

Greater Woodinville Chamber of Commerce

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Cruise Holidays Wins “President’s Circle Award”

Cruise Holidays of Woodinville was recognized as one of the top 21 Cruise Holidays stores in the U.S. and Canada at an award ceremony held onboard Celebrity Cruises, MS Mercury recently. The criteria for the award was total sales of cruise and vacation products, the amount of annual increase in sales, the use of innovative marketing and sales plans and assets provided by the international headquarters of Cruise Holidays in Minneapolis.

Co-Owners Steve Sibley and Rich Skinner were quick to pass along credit to the professional travel counselors who work for the Woodinville store. According to Skinner, “We’ve been able to achieve major growth and success over the past four years due to the skills and abilities of our staff. We have become known as the Alaska Experts nationwide, and we have a reputation for delivering excellent

service and support for our customers both locally and from around the world.”

Cruise Holidays of Woodinville also was given the 2007 Cruise Holidays Community Service Award for providing more than 25 local non-profit, church and charitable organizations with support in their fund raising efforts. The store has been able to offer a number of cruise ship lunches and tours which have become attractive fund raising auction items over the past couple of years. Steve Sibley observed that “we are honored to be recognized for being good neighbors and corporate citizens, even though our impact is still quite small compared to the needs.”

Awards are not new to the Woodinville Cruise Holidays store. This past summer Travel Age West magazine awarded them its Trendsetter Award for having the second best success story of all travel agencies in the western

United States. And, last year the cruise vacation store also earned Cruise Holidays Golden Anchor award as being the best example of using the tools which separate Cruise Holidays from other travel agencies.

To celebrate its success, the store held an October Super Sale “chock full of goodies for cruise and land vacationers.” The store is located across from the new Woodinville Village development in the middle of Woodinville’s Wine Country. Cruise Holidays has more than 120 stores throughout North America and is the largest cruise vacation specialty retailer.



**Rich Skinner and Steve Sibley
co-owners of Cruise Holidays of
Woodinville**

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The “Rainy Day Blues” Antidote: *Woodinville Harvest Festival*

Fall in Woodinville – the constant flow of rain and the harsh winds often keep its citizens bundled indoors. However, this year Woodinville experienced an awakening. No longer was the television the only form of entertainment; instead, members of the community were invited to join the Chamber in their first-ever Harvest Festival. This festival promoted community interaction and educational learning by allowing visitors to explore farm life, discover history, create works of art, feed livestock, restore the natural environment, and taste fine foods. There was simply no excuse for any resident to experience the typical “rainy day blues.”

The celebration began with the King County Harvest Farm Tour on Saturday, September 22.

For the next six weeks, community members attended a wide array of activities including art displays and demonstrations, farm tours, and film feasts. Harvest Happenings and the Great Pumpkin Hunt presented by the City of

Woodinville on Saturday, October 27 concluded the festivities.

The Harvest Festival was produced by the Woodinville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Sammamish Valley Alliance and the City of Woodinville. Participating organizations in the event included the 21 Acres Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living, Red Barns Farm, Sammamish Valley Grange, City of Woodinville, Sammamish River Stewards, Cottage Lake Artists Guild, Woodinville Heritage Society, Gathering Fabric, Woodinville Farmers Market, Woodinville Artists Association and Sammamish Valley 4-H.

Although this was the first Woodinville Harvest Festival, it caused quite a buzz. On October 2, Mayor Cathy VonWald proclaimed the month of October as “Harvest Festival Month” during the regular Tuesday night City Council Meeting at City Hall. Mayor VonWald strongly urged Woodinville citizens to attend the Harvest Festival to gain a greater appreciation of

Woodinville’s rich agriculture and history. And community members followed her avid advice. Festival attendance was often higher than anticipated, and attendees discovered Woodinville’s hidden treasures – extremely fertile farmland, unique history and talented artists.

