



Mayor Greg Wheeler



## Mayor's 2023 Initiatives

### Housing and Commercial Development Improvements

#### *Review Codes, Zoning, and Processes*

- Continue to increase efficiencies in housing and commercial development
- Support the construction of 2,270 residential units and approx. 424,094 sq. ft of new commercial space
- Continue to develop and utilize technology for process improvements by improving permit portal
- Continue with updates to City Council on building permit statistics
- Update the City's regulations to stay current with state regulations related to housing
- Support revitalization projects and capital facility investments in the Eastside Village Center (formerly Harrison hospital site) and Charleston Business District
- Continue to work on strategies for residents displaced by new developments
- Launch the major update to the City's comprehensive plan to guide growth for the next 20 years
- Initiate new Housing Navigator program with Bremerton Housing Authority to provide resources and support for those facing housing instability

### Proactive Code Enforcement

- Continue proactive code enforcement to further address issues in the City and work on strategies to assist tenants living in substandard housing units
- Continue court-appointed receiver program (RCW 7.60) and abatement program (RCW 35.80) to clean up nuisance property

### Affordable Housing Assistance

- Continue funding to Bremerton Rental Assistance program in partnership with Bremerton Housing Authority to provide eviction assistance that helps working low-income residents and seniors
- Continue additional \$100,000 of assistance to City's weatherization and minor home repair program in partnership with Kitsap Community Resources to reduce utility costs, improve living and health conditions for vulnerable citizens while enhancing the City's housing stock and stabilizing rent for low-income tenants
- Partner with agencies in the development or acquisition of affordable housing projects, including Mills Crossing and other projects as they are identified

### **Homelessness**

- Explore new shelter options
- Partner on Peninsula Community Health Services medical respite care facility

### **Kitsap Lake Management**

- Continue near-shore vegetation management to enhance long-term water quality
- Continue algae control measures and monitoring of water quality
- Complete design of 4 stormwater treatment facilities on outfalls that discharge to lake
- Install stormwater treatment at Kitsap Lake Park as part of park's redevelopment project

### **Internet and Broadband**

- Continue looking for opportunities to strengthen internet infrastructure and services in the City

### **Park Upgrades**

- Complete permitting requirements for the Kitsap Lake Park Renovation Project
- Complete permitting, construction documents, and solicit bids for Haddon Park renovation project
- Installation of Kiwanis Park accessible playground
- Secure funding for Pendergast Regional Park field improvements
- Continue work on second phase of Gold Mountain Cascade Course Master Plan
- Complete bid specifications and secure funding for roof repair and replacement of City-owned Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center
- Complete Lions Park court resurfacing and striping project in early Spring
- Fill 2 new full-time staff positions (Parks/Public Works) to maintain appearance and cleanliness in City and assist with clean-up of illegal dumping sites

### **Arts and Culture**

- Secure permits and begin construction of Quincy Square on 4th Street; continue to work with Quincy Square art committees and seek mural artist and an artist for a sculpture in Quincy Square
- Install 2-3 art wraps for utility cabinets, continue City poet laureate program, select and install four artist wall panels for Washington Avenue Outdoor Gallery, and participate in completion of "creative district" designation for Bremerton through the state of Washington
- Continue remaining 2023 Arts Initiatives

### **Police Support and Crime Reduction**

- Address staffing needs
- Continue to emphasize community policing
- Upgrade video security cameras
- Continue implementation of Intelligence Led Policing initiative
- Continue looking for ways to enhance Safe Place program
- Expand new Block Watch opportunities in neighborhoods
- Continue Navigator Program, which provides crisis intervention and connects those with mental health and addictions with services and treatment resources

## **Fire**

- Address staffing needs
- Continue to increase efficiencies and improve emergency response capabilities
- Complete fire department long range strategic plan, which will assess emergency support and needs for next 5 to 20 years in community
- Continue implementation of mobile unit to better respond to opioid and mental health incidents in partnership with Peninsula Community Health Services
- Work with Kitsap Department of Emergency Management to increase public awareness on natural disaster preparation

## **Streets and Sidewalks Program**

*Continue full implementation of streets and sidewalks program:*

- Continue implementation of asset management program using data to inform decisions on City equipment and maintenance
- Construct 2,000 feet of sidewalks and install 20 ADA curb ramps
- Complete final year of three-year program to address subgrade failures on Belfair Valley Road, and overlay one lane-mile of Belfair Valley Road
- Continue program to eliminate trip hazards on City sidewalks
- Complete design of the final phase of 6th Street (Naval Ave to Warren Ave) for 2024 construction
- Complete construction of the East 11th St and Perry Ave project
- Continue design and permitting of Naval Avenue project from 1st to 15th Streets
- Complete design and install crosswalk beacons and associated pedestrian improvements at 8 sites in City to improve pedestrian safety
- Begin design of the Warren Avenue Bridge pedestrian improvements project for 2025 construction
- Begin construction of the Washington Ave and 11th Street improvements
- Complete Bremerton commuter transportation and traffic study in partnership with U.S. Navy
- Complete West Kitsap Way planning study (from SR 3 to Bremerton city limits)
- Complete design and construct Safe Routes to Schools traffic calming project (install speed feedback signs at all elementary schools)
- Begin design of the Almira/View Ridge Elementary Safe Routes to Schools project
- Construct first phase of the citywide wayfinding plan

