



MAYOR'S REPORT

February 4, 2026

BREMERTON

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Diversity and Community Engagement Update



City Staff Food Bank Donation

- City staff recently participated in a food donation initiative to support Bremerton Foodline to assist residents experiencing food insecurity
- Employees from multiple departments contributed non-perishable food items, demonstrating their continued commitment to serving the community beyond their daily roles
- The donated items will help provide essential meals to individuals and families in need



We appreciate all staff who participated in this effort!

Diversity and CommUNITY Engagement Hub

- The City's Diversity and CommUNITY Engagement Hub was launched as part of the City's Diversity and Community Engagement initiative to connect and engage with the community
- The Hub was developed by Dr. Jeneise Briggs, Diversity and Community Engagement Manager, and is dedicated to building connections, celebrating community, and inspiring positive change
- Resources and stories on the Hub highlight Bremerton's diversity and help strengthen the relationship between residents and local government
- The Hub is updated throughout the year, and visitors can check back for new stories and resources on the City's website at:

<https://www.bremertonwa.gov/1391/Diversity-and-CommUNITY-Engagement-Hub>

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Welcome! Thank you for visiting the Diversity & CommUNITY Engagement Hub. This space is dedicated to building connections, celebrating community, and inspiring positive change. Explore resources and stories that highlight Bremerton's diversity and help strengthen the relationship between residents and local government. As our city evolves, we grow stronger - together.

Celebrating Black History Month

February 2026

February marks Black History Month, a time when we honor the extraordinary contributions, resilience and achievements of Black Americans throughout our nation's history. This annual observance invites all of us to reflect on the profound impact Black individuals and communities have made in shaping our culture, advancing civil rights, and enriching every aspect of American life.

From the scientists and inventors who changed how we live, to the artists and musicians who transformed our cultural landscape to the activists and leaders who fought tirelessly for justice and equality, Black Americans have been instrumental in building the country we know today. Their stories are not separate from American history – they are essential to understanding it.

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week" in 1926, created by historian Carter G. Woodson to ensure that the contributions of Black Americans would be taught, remembered, and celebrated. Woodson chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. In 1976, the observance was expanded to the entire month and officially recognized by the U.S. government.

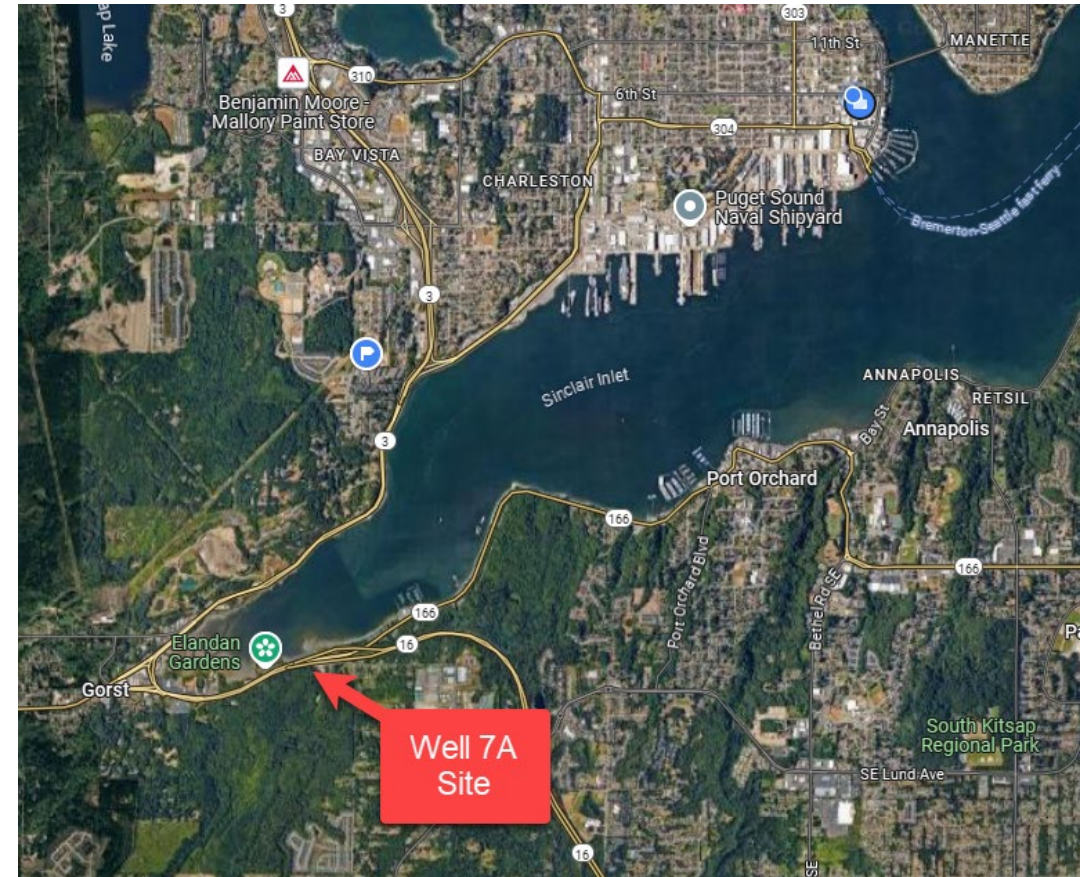
This month offers us an opportunity to learn about figures we may not have encountered in traditional history books and to celebrate the vibrant contributions of Black culture that surround us daily. It is also a time to recognize that Black history is not confined to the past – it's being written every day by Black leaders, innovators, artists, educators and community members who continue to shape our collective future.

