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CITY OF BOTHELL NEWS

COUNCIL CORNER

By Councilmember McNeal



These last few months and weeks have been difficult for so many of us. Seeing police brutality on tv, racism on display across our nation, and so much civil unrest is difficult for me, especially as I think about the many trials and tribulations of my own life. We all have different stories, it doesn't matter where you come from. But, I've chosen to let all of my experiences define and shape me in a positive way. My father was a police officer and attended a segregated training class in 1972. I understand and see the criticism of police from many sides. As the first Black Councilmember in Bothell, I represent my Black community, as well as the entire community. I have the ability to make my community better and stronger. Over the years, I've worked with city and regional leaders to see our Bothell community grow, confront issues and become stronger. My two sons recently joined a peaceful protest and were supported by so many in our community. I was able to stand on the street during a protest and share personal stories with Chief Seuberlich, a police chief who truly listened and tried to understand what makes me, me. I trust our neighbors, this community, and our police department. Thank you for making my family and others feel safe and welcome in Bothell.

Bothell, years from now, we'll reflect back on 2020. A pandemic. Public health crisis. Dramatic shift to online school. No child care. Lost jobs. Confronting systemic racism. Civil unrest. But you know what we will remember? Our families grew closer. We slowed down and treasured our grandparents. We

recognized the value of essential workers. We confronted racial discrimination and had uncomfortable conversations that are making us better. So yes, 2020 will be one for the record books. The year we couldn't have our traditional parade, but we decorated and celebrated anyway. It was hard, awkward and painful, but we grew. We banded together, instead of pushing each other apart. We listened and learned about each other, instead of judging. We slowed down to appreciate our grocery store cashiers, health care workers, and the beauty of nature around us. We changed in ways we did not know possible and came out stronger on the other side. I encourage all of you to keep demanding change. Keep protesting. Initiate those hard conversations about race and culture. Evaluate our city policies and help us make them better. Above all, keep supporting each other and looking for the good in everyone you meet. That is the Bothell Community I know and love!



MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Back row - Deputy Mayor Zornes, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember McNeal, Councilmember Agnew, Mayor Olsen
 Front row - Councilmember McAuliffe, Councilmember Duerr



UPCOMING DATES



JUNE 22 – 28
 is Pollinator Week

JUNE 23, 24, 25
 City Council Budget Meetings



JUNE 27 – JULY 4
 Porch Parade

AUGUST 2 – 8
 Virtual Sustainamania

CITY OF BOTHELL - Contact Information

- City Hall 18415 - 101st Ave NE M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Reception: 425-806-6100
- Citizen emergency update hotline: 425-806-6109
- Community Development: 425-806-6400
- Parks and Recreation: 425-806-6760
- Permit Services: 425-806-6101
 M-W, F 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Th 9 a.m. - noon
- Public Works: 425-488-0118
- Spill Hotline: (24 hours/day) 425-806-6750
- Utility Billing: 425-806-6881
- Fire & Police Emergencies 9-1-1 24 hours per day
- Fire and E.M.S. Department (non-emergency)
 10726 Beardslee Blvd (Downtown Firehouse) 425-806-6242 M-F, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Municipal Court 10116 NE 183rd 425-487-5587 M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Operations Center 21233 - 20th Ave SE 425-488-0118 M-F, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Police Department Lobby Hours 18410 - 101st Ave NE M-F, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Police Department (non-emergency) 425-486-1254 24 hours per day
- City of Bothell Website www.bothellwa.gov

In response to unexpected revenue losses from COVID-19 and resulting layoffs and furloughs, City Hall and the Bothell Operations Center will be closed and not providing services every other Friday. The next furlough day is June 26th and the schedule can be found at www.bothellwa.gov/calendar. Fire and Police operations are not impacted.



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

by Jennifer Phillips, City Manager

The past few months have truly tested our personal and professional courage, emotions and stamina. As cities around the country grapple with the challenges of a pandemic and racial unrest, I am even more committed to ensuring our organization prioritizes the public safety and well-being for each and every member of our Bothell community. In such trying times, I am acutely reminded how important it is for our organization to be compassionate, flexible, and efficient.

As we follow the state's "Safe Start" plan, we continue to ask residents and businesses to follow the guidance of their county health district. On Friday, June 5th, Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 and King County moved to modified Phase 1. King County has also just applied to move to Phase 2.