## **Water, Sewer, and Storm Utilities**

- Construct new Pump Station 14 at Schley Boulevard and Wheaton Way, which includes a new public restroom on Bridge-to-Bridge Trail
- Complete Oyster Bay Sewer Upgrade project
- Begin design of Tracyton Beach Road sewer improvement project
- Complete Ostrich Bay Creek fish passage project
- Complete Pine Road Basin flooding mitigation project
- Make permanent repairs to Schley Canyon culvert under lower Wheaton Way
- Continue annual program to rehabilitate sewer and storm piping
- Complete and adopt Water System Plan Update and begin update to Wastewater Comprehensive Plan

## **Medical Care Access**

- Continue growing long-term relationship with MultiCare to expand health care options for Bremerton residents
- Continue to partner with St. Michael Medical Center to develop urgent/prompt care and emergency room in Bremerton
- Work on community health needs assessment
- Participate in hospital district stakeholders group
- Partner on Peninsula Community Health Services medical respite care facility
- Continue to partner with Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and New Life Community Development Agency on Teaching Kitchen and Community Room

## **Mental Health**

- Continue City's Navigator program
- Continue support for Stand By Me coordinated healthcare and services program for homeless and at-risk individuals
- Continue mobile healthcare clinic partnership with Peninsula Community Health Services to better respond to opioid and mental health incidents

## **Diversity/Human Resources**

- Hire 1 new full-time diversity, equity and inclusion manager for City
- Continue City's current workforce diversity and inclusion efforts, including employee training, expanding recruiting outreach for job advertisements with professional/minority service organizations, and making improvements to avoid unintentional implicit bias during candidate screening
- Continue implementation of City's NeoGov online HR system for current employees and onboarding for new hires
- Review and update the supervisor's handbook and HR policies.

## **Parking**

- Continue safety improvements to parking facilities, including installation of security cameras
- Link parking stall counting system to online software app; continue adopting new technologies to improve parking services and availability for residents and visitors
- Continue improving access to multi-modal transit options and Smart Commuter program, including expansion of van pool program, addition of van pool stalls and developing locations for bike lockers and installation of bike racks
- Continue to update and improve parking signage throughout the City
- Continue work on improving parking enforcement and tools

## **Transportation**

- Continue working with Governor's Office and Kitsap Transit to support temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit fast ferry service on state ferry's Bremerton-Seattle route
- Begin developing 2024 update to Transportation element of Comprehensive Plan
- Continue work on analyzing multi-modal transit options (ferry, buses, park and ride, van and carpool, pedestrian and bike transportation, etc.) to identify gaps and improve mobility
- Restore Sunday bus service
- Continue to look for opportunities for Washington State Ferries service restoration for Bremerton

## **Business Opportunity and Economic Growth**

- Partner on Kitsap Energy Summit, identifying energy needs and the necessary infrastructure investments to build energy resilience, reliability and capacity for Bremerton and Kitsap County
- Support revitalization projects and capital facility investments in the Eastside Village Center (formerly Harrison hospital site) and Charleston Business District
- Continue implementation of Wheaton Way/SR 303 Corridor study recommendations for residential and commercial revitalization of area
- Continue working with partners on improvements for Gorst corridor
- Continue additional funding to support businesses, including for small business development center, Mainstreet Association, and entrepreneurship and training program
- Support STEM Coding Program at Marvin Williams Center for young learners to learn skills in coding and other STEM programs and learn about future careers in these fields
- Increase Business & Occupation (B&O) tax exemption for businesses from \$1 million to \$1.02 million
- Support modernization of West Sound Tech Skills Center and new instructional space for high-demand technical career programs

## **Legislative Efforts**

- Continue to pursue and secure funding for affordable housing, transportation and street projects, parks improvements, among other City projects
- Continue to seek funding for solutions to respond to homelessness
- Continue to support funding for modernization of West Sound Tech Skills Center and addition of new instructional training space

## **Efficiencies and Improvements**

- Continue improving and monitoring efficiencies in all departments through new processes and technologies
- Continue investment in corporate technology in all aspects of City government
- Continue implementation of asset management program using data to inform decisions on City equipment and maintenance