



Mayor Greg Wheeler



Mayor's 2024 Initiatives

Housing and Commercial Development Improvements

Review Codes, Zoning, and Processes

- Update City's regulations to stay current with State requirements for permit process streamlining and creation of housing
- Continue to develop and utilize technology for process improvements by improving permit portal
- Continue to support revitalization projects and capital facility investments citywide, especially in commercial centers such as Eastside Village Center (formerly Harrison hospital site), Wheaton Way corridor, Charleston Business District, and Manette District
- Develop an anti-displacement ordinance to assist residents that may be impacted by new development
- Continue work on major update to City's comprehensive plan
- Support the construction of 2,114 dwelling units and 604,650 square feet of commercial space currently in development

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 City's housing stock and stabilizing rent for low-income tenants
- Continue partnering with agencies in development or acquisition of affordable housing projects. Several affordable housing projects were supported by the City in 2023, including \$500,000 toward the purchase of the Mills Crossing apartment complex and over \$1 million to help with construction and infrastructure costs for the Manette Townhome project, among others.

- Through the Federal HOME Consortium and partnership with Kitsap County, about \$400,000 in funding has been allocated to the newly established pilot “Housing Navigator Program” at Bremerton Housing Authority who will provide resources and support for housing search and security deposit assistance for those facing housing instability

Homelessness

- Support shelter options that balance needs of City neighborhoods and homeless community
- Continue partnership on Peninsula Community Health Services medical respite care facility
- Continue support for Stand By Me coordinated healthcare and services program for homeless and at-risk individuals

Kitsap Lake Water Quality Management

- Continue annual near-shore vegetation harvesting program
- Continue annual algae control and water quality monitoring programs to support recreation and safety for lake users
- Complete design and begin permitting to install stormwater treatment facilities on 4 outfalls that discharge to the lake
- Complete design of improvements for existing stormwater outfalls at end of Francis Drive to address a capacity issue, and a treatment facility to address water quality for basin at this discharge location into Kitsap Lake
- Install stormwater treatment at Kitsap Lake Park as part of park's redevelopment project

Internet and Broadband

- Continue looking for opportunities to expand broadband and increase internet access for residents and businesses

Park Upgrades

- 100% design and specification for construction of Kitsap Lake Park renovation under review with goal of going to bid mid-2024
- Final design and specification for construction of Haddon Park renovation project anticipated early 2024 and projected to go to bid in mid-2024
- Continue efforts on Evergreen playground surfacing replacement
- Continue looking for funding opportunities to complete design and fund construction of Pendergast Regional Park field improvements
- Continue efforts to secure proposals for Phase II of Gold Mountain Cascade Course redesign and other improvements
- Complete roof repairs and pursue proposals for assessment of City-owned Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center improvements
- Select and assess City site for permanent installation of submarine sail from the retired USS Bremerton

Arts and Culture

- Begin construction of Quincy Square on 4th Street project and continue to work with Quincy Square art committees on selection of artists for sculpture, mural and site-specific public art; continue developing plans for maintenance, event programming, and interpretative signage
- Continue Washington Avenue Open-Air Gallery program and City poet laureate program
- Work with partners and art committees on implementing requirements for state's new Creative District Designation awarded to City
- Design and construct building system and safety improvements to City-owned Admiral Theatre to support arts and cultural performances
- Continue remaining 2024 Arts Initiatives

Police Support and Crime Reduction

- Continue to address staffing needs
- Continue to emphasize community policing
- Continue implementation of Intelligence Led Policing initiative
- Continue to partner with County and other law enforcement agencies to address crime trends that cross into City and County
- Expand new Block Watch opportunities in neighborhoods
- Monitor CommonStreets progress and provide on-going updates
- Continue Navigator Program, which provides crisis intervention and connects those with mental health and addictions with services and treatment resources
- Evaluate and add red light cameras as needed and evaluate and implement speed platforms (automated cameras in school zones) to help address staffing needs
- Expand citizens academy and initiate youth citizens academy to continue strengthening relationships with community and educating residents about City's police department

Fire

- Address staffing needs
- Continue to increase efficiencies and improve emergency response capabilities
- 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, Sidewalks and Other Programs

- Continue implementation of asset management program using data to inform decisions on City equipment and maintenance
- Continue annual program to construct 2,000 feet of sidewalks and install 20 ADA curb ramps
- Develop 5-year major maintenance and construction program for pavement and sidewalks
- Engage the community to consider a permanent Streatery program
- Continue cost savings and energy efficiency LED-conversion program to convert all Puget Sound Energy street lights from high pressure sodium to LED
- Continue annual pavement marking maintenance program

- Continue annual pavement preservation program to patch approx. 5,000 sq. yds of pavement, and chip or slurry seal approx. 5-lane miles of roadway each year
- Continue annual trip hazard removal program to eliminate approx. 600 trip hazards each year
- Begin design of 6th Street Active Transportation Project (road diet).
- Seek funding to construct 6th Street Active Transportation Project (road diet)
- Seek funding to construct 11th Street Preservation Project
- Construct final phase of 6th St pavement preservation project (Naval Ave to Warren Ave)
- Complete construction of East 11th St and Perry Ave project
- Continue design and secure funding for Warren Avenue Bridge pedestrian improvements project
- Continue design and begin the right-of-way phase of Naval Avenue Road Diet project
- Begin design of View Ridge Elementary Safe Routes to Schools project, which constructs safety improvements to portions of Spruce Ave, Sylvan Way and Almira Dr.
- Complete construction of Washington Ave. and 11th St. roundabout project
- Complete West Kitsap Way planning study which defines future roadway improvements (from SR 3 to the Bremerton city limits)
- Complete construction of Safe Routes to Schools traffic calming project (speed feedback signs at all elementary schools)
- Complete construction of Pedestrian Safety project (rectangular rapid flashing beacons at 8 locations citywide)
- Complete first phase of City's wayfinding sign program
- Begin design of SR303/Wheaton Way adaptive signals pilot project
- Update Transportation element of 2024 Comprehensive Plan
- Design and construct building system and safety improvements to City-owned Admiral Theatre to support arts and cultural performances