Like most cities, COVID has had a devastating impact on our already challenging financial situation. To address a budget shortfall in 2020 and to continue savings into 2021-22, we had to layoff and furlough employees, resulting in city hall closures every other Friday. I can tell you, these decisions were so difficult. These individuals made meaningful and valuable contributions to our organization and community, and they will be deeply missed. As we prioritize services, it's hard to label programs as "non-essential", as all are important. But, in order to keep our community and infrastructure safe, and yet remain financially solvent, we must prioritize our public safety and public works services. Over the last few months, our firefighters, police officers and crews have done just that, working long hours and shifts to keep us safe – we thank them.

As we continue to meet social distancing requirements and reduce costs, this summer will look different. We won't have our beloved July 4th parade, but we hope you will participate in this year's unique, one-of-a-kind Porch Parade! Summer concerts and camps might be canceled, but we know our non-profits, community groups, and families are creatively adjusting and finding safe ways to build community.

At a recent council meeting on June 9th, I shared my thoughts on recent national police brutality, our organizational values, and our foundation of trust, equity, and compassion. Racism and ignorance cannot be tolerated.

I trust our Bothell Police Department leadership and officers. In the last few weeks, I've seen them supporting multiple peaceful protests and standing with community members to confront and examine racial discrimination. I hope you have had a chance to learn more about them and hear from Chief Seuberlich. We are human though, and all of us come with different personal experiences and implicit bias. That is why it's important for us to constantly reevaluate ourselves, our policies and training needs. We are eager to talk with our community, hear ideas, and learn how we can do better for you. As your city manager, I am committed to learning from you so together we can ensure every member of our community feels safe, respected and at home in Bothell. Thank you Bothell Community for supporting each other. It is a pleasure to serve you!

Planning for 2021-2022 Budget has begun

Chris Bothwell, Finance Director

If you are new to Bothell, you may not know that Bothell adopts a biennial, or two year, budget. I joined the Bothell team a little over a year ago as the Finance Director and will be leading the budget process for staff. Budgeting is always a difficult task because it requires that we make predictions about the future, but it is infinitely more difficult this budget season, as we aren't sure what the economy will be like in the next few years. Compounding the complexity is the known historical operating deficit the City must address in the 2021-2022 budget and the significant revenue that has already been lost as a result of the pandemic.



Budget season has essentially three phases: revenue forecasting; development of the City Manager's budget proposal; and, City Council budget deliberations and budget adoption.

PHASE ONE: REVENUE FORECASTING

Revenue forecasting is a complex and technical task because we are attempting to predict how the local economy will perform for the next two years to determine the amount of resources available to fund services. Presentation of the revenue forecast always comes before the other phases, but revisions to the revenue forecast continue right up until the end of the budget process. We expect to present the preliminary revenue forecast and to start discussing department budget requests with City Council in a series of three public meetings scheduled for June 23, 24 and 25. These informal deliberations will help the City Manager develop a budget that complements City Council's goals and priorities.

PHASE TWO: DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

This is the second and most labor-intensive part of the budget. The City Manager's budget proposal is a complete budget for each of the City's twenty accounting entities, or funds. The City Manager's budget must include funding for all legally mandated services; funding for additional services the community desires; and, should advance the City Council's goals, all to the greatest extent possible with forecasted resources. This budget proposal must also be balanced, meaning that it cannot propose to spend more than the forecasted resources. The presentation of the City Manager's budget proposal to the City Council signals the end of phase two and the beginning of phase three. We expect the City Manager's budget to be presented to City Council in mid-September, which includes a public hearing.



PHASE THREE: CITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND BUDGET ADOPTION

City Council budget deliberations officially begin when the City Manager unveils their budget proposal. Keep in mind however, the City Manager has been sharing information with the City Council for several months before it is officially presented, and has likely been adjusted several times to meet City Council's goals and priorities. The City Council can make any changes that it desires to the City Manager's budget proposal and a majority of the City Council must vote to adopt a final budget before the start of the budgetary period. We expect the City Council to approve the budget around mid-November.

The budget process is peppered with opportunities for the community to observe. In addition to public hearings, community members often offer budget related comments to the City Council during the public comment portion of City Council meetings or informally at other opportunities. To learn more, check out www.bothellwa.gov/budget.

2019 Safe and Secure Annual Report

The safety and well-being of all Bothell residents has always been our top priority and in 2018, Bothell voters prioritized additional public safety service by approving the Safe and Secure levy and bond. We will still fully expand public safety service, but our momentum has slowed due to the City's temporary hiring freeze and in-person training academy closures resulting from COVID-19. We also recognize that the national conversation about policing has changed since 2018 and our community may envision new and creative ways to deliver public safety service – we look forward to charting a path forward together. In the meantime, your levy and bond tax dollars are at work in Bothell! Check out our 2019 progress at bit.ly/SafeandSecure2019



2019 Safe Streets & Sidewalks Annual Update

The Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy, passed by voters in 2016, helps make routes to school safer with more sidewalks and improved crosswalk treatments such as flags and rapid flashing beacons to increase visibility of students crossing the street.

