

# ILWACO BAKERY OPENS IN NEW WATERFRONT SPACE

Community members envision bakery, port's future

## Ilwaco Bakery

235 Howerton Ave. S.E.,  
Ilwaco, Washington

Open from 7 a.m. to  
3 p.m. on Thursdays,  
Fridays, Saturdays and  
Sundays

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

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A new location for a bakery and cafe in Ilwaco, Washington, aims to help revitalize the fishing town's waterfront. Ilwaco Bakery, owned and operated by Valerie Perkins, boasts a modern take on an old port theme. "We're trying to stay true to the area, true to Ilwaco," Perkins said.

Perkins and her husband, Bruce, purchased the building on the Ilwaco Waterfront six years ago. Through fits and starts, the couple remodeled the building until its opening day earlier this month. A food truck on the premises has warmed up for the occasion over the past couple of years.

On opening day, a steady stream of customers filed into the space, which was suffused with an air of excitement. Ilwaco resident Maryanne Murray was thrilled with the new place. "Ilwaco needs businesses, we need services, especially for the tourists that come through," Murray said. Perkins, she said "has put together a class act. What a beautiful little spot."

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**BELOW:** A sign for Ilwaco Bakery.

**INSET:** Laura Villar stands behind the counter of Ilwaco Bakery with a cup of coffee.

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