

At 91.9 FM KPTZ Port Townsend, I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz with local news and commentary for Friday, June 9.

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Today and Sunday, the Jefferson County Immigrants Rights Advocates, also known as JCIRA, is hosting a grand opening and open house at their Multicultural Center. Everybody is welcome. The center is at 2328 Washington Street next to Hacienda Tizapan. Here's what's going to go on today from 3 till 5pm:

- Port Townsend Mayor Faber will speak and read the newly adopted Proclamation for Immigrant Heritage Month.
- JCIRA President Larry Jensen will speak about the six-year-old organization's mission and activities.
- Outreach Coordinator Natalia Duran will discuss her experiences and share some stories from her work.

And then on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5pm the open house will continue. Hacienda Tizapan will lay out tacos, beans, and rice. DJ David Bonobo will provide salsa music. Young local musicians will be part of the event, too. And there will be local immigrant families sharing their stories. Plenty of information about the open house and the organization can be found at <https://www.jcira.org/>.

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The Port Townsend City Council will hold a special session this Monday evening at 6pm. One of the agenda items is a resolution creating the Equity, Access, and Rights Advisory Board. Among the tasks of this new advisory board will be convening public listening sessions on difficult community issues and recommending equitable action. The new advisory board will also provide a forum for discussing equity, access, and human rights. Over the next few months, the city council will work on appointing the advisory board members. The Equity, Access, and Rights Advisory Board will have between five and nine members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. According to the resolution, the members must be at least 14 years old and should represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds and points of view. You can hear the council's discussion of this and participate in public comment this Monday evening. The City Council meeting will be held at City Hall on Madison Street downtown and it will be streamed on Zoom. The details can be seen at the city's website, [https://cityofpt.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=4&event\\_id=1968](https://cityofpt.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=4&event_id=1968).

Also on the agenda of the special session: the Fort Worden Public Development Authority Report and response. Action on this is to be determined, according to the City Council agenda. That document and information about the public comment procedure is found, yes, at <https://cityofpt.us/>.

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A pair of youth vendors will join the array at this Saturday's Port Townsend Farmers Market. They responded to the market's invitation to young entrepreneurs earlier this spring. The two vendors are The Tough Sprout, a group of family and friends, and the Blue Brush, a business begun by 10-year-old Lucia Mascaró. The Tough Sprout crew plans to offer macrame items, plant starts, birdhouses, and other goods. The Blue Brush is all about paintings and drawings inspired by the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Lucia, the artist, grew up in Argentina and now hails from Quilcene. The Port Townsend Farmers Market happens on Tyler Street, uptown, Saturday from 9 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon.

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And here we go again with Hood Canal Bridge closures. They're set for five nights between this Saturday and next Thursday. The bridge will be closed to traffic between 10pm Saturday and 10am Sunday. Then it will shut

down between 11pm and 4am this coming Monday night through Thursday night. The state department of transportation tells us these closures are needed so crews can work on a project that helps keep both halves of the bridge together. The specific times and dates for this night work can be found on the department of transportation website, <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/sr-104-hood-canal-bridge-center-lock-rehabilitation>.

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