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### **Mayor Recognized for Economic Efforts:**

On December 1, 2004, Mayor Cary Bozeman accepted an award from Governor Gary Locke for the work that he and other city officials have done to help Bremerton move forward with its revitalization effort. The award was presented at the Annual Governor's Economic Development forum, which is hosted by the state's Department of Community Trade and Economic Development.

### **Maritime Park & Memorial Plaza:**

Construction will begin late Spring of 2005 on the city of Bremerton's next major project, the Maritime Park and Memorial Plaza. The project will lie beside the Bremerton ferry terminal and extend down First Street and along Pacific Avenue. Bremerton has about \$1.5 million in state and federal funds for the project. However, it could take up to \$6 million to build it to the high standards set by the city-led Bremerton Harborside project, which includes the Kitsap Conference Center, Hampton Inn & Suites, and the Kitsap Transit commuter retail building.

Maritime Park and Memorial Plaza will serve as a green-space buffer to the industrial Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. This project will help Bremerton to become a first-class destination, pedestrian-friendly urban environment.

The site for the major redevelopment project includes a 2.8-acre parcel the Navy is donating to the city and a block of buildings along Pacific Avenue between First Street and Burwell Street that the Navy is negotiating for with property owners. Maritime Park would be mostly covered with grass except for walkways and the museum building, which is the former "Building 50" recently moved from its historic location at the shipyard to its new location in the park.

### **Kitsap Conference Center & Government Building Now Open:**

Both the new Kitsap Convention Center and the new Government Building are now open. These two new buildings represent two years of planning and \$80 million towards the Bremerton revitalization effort. The Conference Center is accepting bookings for special events, meetings, conferences and/or banquets for events. The facility has 10,000 square feet and has the ability to serve parties of 10 to 750 guests. The Hampton Inn will be across the street with 106 hotel rooms.

### **Harborside Condominiums:**

The marketing and sales of the new downtown "Harborside Condominiums" is being handled by Reid Real Estate. The first phase of this development should be ready by about June 2006. Call 360-405-0371, for project time lines. Eventually, there will be 200 waterfront units located on Washington Street just north of the Kitsap Conference Center. The condominiums offer a wonderful downtown location just steps from the ferry and marina.

**"Anthony's Homeport" Restaurant:**

Anthony's Homeport Restaurant has agreed to locate in the new Bremerton Harborside Development. Anthony's is a popular and respected seafood restaurant in the Northwest with restaurants in 13 locations in the Puget Sound region. The Harborside location overlooks the Bremerton Marina, Sinclair Inlet, ferry terminal and be a located in of the Kitsap Conference Center.

**Downtown Street Beautification:**

The City of Bremerton is planning to develop two important street enhancement projects to make the downtown area more beautiful and pedestrian friendly. Open spaces and grand vistas are part of the plan. Washington Street will be widened and more trees will be planted.