



Mayor Greg Wheeler



## **Job Title: Poet Laureate**

**Overview:** The Poet Laureate serves as an ambassador for poetry within the community, promoting the art form through public readings, workshops, and community engagement. This role seeks to elevate the appreciation of poetry and foster a love of language and expression among diverse audiences.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- **Public Engagement:**
  - Deliver public readings and performances at various events, including schools, libraries, festivals, and community gatherings.
  - Engage with local writers and poets to foster a supportive literary community.
- **Creative Development:**
  - Compose original poems that reflect the culture, history, and values of the community.
  - Collaborate with local artists and organizations to create interdisciplinary projects that incorporate poetry.
- **Education and Outreach:**
  - Conduct poetry workshops and seminars for individuals of all ages, focusing on writing skills and creative expression.
  - Partner with educational institutions to enhance poetry curricula and promote literary events.
- **Promotion of Poetry:**
  - Advocate for poetry through social media, local publications, and community platforms.
  - Develop and implement initiatives to celebrate national poetry events, such as National Poetry Month.
- **Advisory Role:**
  - Serve as a resource for local government and cultural organizations on matters related to the literary arts.
  - Help curate poetry-related programs and events in collaboration with local arts organizations.

**Qualifications:**

- Proven experience as a poet, with a published body of work or significant recognition in the field.
- Strong communication and presentation skills, with the ability to engage diverse audiences.
- Passion for promoting the arts and fostering community engagement.
- Knowledge of contemporary poetry and literary trends.

**Desired Skills:**

- Creativity and originality in writing and performance.
- Ability to work collaboratively with individuals and organizations.
- Organizational skills for planning events and workshops.
- Familiarity with social media and digital platforms for outreach and promotion.

**Application Process:**

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and samples of their poetry (published or unpublished) to [aj.engelgau-williams@ci.bremerton.wa.us](mailto:aj.engelgau-williams@ci.bremerton.wa.us).

Visit [BremertonWA.gov/PoetLaureate](https://BremertonWA.gov/PoetLaureate) for an online application.

**Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2024.**

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