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# NEWSLETTER

LOOKING BACK AT 2017

LEGACY OF SERVICE:

## JEFF MATSON

Port of Sunnyside Commissioners, June 3, 2014  
Image Courtesy of The Daily Sun News



We want to recognize outgoing Commissioner Jeff Matson, who has served the Port for the past 22 years. Appointed to the board in 1995, he was elected to the commission in 1996 and holds 37 years of experience as a CPA.

Matson has a legacy of public service—he was a member of Kiwanis Club, has served on the Sunnyside Christian School Association Board, and has also been on the Board of Directors for the Patriot Guard Riders, where he served a 2-year term in 2012 for the nationwide not-for-profit that provides services to veterans and first responders.



July 23, 2009 Port Staff L –R: Amber Hansen, Jay Hester, Commissioner Jeff Matson, Commissioner Arnold Martin, Commissioner St. Clair Woodworth, Greg Robertson and Claude Zehnder of Bleyhl's Farm Service, and Realtor Tom Biehl. Image Courtesy of The Daily Sun News



**Mr. Matson** has been a strong supporter of the Port's efforts to revitalize Sunnyside. Some noteworthy projects include the recently redeveloped property at 501 Grant Ave that is now home to Co Dinn Cellars, the demolition of the former property building at 509 East Edison Ave to prepare for future redevelopment, and the current redevelopment at the former Funny Farm building to prepare it for the future home of Varietal Beer Co. Under the guidance of Mr. Matson and the rest of the commission, the Port has made improvements to its Industrial Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Mr. Matson has served the community of Sunnyside selflessly and honorably. He has been an advocate for bringing jobs to Sunnyside, and his dedication to improving this community and the industries that operate here is evident in the growth of the Port over the years. It is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that we thank Jeff for his years of service.

**SERVED 22 YEARS**

# New Options On Tap Downtown

Varietal Beer Company Project



VARIETAL BEER CO.



**Opening Spring 2018**



**416 East Edison Ave.**



**Incubator for craft beverages**

Varietal Brewing Company is moving into the former Funny Farm liquor store on Edison Avenue. They plan to open their new taproom, brewery, and bottling facility in spring of 2018.

Chervenell Construction Company is currently preparing the site for renovations, and Meier Architecture Engineering of Kennewick is assisting in the design and layout of the future taproom.

Using money from a \$700,000 CERB loan/grant, the Port began renovating the Funny Farm building earlier this year.

Varietal Beer Company and the Port of Sunnyside are excited to watch the transformation happen over the next couple of months.

[www.varietalbeer.com](http://www.varietalbeer.com)

## Smaller Wine—Bigger Opportunities

Co Dinn Cellars Now Open



CO DINN



**Open Since  
June 10, 2017**



**501 Grant Ave.**

Co Dinn Cellars officially opened in downtown Sunnyside in June of 2017. The owner, Co Dinn, was born in Texas and spent most of his wine career at Hogue Cellars in Prosser. At Hogue, Dinn was director of winemaking and responsible for producing hundreds of thousands of cases of wine each year.

Now, he creates about 1,000 cases annually.

These smaller batches mean Dinn can fine-tune and carefully craft each wine. Every bottle comes out tasting exactly the way he expects.

If you're interested in trying some Co Dinn wines for yourself, the tasting room is now open at 501 Grant Avenue in Sunnyside.

[www.codinncellars.com](http://www.codinncellars.com)

# Ecological Land Services



Pictured left to right: Commissioner Jim Grubenhoff, Mandy Lill of Ecological Land Services, Commissioner Jeff Matson, Andrew Allison of Ecological Land Services and Commissioner Arnold Martin

Opens Office in Sunnyside

[www.eco-land.com](http://www.eco-land.com)

Ecological Land Services (ELS) is excited to announce the opening of their new Eastern Washington branch office located at the Port of Sunnyside! ELS is a natural resources and land management consulting company that provides environmental assessment and permitting services for a variety of public and private entities.

Since their founding in 1996, ELS has provided cost-conscious and common-sense approaches that help landowners meet the requirements of local, state, and federal environmental regulation. They work with clients from all walks of life, from agricultural to industrial, private and public, small landowners to large corporations.

The Port of Sunnyside location is ELS' fourth office in the state and is located in the Port's administrative offices at 2640 East Edison Avenue in Sunnyside. Their office will be staffed by ELS Principal/Wetland Scientist Andrew Allison. Andrew's experience includes critical areas assessments and permitting for private developments, public infrastructure, commercial projects, and regional wetland inventories.



Permitting



Wildlife & Habitat



Wetlands & Streams



Forestry Services



Stormwater & Erosion Control



Land Preparation & Commercial Landscaping



Mitigation Bank Developments



Additional Services

The Port is excited to have ELS in town serving businesses all over Central and Eastern Washington. For questions or help on your next project, **visit [www.eco-land.com](http://www.eco-land.com) or call (360) 578-1371**

## Former Property Acquired by Port

In May 2016, the Port purchased the former Golden Coin building. The location was once home to an International Harvester dealership, and before that to Speck Buick Company.

The Port demolished the existing building and is now preparing the lot for future development. This purchase is part of the Port's continued effort to revitalize downtown Sunnyside. The Golden Coin building is the fourth downtown property the Port has purchased.

Future plans for the lot have not yet been determined.



# Spores of Opportunities

Ostrom's Mushroom Farms Deal



**43 acres**  
**Duffy & Midvale Rd**



**200 employees**



**Opening in 2019**

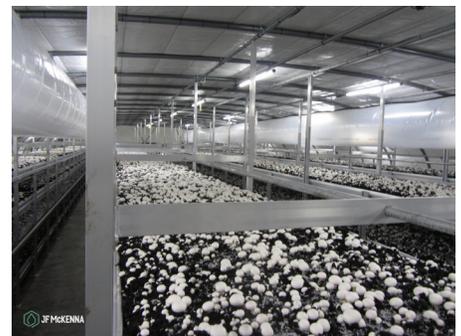
Jobs are about to grow like a fungus in the Port of Sunnyside, thanks to a land deal with Ostrom's Mushroom Farms. Ostrom's, based in Olympia, purchased 43 acres of land at the corner of Duffy and Midvale Roads. The new facility will provide jobs for 200 employees.

"It's a huge growth opportunity for the community of Sunnyside and the entire Yakima Valley," said Jay Hester, Executive Director for the Port of Sunnyside.

The Port has been working on the deal since last year when they heard from the Department of Commerce about Ostrom's plans to expand. With mushroom demand on the rise, Ostrom's needed a new facility to keep up production and stay efficient. The Port of Sunnyside was a great location for the expansion, and the Port worked hard to make the land deal go through.

Ostrom's new facility will house 48 grow rooms, as well as compost facility equipment. They plan to complete development by summer of 2019.

[www.ostrommushrooms.com](http://www.ostrommushrooms.com)



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