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### **Kitsap Tours is Stepping on the Gas with a Little Help from the Secret Service**

*It's no secret that lead driver and co-owner Jim Boyle's past as a the Secret Service agent has prepped him for Northwest adventure*

Kitsap Peninsula, Wash. (May 13, 2010) — Kitsap Tours, which offers visitors an opportunity to explore Bainbridge Island, the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas, launched this month with a secret weapon behind the wheel: lead driver and co-owner Jim Boyle. No rookie rambler, Jim came to start up Kitsap Tours with his wife Jean after an impressive career with the United States Secret Service.

Oddly enough, Jim's past work coincides perfectly with being a driver for Kitsap Tours: for much of his time with the Secret Service, Jim drove and protected Presidents and numerous Heads of State and Country. Not only is he the company's finest driver, he's also quite the storyteller—occasionally delighting riders with stories of his past exploits, which include connections with the likes of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and other fascinating folks. After spending so much time protecting high-profile personalities during their daily travels, it comes naturally for Jim to treat tourists to his most memorable tales while helping them explore this side of the Puget Sound.

“There was the time I was in India with President Carter,” recalls Jim, “and we used elephants for intersection control and to keep the roads clear as we passed on the way to the presidential palace.” As if using elephants as roadblocks wasn't enough, Jim's driving experiences include using the autobahn off-ramp in Germany as an on-ramp to catch four feet of air in order to hold his place following President Carter's limousine.

Back then, a member of the Secret Service's “First Team,” Jim was a principal driver of the fully armored presidential motorcade limousine. Today, he's first to drive the far more friendly and approachable Kitsap Tours bus.

While Jim has travelled all over the globe, he relishes the thought of staying near home, tossing neck ties for Northwest casual attire, and showing others around a place he has come to love: “My memories of driving around locations like Capitol Hill, Camp David, and Buckingham Palace were worlds away from my life here on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas.”

Sure, Jim has spent time with presidential elites here in the Pacific Northwest—he's gone fishing with President Carter in the Queen Charlotte Islands, boat racing with Mike Reagan along the West Coast, and was present with President Ford at the naming ceremony of the Federal

Building in Seattle—, but these experiences lacked the level of Northwest flavor he now hopes to share with Kitsap Tours’ travelers.

“I’ve been all around the world, but I always find myself longing for home. Some may not see driving a tour bus as being exciting, but, honestly, right now, I can’t think of anything I’d rather do,” says Jim.

## ABOUT KITSAP TOURS

Offering tours 7 days a week, rain or shine (*we provide the umbrellas!*), Kitsap Tours hosts travelers as they visit an eclectic collection of communities, view spectacular scenery, and learn about the region’s history—all in comfort of a 14 passenger mini bus equipped with creature comforts and knowledgeable driver/guides.

Meet us just outside the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal or we can pick you up at other designated island and peninsula locations. Design your own ending for the tour; return to the ferry or linger to enjoy some gaming, shopping & dining, or other local entertainment.

Kitsap Tours steps gently with never more than 12 guests as we explore this beautiful corner of the world.

Kitsap Tours is co-owned and operated by an energetic husband and wife team, Jim and Jean Boyle, who have lived on the Kitsap Peninsula for 15 years and in the Pacific Northwest for almost 30. After leaving careers dominated by conventional business attire and shiny shoes, they now happily don boots for work each morning.

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