



**PORT OF KLICKITAT**

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## DIY Fireworks At The Port

**Bingen, Washington** – Once again the Port of Klickitat will be hosting the annual do-it-yourself fireworks event at Bingen Point the night of July 4. With the assistance and cooperation of the cities of Bingen and White Salmon, the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office, Skyline Hospital, and a number of volunteers, the Port provides a safe area for residents to use and enjoy their fireworks in order to reduce the threat of fire and injury.

At all other times of the year, the Port prohibits the use of fireworks anywhere on its properties. However, on July 4 between 8pm and 11pm it allows visitors to use legal fireworks in a section of Sailboard Park set aside for that purpose and invites the public to come and take part in the rambunctious celebration that has come to characterize the event.

### At A Glance...

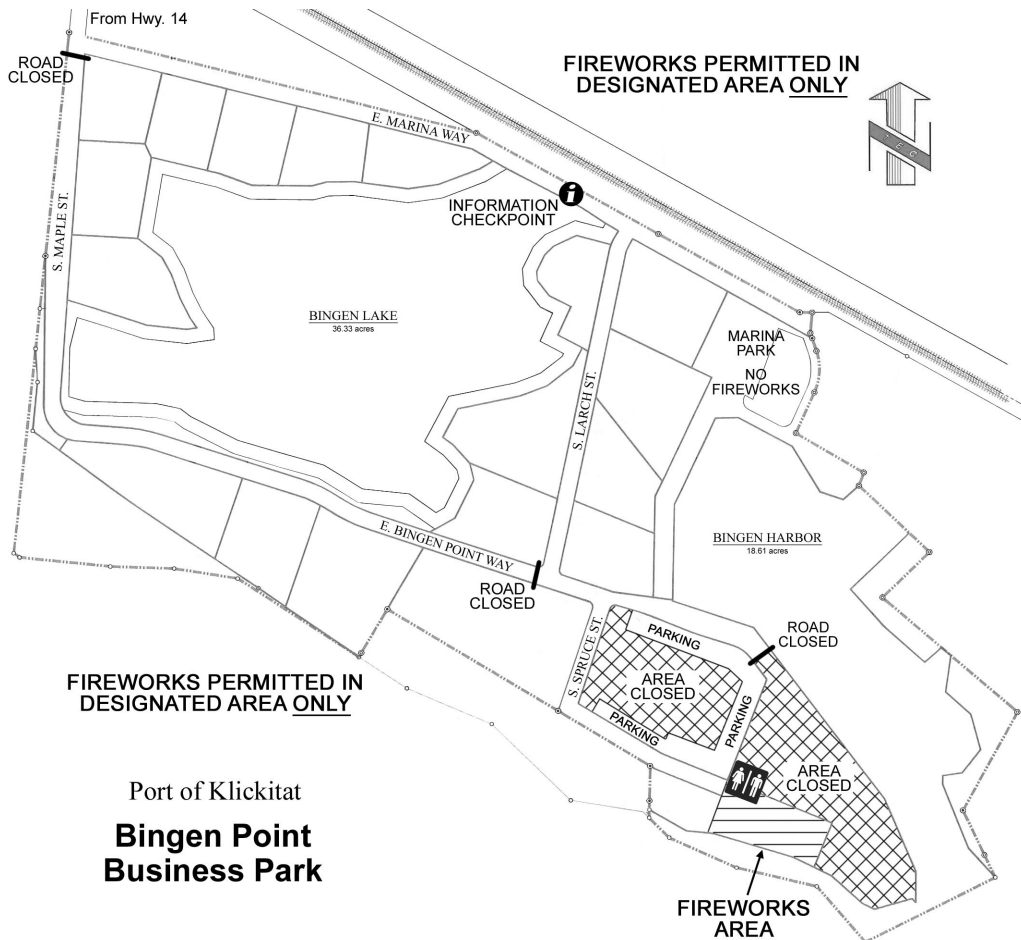
**Who:**.....Port of Klickitat

**What:**.....DIY Fireworks Event

**When:**.....July 4, 2013

**Where:**.....Bingen Point

**Quick Facts:**..Port to host do-it-yourself fireworks event from 8pm to 11pm on July 4. Visitors cautioned to leave alcohol, illegal fireworks, pets at home.



**FIREWORKS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED AREA ONLY**

Port of Klickitat  
**Bingen Point Business Park**

**FIREWORKS AREA**

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“We are pleased to offer a venue where residents can safely celebrate Independence Day,” said Executive Director Marc Thornsbury. “However, we want to remind visitors that alcohol and illegal fireworks are prohibited, children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult, and the use of fireworks is strictly limited to the hours of 8pm to 11pm on July 4 and only in the designated area.”

On July 3, 2011, a small brush fire was started by an unknown person or persons illegally lighting off fireworks near the south end of Maple Street at Bingen Point. Though it was put out before any serious damage was done, it was a sobering reminder of why the Port hosts the event, why fireworks are only permitted in a controlled area, and why it is important that fireworks be disposed of properly.

“We want everyone to have a good time and leave without injury to themselves or others,” added Josh Mead, the Port's Maintenance Supervisor. “That's why we remind guests to leave their pets, alcohol, and illegal fireworks at home and to properly dispose of their spent fireworks in the dumpsters and trash receptacles provided at the event site.”

Violations of state statute, county ordinance, or Port regulations can result in confiscation, citation, arrest, and/or removal from Port property. For links to more information on the event, legal and illegal fireworks in Washington, and state law regarding the use of fireworks, visit the Port's web site at [www.portofklickitat.com](http://www.portofklickitat.com).

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#### **About the Port of Klickitat**

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84. More information can be found on the Port's web site at [www.portofklickitat.com](http://www.portofklickitat.com).

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