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## **Adding Two New Pieces to the Renewal of Bremerton**

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New buildings are rising on the Bremerton waterfront, major makeover plans are in the works for Westpark and Eastpark, and old buildings downtown will be replaced by a jewel of a maritime park.

But despite all the sweeping changes accomplished and in the works, more "pieces of the puzzle" — as Mayor Cary Bozeman likes to say — are being added to Bremerton's renewal. And like all those that have come before, each has a deserved capacity to impress.

Most recently, plans were announced to build more than 600 new homes and a business park adjacent to Pendergast Park in west Bremerton.

And this coming Saturday, the long-anticipated opening of the Anthony's HomePort Bremerton restaurant will be held in a waterfront site shared by the Kitsap Conference Center.

The new residential development and business park will significantly increase the city's population and tax base. And downtown, Anthony's will add high-profile credibility to Bremerton's redevelopment for visitors and, most likely, investors.

Located on a 202-acre site just west of Pendergast Park, the housing project will include about 90 townhomes and more than 500 single-family units, planned as middle-income residences. The prime developer will be Triway Enterprises of Olympia, which bought the site from Olympic Property Group.

Olympic's president, Jon Rose, said his firm went through an extensive marketing and selection process before selling to Triway. He said the development company and its owner, Tri Vo, have earned a reputation for excellence in the Olympia-Tumwater area, where they plan to develop a portion of the former Olympia Brewery property.

On a 60-acre site adjacent to the residential development, Olympic Property Group plans to build a business park and perhaps some residential units. Rose said the business park will attract both new businesses as well as existing ones in the area seeking to expand.

Collectively, the residential and business developments will provide a major boost for Bremerton, helping meet the city's growth needs with an estimated increase of about 1,800 residents, plus adding property and business taxes to its financial base.

With the opening of Anthony's HomePort, Bremerton's redevelopment will gain a visible sign — both figuratively and literally — that links it with "destination" waterfront sites throughout the Puget Sound area. To residents of the Pacific Northwest, the Anthony's chain of restaurants is linked with quality, consistency — and success.

For visitors, it may well be a focal point that draws them initially to downtown Bremerton. And, once here, they may discover a growing number of attractions that prompt them to return here for future visits, or possibly even to live.

"If we're a little ahead of the game, so be it," said Anthony's founder Budd Gould. "It's going to be an exciting, thriving place to work."

We congratulate Anthony's, Triway and Olympic Property Group, and join in confidence of success for their

enterprises — and for the renewal of Bremerton which they enhance.

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