



MAYOR'S REPORT
September 4, 2019

BREMERTON
WASHINGTON



Photo courtesy of Port of Bremerton



City of Bremerton's Bond Rating upgrade to Aa2

Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") upgraded rating on Bonds from "Aa3" to "Aa2" on August 22, 2019.

Upgrade due to:

- Healthy, growing tax base
- Strategically important naval shipyard

Moody's rating outlook focused on the City's improving reserves, a growing local economy and manageable fixed costs and leverage.



Increase in City Employee Ride Sharing, Smart Commuting

Renewed focus on reducing # of employees in single-occupancy vehicles (SOV) who commute to work. Since June:

- 27 new ride share users – carpool or vanpool
- 16 new Smart Commuters - walk, bicycle, ride a bus, take ferry minimum three days/week as a foot passenger
- Participation increased by 52% for Norm Dicks Government Center employees!

Residents can also participate to reduce SOV use. They can visit [RideshareOnline.com](https://rideshareonline.com) and www.kitsaptransit.com to learn more.



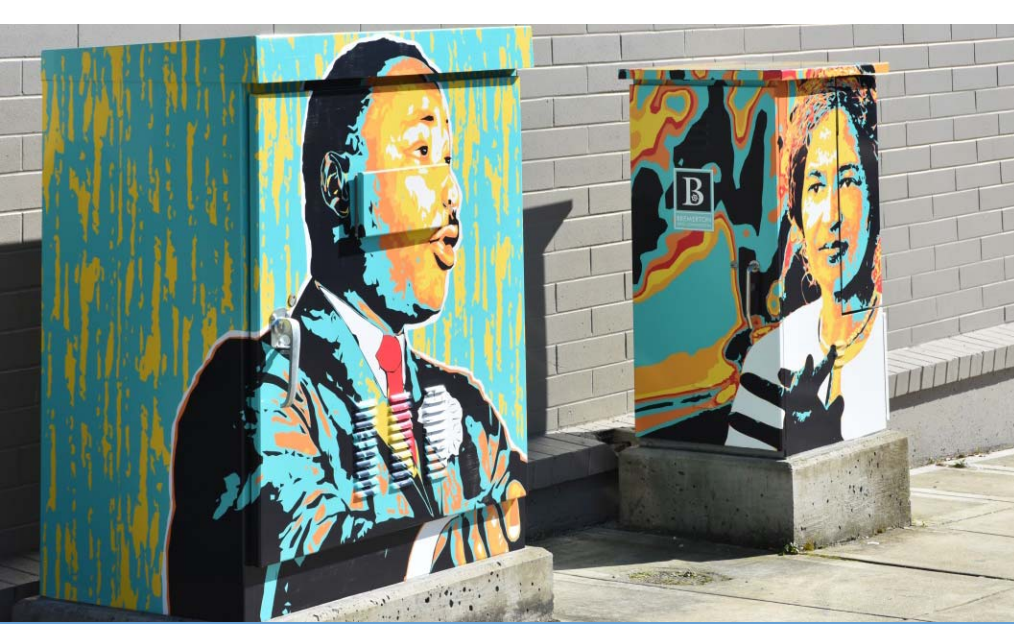
Bremerton named as a major contributor to arts in our region in new Arts Vibrancy Index Report

- Bremerton-Silverdale area ranked as the 10th most arts-vibrant medium-sized community in America
- Bremerton-Silverdale ranks in the top 3% of communities in overall arts dollars and scores high in government support, federal arts dollars and grants

Excerpt from the Arts Vibrancy Index Report:

“The City of Bremerton has a robust arts district with a number of fine art galleries, three museums, and two performing arts venues. It is home to several organizations, including the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton Community Theatre, Bremerton Symphony, Kitsap Opera, Peninsula Dance Theatre, and West Sound Arts Council.”

