Supporting Local Agriculture

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners recently adopted a 180-day pilot program in support of local agriculture. The program will run through November 9, 2013, and allows for placement of up to four off-premise signs advertising local agricultural products. A no-fee on-line registration allows for participation in the program.

How to register your off-premise agricultural signs

The agricultural sign registration program is being administered by Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD). Please follow this link for on-line registration instructions: http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/agricultural%20signage/ag_signage.htm

Terms of participation in the program include:

- Up to four off-premise signs (sellers name and contact info on back)
- A-board signs shall not exceed twenty-four inches by thirty inches
- Stand-alone (post driven) signs shall not exceed three square feet
- Signs may be placed up to three days prior and shall be removed within one day following the event or sale being advertised
- Signs shall not create hazards for vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians
- Attachments, including balloons, shall not be placed on signs
- Wire shall not be used to secure signs within the County right-of-way
- Symbols and arrows are preferred to minimize wording and enhance legibility
- Signs shall maintain a 200-foot setback when approaching an intersection or a yellow and black county warning sign

Further information

Questions: Contact Kitsap 1 at 360-337-5777 for further information

Public Hearing: The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the Agricultural Signage Pilot Program on Monday, July 8, 5:30 PM, Kitsap County Administration Building, Commissioners Chambers, 619 Division St., Port Orchard.

Survey: A brief survey has been prepared for farm customers to help us gauge if we're on the right track: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5GVFTSK. We would appreciate you sharing this link with your customers or others who may be interested.