



# MAYOR'S REPORT

*April 5, 2023*

BREMERTON  
WASHINGTON



## Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities

- City has submitted a grant application for the Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities program with Department of Commerce.
- Program provides grants for planning and implementation of solar systems that include a storage element (batteries) that provide back-up power in the event of an emergency.
- With the \$100,000 grant the City will evaluate over 100 of our facilities for solar systems. Several high priority sites will be selected for pre-design and cost estimation.
- This is a no-match program and grant awards will be announced in May.
- Pre-designs will set us up to pursue implementation grants through this and other solar grant programs.

# Creative District Update

- Certification of Creative District\* for City of Bremerton moving forward!
- Greater Kitsap Chamber of Commerce will be the administrator of the program in the City, with support from the City of Bremerton. We thank the Greater Kitsap Chamber of Commerce for their partnership!
- The State Arts Commission is currently reviewing the submitted application for City of Bremerton Creative District certification.

*\*A Certified Creative District is a geographically defined area of cultural and economic activity recognized by the State of Washington as a place for people to gather and enjoy their community's arts, culture, and creativity.*





## Cruise Ships

### ***Cruise ships in Bremerton will jump from 10 to 46 in 2023***

- American Cruise Lines will be returning to the City of Bremerton via its American Constellation and American Spirit ship tours of Puget Sound region
- The 46 dockings will take place from April to November at the Bremerton Marina
- Increase from 10 to 46 cruise ships due to attraction of Bremerton and efforts to make Bremerton a more permanent port of call
- Passengers will visit museums, outdoor attractions, local shops and restaurants in the community

An aerial photograph of Bremerton, Washington, showing the city built on a peninsula. A large bridge spans across the water, connecting the city to the mainland. In the background, a large mountain (Mount Rainier) is visible under a blue sky with some clouds.

## Warren Avenue Bridge Pedestrian Improvements Project

- Improves active transportation facilities across the bridge which will contribute to improving the overall connectivity along the SR 303 corridor.
- \$26.5 million budget for design and construction

### Upcoming Public Engagement

- We are seeking the public's input. Please participate by taking the online survey located at <https://www.warrenavebridgeproject.com/>. The survey will be available starting on **April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 28, 2023**.
- Please join us for an in person Open House on **April 24, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM** in the **Council Chambers at Norm Dicks Government Center**, 345 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Bremerton. Visit <https://www.warrenavebridgeproject.com/> for more information.



## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion RFP

- It was announced this week we are seeking consultant proposals to conduct community outreach and stakeholder engagement to create the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Consultant will shape development of:
  - City of Bremerton Diversity, Equity and Inclusion job description, recruitment process, and staff training recommendations
  - Support for race-equity focused community advisory committee currently in development by City Council
- Thank you to several community leaders who helped prepare the RFP! Martitha May, Tony Ives, Pastor Richmond Johnson, Jill Stanton, Alyson Rotter, Lucretia Robertson, Jessica Guidry, and Dr. Lillian Robertson
- Consultant proposals are due May 1, 2023. View the entire recruitment position at <https://www.bremertonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10455/>.

## LIONS PARK LETTER

April 2023

Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler  
Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department

### RE: Letter of Acknowledgement and Appreciation

We are residents who have noticed many improvements in the last few years at Lion's Park. We are sending this letter to inform you how much we value two individuals, Mike Kelly and Steve Munson. These gentlemen should be recognized for their outstanding efforts in maintaining and improving the environment of our beautiful waterfront park.

We have seen many public employees do their jobs, but these two men are outstanding in their commitment to their rolls in keeping our Lion's Park a favorite destination for so many activities. As a result of their efforts, we have a safe, clean, friendly space for all our community to enjoy.

If you need specific evidence on how and why we are sending this letter, please contact Lynn Hall (360) 204-1323. I would be happy as a spokesperson for the people who have signed this letter to elaborate on how Mike and Steve have made a positive significant difference to our Lion's Park.

### THE UNDERSIGNED SUPPORT THIS LETTER

<u>Lynne A. Hall</u>	<u>Cheryl M. Gubler</u>
<u>Carolyn James</u>	<u>Scott Stewart</u>
<u>G. Val</u>	<u>and Bob</u>
<u>Frank Lundy</u>	
<u>Robert Smith</u>	<u>Steve Dickson</u>
<u>Sarah Carter</u>	<u>Flora Gumb</u>
<u>Allan Kierulff</u>	<u>A. Carole</u>

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Karen Leader Scott      Lynne Hall  
Randy Moe  
Mark M. King  
Spencer E. Foster  
Judith Carter  
John P. West  
Wally  
Jan Telleark  
Cheryl Gatt Knautz - you're the best!  
Michelle  
Paul Meeker  
Lindsay French  
Jane Barchick  
Carl Barchick  
Kathleen G. Snider  
James C. Auler  
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Jenny Newton  
Mary Champagne  
Wanda Spang  
John  
Marianne Jones  
Gene Jones  
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Watch a recording of the **March 30, 2023 Kitsap Energy Summit** at:

<https://youtu.be/kB62FQwbL1Y>

Or check out on **BKAT** (Comcast channel 12, Astound channel 3) on the following dates and times:

**Saturdays 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, and 4/22 at 3:00 PM**

**Sundays 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, and 4/23 at 11:00 AM**