We've been hard at work over the past year making routes to school safer. The 2019 Safe Streets & Sidewalks Report and Financial Update is now available to guide you through our progress. Walk through the virtual guide and learn about current and upcoming projects at bothellwa.gov/safestreeets.



Thank you, Bothell!
bothellwa.gov/safestreeets

Fireworks Safety

In light of COVID-19, we know many of you may be celebrating at home this Fourth of July. We ask that you celebrate safely by staying mindful of the following regulations and tips shared by Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Butch Noble.



Video Link: <https://youtu.be/eNmdlzQE9hc>

Remember! Fireworks can only be discharged in Bothell on July 4 between 9am-11pm. Fireworks are prohibited on public property and need to be rated for consumer use. If you have a non-emergency need, or a violation to report on July 4th, please call Bothell Police's non-emergency number at: 425-486-1254.

Stay safe! Always have an adult present, do not ignite fireworks while holding them, always wear eye protection and never relight a "dud" firework.

For additional fireworks safety tips and information visit: bothellwa.gov/fireworkssafety



Recreational Fires and Burn Bans

As we head into summer, please burn responsibly. Stay updated on the current burn ban status and follow these guidelines:

Smaller Is Better: Fires must not exceed three feet in diameter or two feet in height. Make sure your fire is contained and cannot spread. Burn barrels and bonfires are not permitted.

Fuel it Right: Charcoal, dried firewood and manufactured logs only. It is illegal to burn trash and yard waste.

Stay Clear of Combustibles: Fires must be 25 feet from structures and combustible materials.

Stand Guard: As long as the fire is burning, someone must be present who is capable of putting the fire out. Keep a garden hose or extinguisher close by.

For additional questions contact our Fire Prevention/CRR Team at 425-806-6250.



Pancake Breakfast Disclaimer

Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the annual 2020 Pancake Breakfast is canceled. Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility. We will miss you but look forward to celebrating in the future!

Hazardous Waste How-To



Proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials protects our health and environment. If you've been gardening or cleaning house and find any hazardous waste products – like fertilizers, pesticides, cleaning supplies, or oil-based paint – decide whether you really need to keep them. You can often find more natural ways to care for your home and yard. If you do need to keep them, be sure to handle and store them properly.

Storing Hazardous Products

- Keep hazardous products away from other products
- Label them clearly and keep them in their original containers
- Make sure they are out of reach of kids and pets
- Cover or close all containers completely
- Not sure if it's hazardous? Visit hazwastehelp.org for a list of products.

Safe Disposal

If you're ready to get rid of hazardous products, make sure you dispose of them properly by taking them to the Wastemobile. The Wastemobile is a drop off collection event that travels to communities to provide free, safe disposal of household hazardous waste. Customers stay in their vehicles and staff wear personal protective equipment.



Upcoming Dates: August 21 – 23

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily

Location: McMurtrey's Tree Farm, 13925 Redmond-Woodinville Rd NE, Redmond

For more information on what to bring, request a Wastemobile checklist at www.bothellwa.gov/wastechecklist

Save the Date for Sustainamania



Sustainamania is going virtual!

Save the date for a week long virtual scavenger hunt to explore your own backyard while learning about all things sustainable.



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Learn more at bothellwa.gov/sustainamania



Using water wisely during a dry summer

Weather forecasters are predicting warmer temperatures and less rainfall than usual this summer. While an abundance of sunshine and clear blue skies may sound perfect to you, your yard may feel otherwise. You can help keep your yard healthy by learning how to give it the right amount of water at the right time.

How to get the most out of watering

- Start and re-check your watering systems and adjust them for the weather. Is rain predicted? If so, you won't need to water as much or as often.
- Water deeply but infrequently. Most lawns only need 1" of water per week to stay green and healthy, including rainfall. If your lawn can soak up 1" of water over the course of a few hours, your grass roots will reach deeper in search of that water and will be healthier.
- Not sure how to know when you've watered your lawn with 1" of water? Try the tuna can test. Scatter empty tuna cans or other short straight-sided containers on your lawn, turn on the sprinkler, and start timing. When most cans have 1" of water in them, turn off the sprinkler and check how long it ran. Now you will know how long to run your sprinkler each week to give your lawn 1" of water.
- Let soil dry between watering to prevent lawn diseases and save water.
- If you're letting part of your lawn go brown and dormant (which is very normal for grass to do), you should still water that area just enough to moisten the root zone once a month. Fertilizer will not bring your lawn out of dormancy, nor will it turn dormant grass green again. Most lawns will come out of dormancy on their own when temperatures are more favorable and there's more moisture in the air.
- To reduce evaporation, water at dawn or evening since they are cooler parts of the day.