Ultimately, the Woodinville Harvest Festival inspired unity among its residents. Woodinville is not just any city; it is *our* city. For more information about this festival as well as interest in next year’s events, contact Kathryn Stephens at 425-481-8300, log on to www.woodinvillechamber.org or e-mail events@woodinvillechamber.org.

Brightwater Bulletin

We're moving! Construction activities continue at the Brightwater treatment plant site, just north of the intersection of SR-9 and SR-522. This fall, we are remodeling the former soup facility as our new operations building. Later this year, we will move to those remodeled offices and begin demolition on our former space – otherwise known as the OPUS building.

Recycling is a priority for King County, and frequently our contractors salvage many materials when buildings are demolished. Reusing the former soup facility as our new Brightwater Operations Center helps us towards our goal of salvaging existing materials or structures for future use and designing projects with minimal impacts to the environment.

Our offices are open to the public during business hours, and you are welcome to come in to learn more about the project, ask questions, or discuss concerns. Our new address is: 22505 State Route 9 SE, Woodinville.

What's going on behind those mounds?

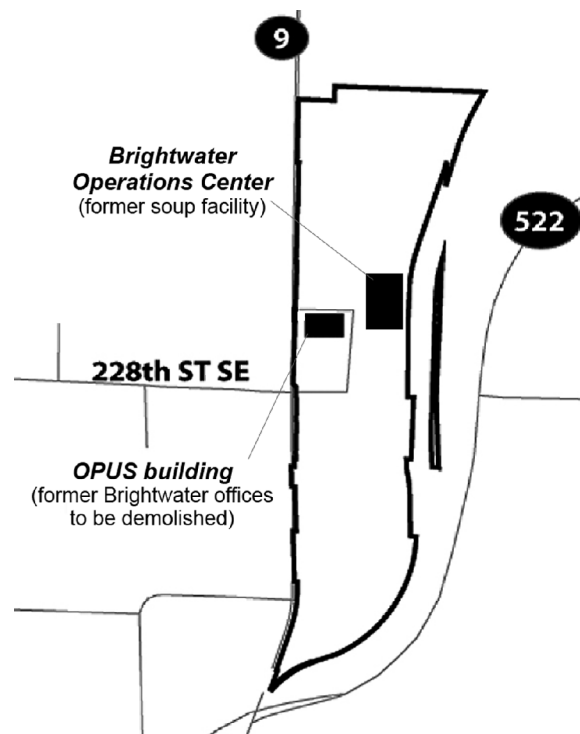
Construction on the treatment plant site started in mid-2006 with grading and site preparation. In the north habitat restoration area, streams and hills were created. Going into 2008, people will see continued site excavation for major structures and the beginning of construction of pipes, tanks and building foundations. Other construction activities include storm water management and construction equipment installation.

The plant buildings will

be tucked against the hill on the east side of the site. Neighbors and SR-9 commuters have already noticed that on the west side of the site, closest to the highway, landscaping mounds are beginning to grow. Once completed and landscaped, these rolling hills will screen the treatment plant and improve views from the roadway. Crossed by waterways and trails, this area of the site will also slow and treat storm water, improving the quality of water flowing to Little Bear Creek. Building the mounds also

has added environmental benefits; by keeping the dirt on the site, we help limit trucking traffic, reducing traffic impacts, fuel consumption and greenhouse gases. Once completed, the treatment plant site will have a wastewater treatment plant and odor prevention system, 70 acres of public open space, habitat areas and trails, and a new community and education center.

For more information about Brightwater, please visit our Web site at: <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/brightwater/>



It Isn't Just another Business Card Swap

"It's the pillar of the business foundation," says Herman J. Russell, CEO of H.J. Russell & Co., in Atlanta. "It's a great way to make contacts and the best way to get the latest changes in legislation."

Small business is risky, but can be greatly rewarding. In order to be successful, business owners need to discover the most important keys to profitability and apply these principles to their business practice.