We encourage everyone in our community to participate in Black History Month by attending local events, supporting Black-owned businesses, reading books by Black authors, exploring Black art and music and engaging in meaningful conversations about race, history and justice. Together, we can honor the past while working toward a more inclusive community.



New Well 7A in Production

- After 76 years of service, old Well 7 has been retired due to diminished capacity
- In 2025, a new 656-ft deep well was drilled, tested and approved by the Department of Health at a pumping rate of 450 gallons per minute
- Well 7A was placed into service on January 22, 2026
- All work except drilling was done by City staff with the support of hydrogeologists from Terraphase



Well 7A is part of the Anderson Creek Wellfield which provides water to Gorst and most of West Bremerton including the shipyard.

Blueberry Park Community Garden Restoration Partnership



- The City of Bremerton has partnered with the Washington Youth Challenge Academy to support restoration efforts at the Blueberry Park Community Garden.
- Volunteer workdays are planned for late February for the approximately five acres of community garden space.
- The primary goal is to restore main pathways to improve accessibility for gardeners and visitors. A secondary goal is to prepare one or two abandoned garden plots for future use.
- Work tasks will include removing weeds, clearing designated pathways, reshaping path edges, spreading mulch, removing unused garden plots, and staging green waste in designated areas.
- WSU Master Gardeners will assist by directing work within the garden and offering guidance on proper gardening practices.

Thank you to the Washington Youth Challenge Academy and to WSU Master Gardeners for their partnership in restoration efforts!



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Washington Avenue Open Art Gallery Installation and Unveiling

- The City of Bremerton is excited to announce a new public art installation along Washington Avenue.
- A total of 11 art panels will be installed on February 19, 2026, expanding access to public art in the downtown area and highlighting the work of local artists.
- An official unveiling event, hosted by the Bremerton Arts Commission and City Parks and Recreation department, will take place on Washington Avenue on February 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- Artists, community members, and City staff are invited to attend the unveiling for a brief celebration, including a toast and an opportunity to meet some of the participating artists.
- This project reflects Bremerton's continued commitment to supporting the arts and activating public spaces through creative placemaking.

YOU'RE INVITED



Washington Ave. Open Air Gallery
Unveiling Celebration
Washington Ave., Bremerton WA

The Bremerton Arts Commission invites you to celebrate the unveiling of the Washington Ave Open Art Gallery. Enjoy a short ceremony, a toast, and a chance to gather with artists, city staff, and community members.



**February
23, 2026
3PM**

Bubbles by
Cynthia Davis.
Acrylic

Daddy Daughter Dance

February 7, 2026

7-10 PM

Bremerton Elks Lodge



4131 Pine Road, Bremerton

For more information, contact Bremerton
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Daddy Daughter Dance
February 7, 2026 7-10pm
Bremerton Elks Lodge 4131 Pine Rd, Bremerton
All Ages * Wristlet * Refreshment * Door Prizes
Music * Photographer * Photo Booth

\$40 couple and \$10 each additional daughter


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