



Mayor Greg Wheeler



Mayor's 2021 Initiatives

Housing and Commercial Development Improvements

Review Codes, Zoning, and Processes

- Continue to increase efficiencies in housing and commercial development
- Support the construction of more than 2,000 new residential units and 230,000 sq. ft of commercial space
- Continue to develop and utilize technology for process improvements (permitting/business licensing)
- Continue with continuous updates to City Council on building permit statistics
- Continue with infill development toolkit to add affordable housing stock, especially cottage housing
- Work on strategy for residents displaced by new developments
- Modify the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations to allow up to two per residence
- Create incentive program for ADU creation with a rental affordability component

Proactive Code Enforcement

- Continue proactive code enforcement to further address issues in the City

Affordable Housing Assistance

- Continue funding to Bremerton Rental Assistance program in partnership with Bremerton Housing Authority to provide eviction assistance that helps working poor 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 the City's housing stock and stabilizing rent for low income tenants
- Continue evaluating the City's code to increase housing stock in support of affordable housing initiative





Kitsap Lake Cleanup Plan

- Continue with clean-up of Kitsap Lake and implementing actions to improve water quality
- Complete watershed and vegetation management plans to enhance long-term water quality
- Implement control efforts to help limit algae growth
- Design 4 stormwater treatment facilities at specific sites and install stormwater treatment at Kitsap Lake Park as part of park redevelopment project

Broadband Expansion

- Support development of Kitsap Public Utility District broadband infrastructure and service across Bremerton

Park Upgrades

- Complete improvements and open Warren Avenue Park/Playfield
- Begin construction and improvements to Kitsap Lake Park
- Continue to explore funding strategies for improvements to Pendergast Park field
- Secure funding and begin design of LuLu Haddon Park improvements
- Complete master plan for development and improvements to Gold Mountain Golf Course
- Work with YMCA on increasing public access to City-owned Jarstad pool

Arts and Culture

- Move forward on 2-4 art wraps for utility cabinets, continue City poet laureate program, select and install additional artist wall panels on Washington Avenue
- Continue to pursue funding and design of Quincy Square on 4th Street
- Implement remaining 2021 Arts Initiatives

Police Support and Crime Reduction

- Continue full staffing of police force and bicycle patrols
- Hire behavioral health and police body camera support positions
- Upgrade video security cameras
- Continue implementation of Intelligence Led Policing initiative
- Look for ways to continue development of Safe Place program
- Develop remote technology options for starting new Block Watch opportunities in neighborhoods
- Implement the Behavioral Health Program for crisis intervention and continue the Navigator Program, which connects those with mental health and addictions with services and treatment resources



Fire

- Seek grants and other funding sources to assist with hiring of additional staffing to increase efficiencies and improve emergency response.
- Complete remodel of Fire Stations two and three
- Purchase Wildland Fire Engine and new Paramedic unit
- Complete first full year of implementation of mobile unit to better respond to opioid and mental health incidents in partnership with Peninsula Community Health Services
- Ensure assistant fire chief position permanently filled

Nuisance Property Abatement

- Continue court-appointed receiver program (RCW 7.60) and abatement program (RCW 35.80) to clean up nuisance property

Streets and Sidewalks Program

Continue full implementation of streets and sidewalks program:

- Build and repair of 2,500 feet sidewalks and install 40 ADA curb ramps
- Implement third full year of 5-year contract to eliminate trip hazards on City sidewalks
- Complete overlay of 6th Street (Warren Ave to Pacific Ave)
- Complete construction on Kitsap Lake Elementary Safe Routes to School project
- Design East 11th St and Perry Ave project
- Design and complete downtown bike lane improvements (Complete Streets)
- Design Naval Avenue project from 1st to 15th Streets
- Complete design and construction of Kitsap Way/SR 303 corridor improvements
- Design Warren Avenue Bridge pedestrian improvements
- Finalize design of Washington Avenue and 11th Street improvements
- Begin Bremerton commuter transportation and traffic study in partnership with U.S. Navy
- Complete Citywide wayfinding plan

Medical Care Access

- Support completion of urgent care/prompt care on Kitsap Way by CHI Franciscan/Harrison

Diversity

- Continue implementation of workforce diversity plan and updated Equal Employment Opportunity Program



Parking

- Continue improving parking enforcement and tools through use of new technology, including full implementation of LPR technology
- Continue updating and improving parking signage throughout the City
- Initiate commuter survey on improving access to multi-modal transit options and Smart Commuter program
- Improve bike access in downtown core
- Continue to improve and adopt technology for online parking tools and apps for residents

Transportation

- Continue support of Bremerton fast ferries and local foot ferry service
- Analyze multi-modal transit options (ferry, buses, park and ride, van and carpool, bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, taxi, rideshare, etc.) and identify gaps to improve mobility in the City
- Work on continuing to restore Sunday service and making transit improvements across the City

Business Opportunity and Economic Growth

- Begin implementation of Eastside Village plan for increased housing and continue partnership in support of demolition of former Harrison Hospital building
- Complete Wheaton Way/SR 303 Corridor study for residential and commercial revitalization of the area, secure funding for new traffic signals that improve traffic flow on corridor and pursue funding for pedestrian safety improvements
- Explore funding for infrastructure and investment incentives for Eastside Village Plan vision
- Update City's regulations to help support Charleston District revitalization
- Work with Port of Bremerton to analyze economic benefits for expansion of Bremerton Airport
- Work with partners to identify and fund construction of transportation improvements for Gorst corridor



Mental Health

- Continue support for development of Pendleton Place
- Implement City's Behavioral Health program and continue Navigator program
- Support new 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

Efficiencies and Improvements

- Complete workload analysis in Engineering
- Continue improving and monitoring efficiencies in all departments through new processes and technologies
- Continue investment in corporate technology in all aspects of City government
- Develop new asset management program to inform decisions using data for City equipment and maintenance
- Implement second full year of City responsibility for sewer laterals and sidewalks
- Continue implementation of monthly water/sewer/stormwater billing for residents