

Kingston Citizens Advisory Council – What are we about?

True or False: There is a group in Kingston that meets monthly helping assure our town's voices are heard by County government? It's true! The Kingston Citizen's Advisory Council (KCAC) has been in existence since the early 1990's. It was one of the first such committee created by the Kitsap Board of Commissioners to facilitate better two-way communication between County government (agencies and Commissioners) and the people of unincorporated Kitsap County.

The Council has 17 members, all nominated by the community and appointed by the County Commissioners to serve 3-year terms on the KCAC. There are 12 members that represent groups or organizations in Kingston, like the Rotary, Friends of the Library, Garden Club, etc. The balance of the members are "at large" appointments.

The KCAC meetings provide a forum for community discussion of issues and projects in Kingston and the surrounding area. The yearly Kingston Open House is put on by KCAC for an evening of "one stop shopping" - where government agencies, local service groups and community organizations put out displays at the Junior High inform about what's shakin' in Kingston. KCAC monthly meetings are the place to get out the news on community activities and happenings and generally help us all know what's happening in Kingston as it evolves and changes.

The August meeting of KCAC will be held on August 3rd as an open-house of sorts on the Kingston Soundrunner! The boat will be docked (for the whole meeting 7-9) at the end of the Port of Kingston guest dock and all are welcome to come and learn about the KCAC, our member organizations, and to enjoy some light refreshments and conversation. As always, our meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with introductions, and general business. Our usual agenda of Special Presentation, County Reports, Community Reports, will be modified for this meeting to allow our member organizations to describe what they do in the community and how folks can get involved if they are interested. We will also make this interactive so there will be time for questions. Also, if you haven't been on the Soundrunner this will be a great time to tour the boat!

Please consider joining us at this special August meeting or at any KCAC meeting (typically every first Wednesday of the month at the Miller Bay Firehouse 7-9). Our Special Presentation topics for each meeting are advertised in the papers approximately two weeks before each meeting. Come on down and participate in your community! Hope to see you on the Soundrunner on Aug 3rd!