



Mayor Greg Wheeler



Mayor's 2020 Public Art Initiatives

Utility Cabinet Wrap Project

- Continue to select and install art on utility cabinets
- Budget for and install one or two cabinets a year
- Select art from local artists for wraps through open calls and other various means
- Continue art wrap partnerships and build new partnerships
- Develop educational, marketing, and tourism materials for the art wraps

Washington Avenue Open Air Gallery

- Continue to paint Washington Avenue retaining wall with graffiti proof paint to reduce tagging
- Select and install art panels by local artists on wall for the Open Air Gallery
- Select art through open calls and other various means
- Develop and build Open Air Gallery partnerships, and secure sponsorship
- Develop educational, marketing, and tourism materials for Open Air Gallery
- Maintain the current art hanging on the Washington Avenue Retaining Wall

City Poet Laureate Program

- Establish and promote a presence at First Friday with a series of unique poetry events
- Participate in reading events and other special events for the city and other organizations
- Write at least two new poems a year
- Conduct a poetry presentation during Bremerton's Sister City Celebration in May

Maintain Current Public Art

- Assess and monitor current public art's condition
- Develop a maintenance plan for current public art
- Budget for maintenance accordingly

Public Arts Education

- Foster increased collaboration between arts organizations, local artists, and community
- Formulate a database of local artists, art organizations, and art supporters
- Formulate and develop a local artist resource guide and outreach event
- Conduct networking, education, and outreach to local artists and community to ensure their creative presence

Foster and Build a Creative and Innovative Arts Community

- Create task force to identify possible locations for public art to beautify, develop and promote Bremerton
- Create a strategic plan to guide Bremerton arts district forward
- Increase tourism through arts and culture offerings
- Contribute to the City's overall economic development through the arts
- Promote Bremerton as a vibrant community for artists to work and reside
- Foster a healthy arts community where artists, nonprofits and creative industries thrive
- Ensure that all neighborhoods included in the Arts Master Plan benefit from public art