Find more summer seasonal gardening tips and learn more about how to care for your yard naturally at www.bothellwa.gov/seasonalyardcare.



Pollinator Week



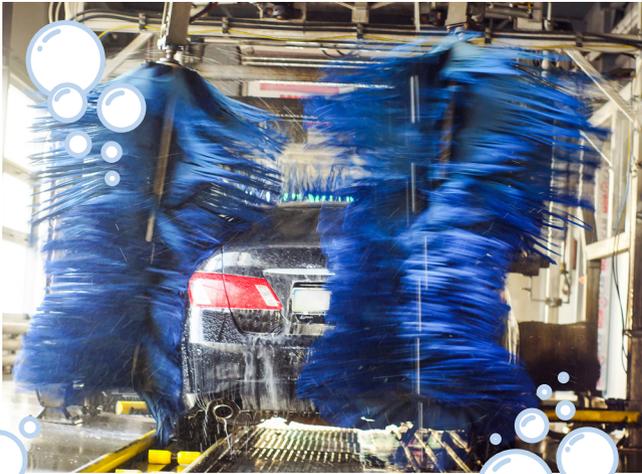
June 22 – 28 is Pollinator Week!

Did you know that pollinators like bees, butterflies, and bats provide one out of every three bites of food we eat? You can show appreciation for these hard workers by planting native plants, cutting back on yard chemicals, supporting local farmers, and educating others about the importance of pollinators. Learn more about why we need pollinators and how you can help them thrive at www.bothellwa.gov/pollinators.

Here are a few native plants pollinators love that are typically blooming during summer months: Mock orange, Spirea, Nootka rose, Snowberry, and Oceanspray.

Are you interested in adding some native plants to your landscape? Learn which ones will do best in your particular space and see sample planting plans at www.bothellwa.gov/plantingplans.





Commercial car washes are open again

Now that commercial car washes have reopened, you can once again let the professionals do the work for you! According to a local survey we conducted last fall, over 80% of Bothell residents already use a commercial car wash. But if you're still washing your car at home, please try to do it safely by keeping soap suds and car wash runoff from emptying into the storm drains on your street. Unlike sewage, water that enters storm drains is not treated before it is released into the nearest body of water.

If you wash your car at home, here are a few ways you can help keep polluted car wash runoff and soap out of Bothell's streams:

- Try out a waterless car wash product (but be sure to read product reviews before purchasing).
- If washing in your driveway, set up a makeshift berm to redirect the runoff to a grassy or landscaped area that can soak up the water.
- If possible, wash your vehicle directly over a surface that can absorb the runoff, like grass, soil, or gravel.
- Use soap sparingly, and use a hose nozzle with a trigger to limit the amount of runoff.

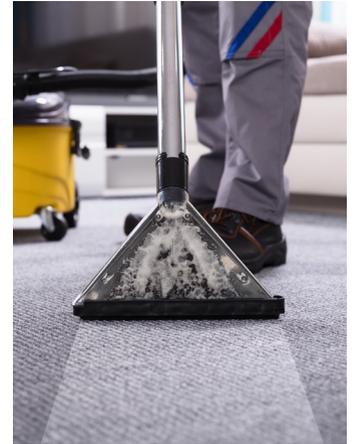
Learn more about safe car washing at www.bothellwa.gov/carwashing.

Healthier home and vehicle maintenance

Did you save up any home maintenance or repair projects for summer? Now is a great time to get started. Just remember to stay safe by keeping polluted wash water and other hazardous substances out of the storm drains on your street.

Common sources of stormwater pollution

- Pressure washing
- Painting
- Vehicle maintenance
- Residential car washing
- Carpet cleaning
- Swimming pool and spa water
- Concrete work
- Pesticides and fertilizers



Pollutants from these activities can harm you, your pets, and the environment when they go down storm drains. Unlike sewage, stormwater in Bothell is not treated before it empties into the nearest body of water. You can protect yourself, your family, and your local streams and wildlife by making sure you're not adding polluted water and hazardous chemicals to our stormwater system.

When hiring a professional to do work on your property, look for a vendor with a business license to do work in Bothell. Choose carpet cleaning, pet grooming, aut detailing, and pressure washing services that don't dump their wash water into the storm drains. When using a landscaper, look for businesses that use organic products instead of pesticides and fertilizers. Find more tips at www.bothellwa.gov/homemaintenance.

