leave your keys, credit cards, identification, medication and personal information in your glove box or anywhere else in your car.
- Always lock your vehicles.

Crimes of opportunity can be significantly reduced when these simple steps are taken. Additionally, please report suspicious activity to the Orting Police Department and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

If you are interested in police blotter-type information that may have occurred in your neighborhood, visit www.communitycrimemap.com. This program will permit you to sign up for neighborhood alerts, too.

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**WHAT CAN’T BE FLUSHED AND WHY?** Flushing these items down the toilet causes problems for our wastewater system and environment. These products don’t break down quickly enough in the wastewater system (or at all) and can end up clogging our sewers and your pipes. Even if they say they’re flushable, these products go in the garbage.

**WHAT IF THE LABEL SAYS ‘FLUSHABLE’?** Products that say they’re flushable—like tampons and wipes—may make it down your toilet, but they might not make it through the sewer. There are currently no regulations to specify which products can be labelled “flushable.” Cities around the world are developing standards to more accurately label whether or not products are truly flushable. For now, put them in the trash.

**HOW TO DISPOSE OF EXPIRED MEDICATIONS?** Medications are not fully removed in the wastewater treatment process and some chemicals may end up in our environment. Keep these pollutants out of our waterways: dispose of expired medications by taking them back to a local pharmacy. Find a pharmacy near you.

**WHAT CAN BE FLUSHED?** The only things that are ok to flush down the toilet are toilet paper, poo and pee.

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**LAHAR WALKOUT DRILL**

The Orting School District will conduct their annual Lahar Evacuation Drill May 10** starting at 9:30 AM. Citizens can expect to see the Orting Police Department to close off eastbound traffic on Orting Kapowsin Hwy E. and Calistoga St. W. from the Orting Cemetery to SR162. The school children will walk from their schools along routes that lead them to Calistoga St. W. which turns into Orting Kapowsin Hwy E. past the soldiers home in 162 and to the County Rock Quarry Rd for higher ground.

The United State Geological Service (USGS) estimates that in the event of a large lahar from Mt. Rainier, citizens will have about 45 minutes to evacuate to high ground. A Lahar (mud flow) is a rare event and usually follows volcanic eruptions. Although rare, it is possible for a lahar to occur without an eruption. Special Lahar sirens would sound in this event. The lahars are tested at noon on the first Monday of the month.

Evacuation experts encourage Orting citizens to walk out rather than trying to drive out. Walking out gives a citizen their best opportunity for a safe evacuation. Car crashes and vehicle blockages are expected for attempts to drive out.

The City of Orting encourages citizens to practice walking out annually. See the city’s emergency management plan on its website: cityoforting.org

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**PTARMIGAN RIDGE ADDS PORTABLES**

After two bonds in 2017 to address overcrowding and growth did not pass with the 60% super-majority required, the Orting School District collaborated with stakeholders on a Plan B and communicated the decision to build an 8-classroom portable at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School. This portable is scheduled to open with the start of the 2019-2020 school year and, unlike existing portables, this structure will look more like a permanent building.

Look for opportunities in the fall to engage with the Orting School District to find a more long-term solution that voters will support and meets the needs of students, staff and growing community! www.ortingschools.org

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**Fun Facts about Smiling:**

- Smiling boosts your immune system
- Smiles relieve stress by releasing endorphins
- It is easier to smile than frown
- It takes 5 to 53 muscles to smile
- Babies are born with the ability to smile
- There are 19 different types of smiles

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**Words on the Street w/OPD**

**Infinity Whole Health**

218 Washington Ave S 360.893.8586

Dr. Troy Munson established Orting Chiropractic in Orting on 1996. Including a recent name change from Orting Chiropractic to Infinity Whole Health, he has been practicing in Orting for 23 years. In 2005, he became a certified Addictionologist, 2007, he began implementing Nutrition Muscle testing. It has always been Dr. Munson’s heart to heal the whole person. Sometimes this happens through chiropractic alone; sometimes through nutrition, and sometimes through a combination of both.

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