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KNKX ANNOUNCES REGIONAL NEWS PROJECT: “KNKX CONNECTS”

Port Angeles marks first stop with live broadcast of All Things Considered

(Seattle-Tacoma,WA) Next month, KNKX will kick off a year-long reporting project designed to increase local and regional news coverage as part of the station’s mission to deepen its role in communities across Western Washington. The goal is to present deep, rich storytelling and originate live broadcasts from these communities on a regular basis. *KNKX Connects* will take advantage of the station’s large broadcast footprint, which extends from Bellingham to Vancouver, Washington.

The first area of focus is Port Angeles and surrounding communities which will culminate in a live broadcast of KNKX’s afternoon news magazine, *All Things Considered*, hosted by Ed Ronco, on June 7 from 3-6 p.m. at the Port Angeles Main Library. A reception with food, beverages, and music by the Cascade View Quartet will follow from 6-8 p.m. Both activities are free and open to the public.

"KNKX reaches most of Western Washington, from the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean," says Ronco. "We want to tell stories from across the entire region, and I really think a lot of the issues we cover in an individual community will resonate in many of the others. We're really grateful for the opportunity to do this, and to connect with the area we serve on such a deep level."

KNKX Connects will present a wide range of stories about life in Port Angeles reflecting what makes the community unique, from diverse voices. KNKX will present the work of artists, musicians and writers and invite people to talk about what they do for a living and how they spend time with their loved ones. Listeners will hear about things that comfort people, and things that leave them distressed or unsure about the future. The residents of the community will provide the direction for all of the stories that are presented.

The live broadcast of KNKX’s *All Things Considered* will be in the Living Room and the reception will take place in the Raymond Carver Room at the Port Angeles Main Library, located at 2210 S. Peabody Street in Port Angeles.

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KNKX is an ambassador for jazz and blues, and a vital source of quality, non-commercial news, including NPR and regional coverage. The KNKX programming staff are storytellers who reach deeply into the community to reflect the voices of our people, our region and beyond. KNKX is funded by a loyal community of listeners who value the station's independence. KNKX operates a network of 12 radio signals that cover Western Washington, reaching 322,000 listeners weekly. In addition, knkx.org and KNKX's 24-hour jazz stream, [Jazz24](#) reach 350,000 listeners every month online. KNKX has more than 12 million views on its YouTube channel of live jazz and blues performances.