

# Progress In Motion

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## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

2006 proved to be an exciting year for Prosser EDA. Record setting new construction growth and a variety of special projects are just a few of the highlights [read more . . .](#)

## A New Name - Prosser Vintner's Village

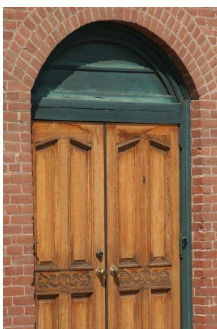
The Port of Benton Commissioners recently approved a name change for the North Prosser Business Park. Prosser Vintner's Village is more reflective of the winery cluster that has developed at the site just north of Prosser. Current companies in residence include Airfield Estates, Olsen Estate Winery, The Winemakers Loft, Thurston Wolfe Winery, Willow Crest Winery, and Yellow Rose Nursery. The Port of Benton reports two more wineries have purchased land and are planning to begin construction before years end. One lot remains at the site.

The Port operates two other industrial parks in Prosser, the Prosser Airport and the Prosser Wine and Food Park.

The Port of Benton has played an active role in the growth and business expansion in Prosser. Their role as a key supporter of Prosser EDA has contributed significantly to economic development.

Check out the Port of Benton website with our Funding Partners Quicklink!

## Update - Historic Downtown Prosser Association



Now past the initial organization stage and having received the Main Street Program Start-Up Level Designation, the Historic Downtown Prosser Association is creating committees to implement their objectives for 2007 - 2008. The HDPA Board of Directors and new committee members will meet with Washington Main Street Program Director, Susan Kempf on August 22nd and 23rd, for training and discussion of committee action items and strategies.

Their mission is to create a vibrant and prosperous downtown. Listed below are the newly formed committees and their goals.

## Board & Organization

Increase involvement by providing effective leadership

## Promotion

Promote downtown as community's historic & economic center

## Design

Encourage visual improvements through good design compatible with historic features

## Economic Restructuring

Strengthen and diversify the economic base

*For more information on the HDPA committees please contact the Prosser EDA office.*

### An Economic Development Success Story!

#### A Gift to the Community

In 1995, property owned by a local family and situated near the North Prosser Business Park was donated to Prosser EDA. As business growth and infrastructure developed in the area, the property's viability as a commercial site was realized.

Prosser EDA's Board of Directors desire was to sell the property to a business that would create stable jobs and increase the tax base for the community.



#### A Goal Becomes Reality . . . [read more](#)

### Chardonay Plaza Groundbreaking

"Proof of a healthy and vibrant business district is growth and we definitely have that going for us." states Deb Heintz our Executive Director.

Prosser EDA is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for Chardonay Plaza scheduled on Friday, July 13, 2007. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with speeches from local dignitaries.

The business cluster is being built by Terry and Beverly Barnes, West Richland developers; along with long time friends Stephen and Darlene Recker. Terry, originally from Prosser, has been watching recent growth and development in the community. "The timing was right for a project in Prosser", comments Terry.

Chardonay Plaza is 60% committed, with only two remaining spaces available. No Excuses 24/7 Fitness will be the anchor business, opening their doors in October 2007.

### Retail Sales Tax Collection Change

Beginning July 1, 2008 Washington retailers that deliver or ship goods to customers must start collecting sale tax based on the location where the customer receives the merchandise. The "destination" of the sale.

Currently retail sales tax is collected based on the location from which merchandise is shipped or delivered.

In the coming months information and assistance will be provided by the Department of Revenue to prepare for the change. For more information on the Streamlined Sales Tax visit their website or call 1 800 647-7706.

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Department of Revenue Information Letter

### Tax Newsletter for Small Businesses

Small businesses and self-employed people can stay updated on tax information through a new, free newsletter from the Internal Revenue Service. "e- News for Small Business," e-mailed every Wednesday, contains tax date reminders, tax compliance tips, and tax news. [Subscribe at IRS](#)

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