

Spring Comes Early in Gig Harbor! Adopt-a-Planter Program Helps Keep the Harbor Green



HOW IT STARTED

Part of the mission of the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association (GHHWA) is to preserve and enhance the existing character of the waterfront district. Last summer, in pursuit of that goal, and in light of the city's reduced budget, the GHHWA was able to step in and maintain the beautiful planter boxes and hanging baskets throughout the district. The effort involved recruiting, training, and managing the daily watering crews. We were able to field an impressive core of volunteers that included property owners, local businesses, and private citizens.

THE 2010 PROGRAM

This year we are expanding our service to the city and are looking for groups or individuals interested in supporting us in this endeavor. Our goals are to:

- Design and plant the 87 hanging baskets and 20 planter boxes that line Harborview and North Harborview Drive.
- Solicit contributions for purchase of the flowers and supplies.
- Initiate an "Adopt a Planter" program.
- Organize watering crews for the daily watering and maintenance of the hanging baskets and planter boxes.

We estimate that the program will require \$7,500 in contributions and a cadre of volunteers to help design and plant the baskets and boxes; and to staff the watering crews. All volunteer activities will be coordinated by the GHHWA; with the City providing the watering equipment. This is a great example of a healthy partnership between the City, the GHHWA, and local residents and businesses. Volunteers and contributors will be recognized in our newsletter.

HOW TO HELP

Please get involved in one of these ways:

- Adopt your own hanging basket or planter - \$75
- Contribute to:
 - Green Thumb - \$50
 - Green Acres - \$100
 - Green Gardener - \$200+
- Sign up to be on the watering crew
- To volunteer or provide ideas and support, contact the GHHWA office by phone, (253) 514-0071; e-mail, info@ghhwa.org ; or mail, P.O. Box 771, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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