Source: Fifth Annual Arts Vibrancy Index Report - National Center for Arts Research at Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX



Bremerton's Continued Commitment to the Arts (2019)

- 2nd Annual Wayzgoose Kitsap Art Festival a huge success – over 32 artists and 28 art vendor booths this year!
- 5 new utility cabinet art wraps coming soon, for a new total of 20 wraps around the City. Locations: Burwell/Callow; 16th/Warren; 15th/Naval; 11th/Callow; Werner/Oyster Bay
- Plans underway for art wrap with “wayfinding” tool for the Bremerton Urban Trail “bridge to bridge” (on Old Wheaton Way)
- Arts Commission received 50+ submissions for Washington Ave Outdoor Art Gallery planned for Fall 2019
- Selected City's First Poet Laureate – Tia Hudson
 - Promoting and attending Poetry Slams, “pop-up” poetry, open mikes (at Fraiche Cup the third Wednesday of each month) and art walk activities



Washington State Department of Ecology
Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award 2018
City of Bremerton West Wastewater Treatment Plant

Congratulations to the City's outstanding team!



Photo by Robert Pittman - NOAA



Stormwater - The Journal for Surface Water Quality Professionals

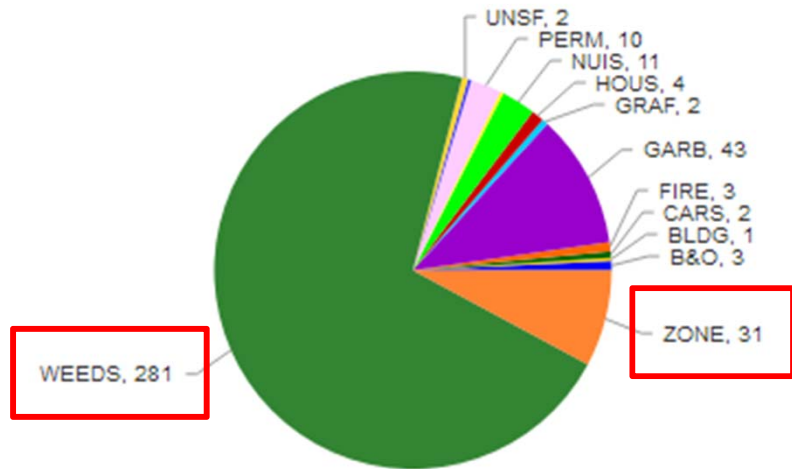
“To meet the goals of trying to recover salmon and to protect the whales, water quality is a big deal. It’s critical. If we don’t improve water quality, we’re not going to be very effective if we’re trying to restore marine life or mammals.”

-Chance Berthiaume, City of Bremerton Stormwater Permit Coordinator, in national stormwater journal *Stormwater-The Journal for Surface Water Quality Professionals* (July 26, 2019). In this article, Chance talks about the importance of program maintenance of City stormwater and wastewater collection systems, including Linear Modular Wetlands.

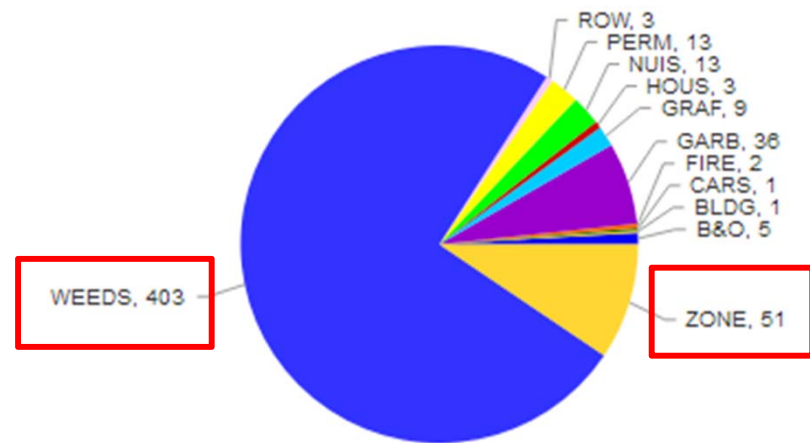


2019 Proactive Code Enforcement

Issues by Type June through August 2019



Issues by Type June through August 2018



Fewer complaints received in 2019 vs 2018 due to increased enforcement efforts. More homes in compliance over previous years.



2019 BEAUTIFY BREMERTON

All City Clean Up
Saturday, Sept. 14
8am-2pm

Only yard waste accepted this year

**Parking Lot at Knights Field (formerly Legion Field)
East 29th Street, East Bremerton**

