



MAYOR'S REPORT
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UPDATE! Bremerton Rental Relief Grants Extended for Small Businesses



- Eligible Bremerton businesses can request up to \$5,000 for rental and lease expenses if they've been impacted by COVID-19.
- In first two grant phases in August, total of 42 applications were received. Funding will be awarded to eligible applicants at end of September.
- New grant application phase:
 - **Third phase to OPEN SOON!**
 - Announcements to come from the City of Bremerton and Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) on the opening of the new phase.






Bremerton COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program for Residents

Under the joint program, the City of Bremerton and Bremerton Housing Authority are offering temporary assistance to help eligible City residents with short-term rent payments due to the impacts of COVID-19.

- More than \$360,000 has been committed by the City of Bremerton and \$100,000 by the Bremerton Housing Authority.
- Applicants must live within Bremerton boundaries to be eligible.
- **NEW!** City of Bremerton is inserting fliers into utility bills through November to help promote awareness of the program – the inserts will be mailed to over 20,000 total residents



**CITY OF BREMERTON
COVID-19 Rental
Assistance Program**

Are you having trouble paying your rent due to financial issues caused by COVID-19?



You may qualify for COVID-19-related housing assistance, if:

- ▶ You live in the city of Bremerton, and
- ▶ Have lost employment or income due to COVID-19

More than \$360,000 has been committed by the City of Bremerton and \$100,000 by the Bremerton Housing Authority to aid local residents.

More Information

Please visit BremertonWA.gov/rentalassistance, bremertonhousing.org or call 360-473-0325.



Flier Insert for City of Bremerton Utility Bills
(scheduled through November 2020)

Wildfire Smoke Updates for Puget Sound

Air quality in our region is due to wildfires in Eastern and Western Washington as well as smoke drifting in from Oregon.

- **If air quality is Unhealthy or Very Unhealthy, everyone should avoid physical activity outdoors and stay indoors as much as possible.**
- Air quality conditions can change quickly. Updates and forecasts can be found at the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's website at pscleanair.gov.

Reminder: Kitsap County is under a Stage II Burn Ban and ALL outdoor burning is prohibited in Bremerton and surrounding areas!



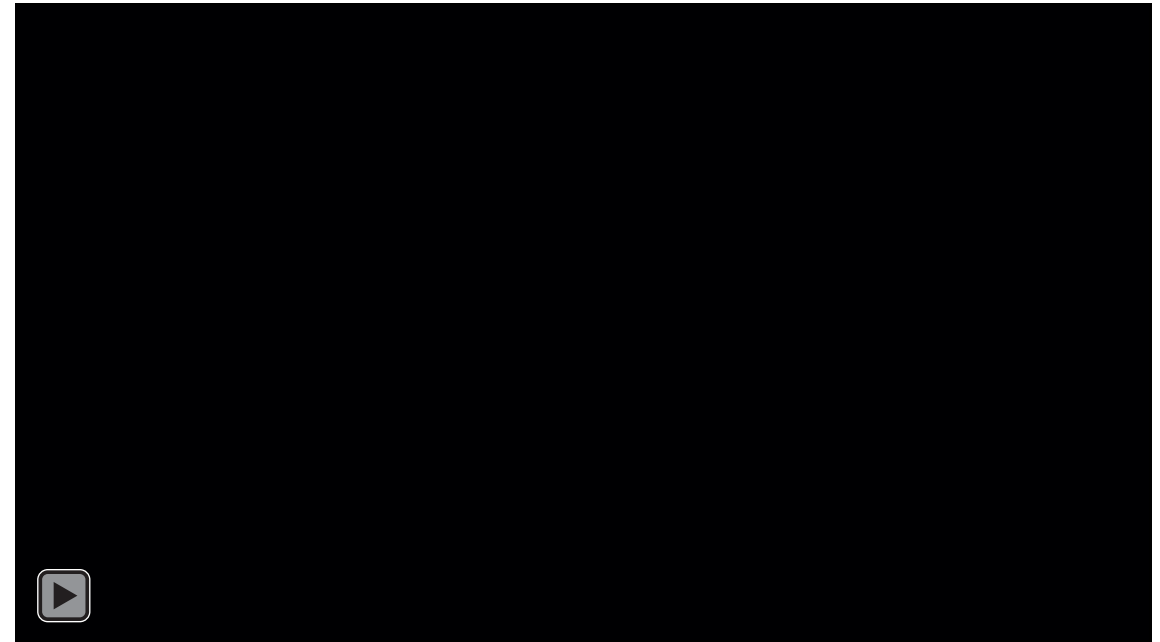
Gorst Creek Fish Barrier Update

Gorst Creek fish barrier has been an issue for years for salmon to get to spawning grounds.

City of Bremerton teamed up with Suquamish Tribe and WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to build temporary structures on Gorst Creek to help salmon get upstream to spawn.

Salmon are now making it to Gorst Creek during spawning season.

Long-term plans call for removing existing fish barrier and constructing permanent fix so salmon have access to spawn.





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