



City of Gig Harbor

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### **Possible Story Ideas City of Gig Harbor, Washington**

Dining Destination – The world famous Tides Tavern, MORSO, Devoted Kiss, Net Shed No.9 and Brix 25 along with Anthony's and many other great eateries are giving Gig Harbor a great dining atmosphere, with award winning menus and chefs!

Raise a Glass – Heritage Distilling is the first and only craft distillery in the country to offer individuals the opportunity to legally be involved in the making of their own small batch distilled spirits. 'My Batch' sessions are offered monthly in the HDC tasting room. Another watering hole is 7 Seas Brewing. At 7 Seas Brewing they have created the Ultimate Proper Pint and take pride knowing their product is something of integrity and authenticity. 7 Seas is one of only a few breweries in the nation to can their beer rather than bottle.

Harbor WildWatch – Now in their 12<sup>th</sup> year, this 501(c)(3) is dedicated to helping visitors and residents become more aware about the interesting ecosystem that is Gig Harbor. In addition to 'Pier into the Night', in which HWW takes bystanders on a nighttime exploration below the popular Jerisich Dock, HWW entertains and educates over 400 local school classrooms each year.

Arts Alive – Gig Harbor is a great art destination with many beautiful galleries, several art events and festivals throughout the year and two great performing arts companies, as well as concerts in the park in the summer.

Unique Accommodations – Gig Harbor has some very nice and different small lodging properties that could be a story in themselves – especially if you look at the people whose love and labor have created these properties, among them is The Waterfront Inn and The Aloha Beachside B & B.

Gardens and Venues – beyond the Garden Tour gardens Gig Harbor has some amazing venues with beautiful gardens and unique accommodations that are available to the public for weddings, romantic getaways, and events. Included are Pleasurecraft Houseboats, the waterfront Edgewater House B & B, Gig Harbor Cottage, and Olde Glencove Hotel

Living in Gig Harbor – there are great stories here about remodeled homes and new beautiful architectural works of art that have come out of people's desire to live on the water in this stunning area.

The Bridge – there must be a story here!! A park sits below the double spans of the Tacoma Narrows Bridges and provides visitors a great viewing area to watch the bridge rise out of the water. "Narrows Park" is a joint project of the WSDot and Pierce County Parks.

The Airport - Used by business executives, celebrities, golf professionals, and aviation enthusiasts, the Tacoma Narrows Airport is a relaxed south Puget Sound airport alternative to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and King County's Boeing Field. In addition to the trendy "Hub Pizza On The Fly" Restaurant, TIW offers a superb Pierce County location, 24/7 IFR operations (including an ILS), a brand new 5002-foot runway, a control tower, jet fuel, and two fixed based operators (FBO's).

The Gig Harbor Boat Shop - The Gig Harbor BoatShop and Eddon Boat Park have been restored and refreshed and together these places are jewels along our waterfront. The Eddon Boat Yard 'make-over' was extensive and brought the building back to its traditional style. The renovations included restoring the exterior to its original and historic colors: Interior upgrades also took place and a viewing platform was added on the side of the building to give the public an opportunity to watch shipwrights in action during Gig Harbor BoatShop's on-site operations. This site is eligible for registry for historic places in Washington. A classic boat rental project began in 2014, renting several rowboats and one very special vintage electric launch at reasonable hourly rates. In addition to the shipwright programming, education and future boat rentals the property provides, the Gig Harbor BoatShop has a nice retail space with classic.



Kayaking and Kayak Trails – Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula provides a marine trail system of the Puget Sound. Also, kayaking in Gig Harbor Bay is huge. Gig Harbor is home to two-time National Champions Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Team.

Heritage - Gig Harbor's heritage is unique and interesting and a treasure we are trying to protect. New heritage markers identify 18 sites of historic significance throughout Gig Harbor. Another 12 markers can be found in the surrounding areas of Rosedale, Fox Island and the Key Peninsula. The state of the art Harbor History Museum offers a chance for folks to create opportunities to experience the history of the Gig Harbor Peninsula.

Business - Locally owned and successful small businesses that reflect the flavor of Gig Harbor such as The Fish Wife and Cutters Point Coffee. These locally owned success stories would make great leads.

The Skansie Net Shed – The historic shed is home to the Skansie Net Shed Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, that, for many years, the Skansie Netshed was a place of work and refuge for Croatian brothers Anton and Vince, and the crew of the commercial purse seine boat, Avalon. A netshed is a working structure built over the water where commercial fishermen construct, mend, hang and dry fishing nets. These structures were also used to repair fishing vessels and served as a gathering site for Croatian fishing families.

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