If you're doing work yourself, take advantage of the Wastemobile to safely dispose of hazardous waste. Find a list of dates and what you can bring at www.hazwastehelp.org.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chris Hall, Surface Water Program Coordinator

Depending on where you live or what part of Bothell you're visiting, you may see Chris Hall hanging out near one of our local streams this summer. Chris is one of the City's Surface Water Program Coordinators, and he conducts stream health and stormwater monitoring for water quality, stream physical habitat, and biologic health to determine overall stream health in the City. With this information, he also analyzes how things are changing

over time. When he is in the field taking samples at one of over 40 sites throughout the city, he takes real-time measurements of stream characteristics like temperature, dissolved oxygen, and pH. He also measures physical characteristics like stream size and composition of the stream bed, habitat quality within the water, and the quality of the stream bank.

At any given sample location, he might be measuring the flow rate of the stream, assessing the pool to riffle ratio, classifying the size of sediments in the stream, counting large wood, or a variety of other tasks that measure stream health.



Chris also collects samples for lab analysis that include things like metals, nutrients, in-stream sediment, and stream bugs. Once he has all the data collected for the sites around Bothell, he determines the stream's overall health by conducting data and statistical analysis. This data helps the City prioritize its efforts for future water quality improvement projects or areas that need additional protection.

And just in case he encounters something unexpected during his sampling, don't worry: Chris is also a certified alligator handler! Learn more about the health of Bothell's streams in our most recent Stream Health Assessment report at www.bothellwa.gov/streamhealth2019.



Main Street Closure

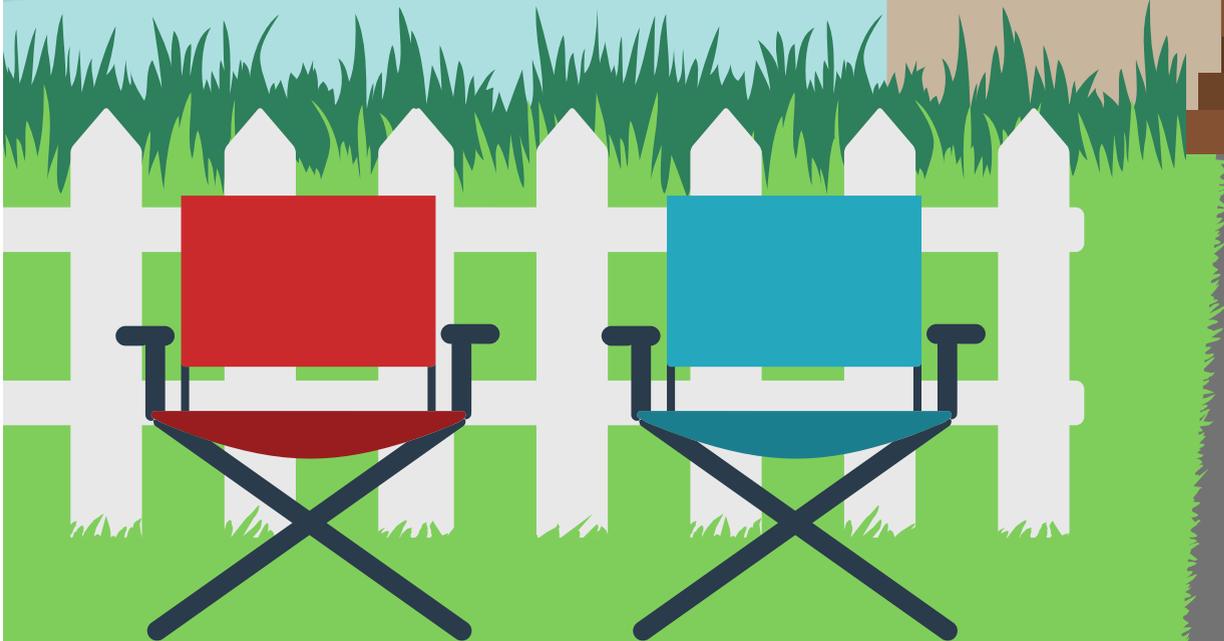
Main Street is closed to vehicles from now until September 7 between 101st and 102nd Ave NE. The street, sidewalk, and flex spaces will be open for dining and retail sales to support businesses and social distancing requirements. Buses have been rerouted to accommodate the closure. Restaurants throughout Bothell can apply to use their own parking lot space for extra seating. Learn more at www.bothellwa.gov/mainstreetclosure.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

PORCH PARADE



JUNE 27 - JULY 4, 2020



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