Water, Sewer, and Storm Utilities

- Complete 2024 Update to Utility Land Management Plan, which is a comprehensive plan outlining City's long-term strategy to manage its 8,000-acres of forest lands
- Construct two new bridges to replace failing bridges on 5000 road in the watershed
- Complete construction and bring new Pump Station 14 at Schley Boulevard and Wheaton Way on-line
- Continue work to bring four replacement water production wells on-line
- Begin design and permitting for beach sewer decommissioning along Ostrich Bay shoreline between Sewage Pump Stations OB-5 and OB-2.
- Continue planning and evaluation of technologies for compliance with Dept. of Ecology Nutrient General Permit
- Construct Anderson Creek Dam Removals project which will eliminate 100% fish blockage on both forks of the creek by removing two abandoned earthen/concrete dams and restoring stream channel
- Begin design of Manganese Treatment Facility to treat ground water from a production well in East Bremerton
- Complete design and permitting and begin construction of Decommission Beach Sewer in Manette project which will eliminate 1,900-ft of gravity sewer in the beach

- Construct 2024 scope of the annual Sewer Rehabilitation program that includes approx. 7,200-lineal feet of sanitary sewer and 300-lineal feet of storm sewer using cure-in-place pipe technology
- Complete design of Tracyton Beach Road sewer improvement project that will address reliability issues with this sanitary sewer system
- Continue design-build improvement to Eastside Treatment Plant to improve reliability of UV disinfection and related components
- Begin design and permitting to upgrade treatment of Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant for reliability
- Complete design and permitting to replace failing section of Central Bremerton Forcemain from intersection of Gregory and High to Montgomery Ave
- Complete 2024 update to Wastewater Comprehensive Plan
- Construct final project included in Pine Road Basin project, which is a new stormwater outfall to replace failing outfall just west of intersection of Lebo Blvd and Sheridan Rd
- Complete design of a new stormwater outfall at end of Francis Drive to replace undersized existing outfall for flood control
- Begin design and permitting to replace undersized and failing stormwater outfall at west end of East 9th St. and re-route flows from undersized and failing stormwater outfall at west end of E. 11th St. to the new outfall
- Complete design and construct stormwater improvements for Cascade Trail
- Seek funding for Parish Creek Fish Passage Barrier Removal project
- Continue Stormwater Management planning in West Bremerton
- Continue partnership with the Port of Bremerton and Mason County to complete feasibility planning for municipal wastewater service for the south Puget Sound Industrial Center (PSIC). Pursue funding to design the adopted plan.

Medical Care Access

- Continue partnering with St. Michael Medical Center/Virginia Mason and MultiCare to support healthcare capacity and access
- Continue to work in partnership with St. Michael Medical Center to develop freestanding emergency room in Bremerton
- Continue work on developing a community health improvement plan based on the community health assessment in partnership with Kitsap Public Health
- Continue work with hospital district stakeholders group
- Continue to 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 efforts to expand health education and nutrition programming at the Marvin Williams Recreation Center

Mental Health

- Continue Navigator Program, which provides crisis intervention and connects those with mental health and addictions with services and treatment resources
- 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
- Monitor CommonStreets and provide on-going updates on program

Diversity/Human Resources

- Hire 1 new full-time diversity, equity and inclusion manager for City
- Continue working on City's workforce diversity and inclusion efforts, including development of workforce diversity, equity and inclusion plan
- Review and update the supervisor's handbook and HR policies.
- Work on completing Perform (online performance evaluation system)
- Continue uploading of current employee files to City's NeoGov online HR system
- Develop and partner with the Racial Equity Advisory Commission (REAC) to identify and build relationships and partnerships to advance racial equity in the community

Parking

- Continue safety improvements to parking facilities, including installation of security cameras
- Add new stall counting signage, update online mapping systems with City infrastructure and continue adopting new technologies to improve parking services and availability for residents and visitors
- Work on continuing to improve 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 processes, policies and tools

Transportation

- Continue working with Governor's Office and Kitsap Transit to support temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit fast ferry service until state ferry's Bremerton-Seattle route is restored
- Continue working with state legislators and regional partners such as Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to rebuild Washington State Ferry system
- Integrate appropriate projects from traffic and parking study (JCTP) completed in partnership with U.S. Navy into the City's Transportation Improvement Plan
- Complete update to Transportation element of 2024 Comprehensive Plan
- Continue work on analyzing multi-modal transit options (ferry, buses, park and ride, van and carpool, pedestrian and bike transportation, etc.) to improve mobility
- Sustain rollout of Sunday bus service

Business Opportunity and Economic Growth

- Continue to support revitalization projects and capital facility investments citywide, especially in commercial centers such as Eastside Village Center (formerly Harrison hospital site), Wheaton Way corridor, Charleston Business District, and Manette District
- 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
- Increase Business & Occupation (B&O) tax exemption for businesses from \$1,020,000 to \$1,040,000

- Engage the community to consider a permanent Streatery program
- Continue partnership with the Port of Bremerton and Mason County to complete feasibility planning for municipal wastewater service for the south Puget Sound Industrial Center (PSIC). Pursue funding to design the adopted plan.
- Continue to support updates to West Sound Tech Skills Center and addition of new instructional training space

Legislative Efforts

- Continue to pursue and secure funding for affordable housing, transportation and street projects, parks improvements, among other City projects

Efficiencies and Improvements

- Continue looking for 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