Herman J. Russell seemed to have uncovered one of these strategies to success, or as he calls it, a "pillar of business foundation." It's not extremely complicated, overly costly or time-wasting. Instead, it's actually quite simple – becoming involved in your local Chamber of Commerce.

The benefits to joining the Woodinville Chamber are numerous. You gain political representation, opportunities for advertising, sponsorships and community involvement, member to member discounts, business education, free of charge certificates of origin, and group rate medical and dental insurance. Yet most importantly, you are provided a business

network with approximately 300 members. No need to schedule a weekly coffee date or a dinner meeting after work; the Chamber provides several events a month to connect with business owners in Woodinville and discuss your future business needs. But words are only half the story. In business, it is all about numbers. These next few statistics display the importance of networking in business:

- Need more business activity? Is your business slower than usual? Close to 70 percent of all business is found through networking.

- Need more staff for the holiday rush? Can't trust unreliable sources such as newspaper employment ads to find hardworking and loyal employees? According to U.S. Labor of Statistics, around 85 percent of those seeking jobs successfully find what they're looking for due to networking.

Need more convincing? Call Kathryn Stephens at the Woodinville Chamber at 425-481-8300 or email events@woodinvillechamber.org.



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New Member Corner

We have a great group of new members this year:

A Helping Hand Inc
Accounting by Jeff
Adams Brothers Inc
ADT Fire & Security
Branded Lodging LLC
C.A.R.E. Lending LLC
Carol E Calhoun, Enrolled Agent
Cascade Bank
Cingular Wireless
Clearwire Wireless
Cookie Advantage
Daniela's Adult Home Care Inc
Eagle Ridge Services
EG Business Services dba Postnet
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Vernon Publications
Willows Lodge
Woodinville Weekly*

It is thanks to them many of you leave an event with something you need!

You, too, are encouraged to donate – it's a great way to get a little publicity for your business and show your appreciation for the business generated by networking at Chamber events.

Not to mention, when we draw for those prizes, you *also* get some publicity!

It doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive, either. If you'd like some suggestions

talk to your Chamber staff or one of the Ambassadors. Gift baskets or certificates are usually appreciated and can be inexpensive. Or talk to Chamber member Cookie Advantage. There are many ways to get your name out, and this is just one of them.



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Event Reservation form

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Chamber Events
 Remember to RSVP!

Date	Event	Place/Time	Cost	# Attending
December 6	Business After Hours	Madison House 5:00 – 7:00 pm	-0-	
December 13	Networking Breakfast	Brittany Park 7:15-9:00 am	\$15 reserved	
December 20	Holiday Luncheon	Chateau Ste. Michelle 11:15 – 1:00	\$25 reserved	

Business Information

Business name _____
 Phone (____) _____ email _____

Name(s) of Attendee(s)	Event(s) Attending

Check enclosed. Please charge my Visa MasterCard

Card # _____ Expires ____ / ____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

****Please make check(s) payable to Woodinville Chamber of Commerce
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Note that we've moved! Change your address book; notify all pertinent people at your company.



Greater Woodinville Chamber of Commerce December 2007 Events/Meetings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Brian Carter gift boxes – limited time!	1 St Nick's Day Wine Event
2 Homeward Pet Adoption Event St Nick's Day Event	3	4 Happy Hanukkah Ambassador Meeting Noon – 1 pm Banner Bank	5 WaMu Network Event	6 Multi-Chamber Business After Hours 5:00 – 7:00 pm Madison House Education Comm. 12:30 – 1:30	7 Holiday Light Festival	8 3 Million Dollar Makeover Event
9	10	11	12	13 Networking Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 am Brittany Park	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting 2:00 – 5:00 pm	20 Holiday Luncheon 11:15 – 1:00 Chateau Ste. Michelle	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas Chamber closed	26 Happy Kwanzaa Happy Boxing Day Chamber closed	27 Chamber closed	28 Chamber closed	29
30	31 Chamber closed			*** Click on the underlined links for detailed information ***		

