

# BOTHELL Bridge



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# COUNCIL CORNER

By Councilmember Duerr



As summer wanes in this most interesting year, City Council and staff are working on the budget and adjusting to new realities brought on by the pandemic. We not only have had to adjust our current budget, but also work on the 2021/22 budget.

## 2019/20 Budget adjustments:

The current 2019-2020 General Fund budget was adopted before the pandemic and staff modeled an estimated deficit early in the pandemic as greater than \$5.5M. Several strategies were implemented to reduce the projected deficit, including furloughs (\$1.0M), layoffs (\$.5M), hiring freeze (\$1.5M) and spending freeze (\$.5M). Those actions were estimated to reduce the deficit to a more manageable \$2M. There is a lag in reporting, so we still don't have a lot of data regarding the true economic impacts of the pandemic, but early results suggest that some revenues may not have been impacted as significantly as projected. Sales tax may not have been impacted as much as expected, as online orders have been robust and Bothell has a smaller brick and mortar retail base. We are optimistic the remaining

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operating deficit may now be slightly lower than the \$2.0M forecasted in the early days of the pandemic. Unfortunately there will be still be service implications such as a much diminished Parks staff and City Hall being closed every other Friday.

## 2021/22 Budget:

In our June three day budget workshop, staff presented a \$12.5M preliminary operating deficit for the 2021-22 biennium based on the status quo and current levels of service. Staff is working to identify opportunities to reduce this deficit.

The City Manager's budget will be presented to Council in early October, but the projected deficit is anticipated to be significantly reduced. A public hearing and City Council's final vote on the budget will come in mid-

November. Some services are likely to be impacted by the reductions and the budget will not completely resolve the long term financial sustainability issues that the City faces.

I know that it is hard to reduce levels of service, but I also know the Bothell Community is counting on City Council to make tough decisions to ensure we are financially stable. If you want to follow the budget process and be notified of the budget presentations and public hearing date, sign up for meeting agenda notifications at [bothellwa.gov/notifyme](https://bothellwa.gov/notifyme), scroll to "Agenda Center" and check "City Council". Budget documents will also be posted at [bothellwa.gov/budget](https://bothellwa.gov/budget).



**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**

September 21 – 27  
 Pollution Prevention Week



September 30  
 First Natural Yard Care  
 Online Workshop

October 15 • 10:15AM  
 Great Shakeout  
 Earthquake Drill

October 16 – 18  
 Last Wastemobile of Year



**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

**October is Fire Prevention Month!**

Check out some fire prevention tips in this issue and follow Bothell Fire Department's Facebook and Twitter pages this fall for important fire safety facts, activities and more.





# CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Adjusting to our new normal  
*by Jennifer Phillips, City Manager*

I cannot believe it is already September. Dealing with COVID-19 as a short-term emergency was, in some ways, easy for us to mentally process. We plan for emergencies, mobilize and quickly respond, emotionally ready for extra shifts and long days. But what now? Public health restrictions and closures seem unending and our budget is even more strained. How do we adjust to this “new normal” that comes with so much indefinite uncertainty? With multi-million dollar budget shortfalls, layoffs, and furloughs, I asked staff to safely adjust our processes and deliver services more efficiently. I’m proud of this team for doing exactly that.

We quickly developed a small business grant program to distribute \$390,000 in CARES

Act grants to eligible businesses. We’ve contracted with the Northshore Senior Center to develop an Emergency Financial Assistance program to allocate \$400,500 to residents to help with rent, utility bills and putting food on their table.

Inspections dropped early this year, but activity has been steadily increasing and is only down about 20% compared to this time last year. Our number of permit applications being processed right now is similar to 2019 numbers. We are still seeing a lot of activity in residential development, including single family subdivisions, townhouses and large apartment projects.

We’ve continued with important capital projects and road work, knowing that slipping schedules costs us money and delays improvements for you. Our largest capital project, SR 522 Stage 3, never stopped

under full safety protocols. We are still protecting pavement and refreshing our road surfaces with slurry seal. This year alone, we’ve placed 70,000 square yards of slurry seal, or enough to cover almost 11 football fields! Our NE 188th St. project is moving right along and will deliver new sidewalks, bike lanes and curb ramps near Bothell High School. We’ve continued work to build our two new fire

stations. We recently applied for and received \$9,977,700 in federal transportation funds from the Puget Sound Regional Council.

We’re adjusting to COVID. But, we must also adjust to national and regional events that are changing conversations on diversity. We have an estimated

4.5 times more residents of color in Bothell than in 1990. Is our staff equipped to serve a community of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, heritages, and cultures? In 2018 we created an internal committee focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our Executive Department has been participating in a book study, meeting weekly to discuss anti-racism and we’ve scheduled implicit bias training for the entire organization. These are just baby steps. This summer I asked the committee what an engagement and diversity program should look like. Their report and fresh perspectives are changing how we approach decision-making and more importantly, helping leadership (and me!) take a close look at our own biases. Just as the community is growing and changing, we are committed to learning and growing as well!

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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Federal Transportation Grants Awarded

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) recently selected projects to receive federal transportation funds. The project selection is conducted every two years via a competitive process consistent with PSRC's VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan. With limited funds to disperse throughout the Puget Sound region, only the highest-ranked projects receive funding. The funding is available for 2023 and 2024 and from the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

Bothell Public Works Department submitted several high priority projects for the competition. City of Bothell were awarded a total of \$9,977,700 from the Puget Sound Regional Council. The following is a list of projects and grant award amount:

- Bothell Way NE Improvement Phase 1 for Right of Way acquisition: \$4,900,000
- North Creek Trail 4, Phase 2 for Construction: \$1,650,000
- 228th St SE Overlay (9th Ave SE to 2nd Ave NE) for Construction: \$750,000



- NE 195th St Overlay for Construction: \$970,000
- NE 160th Overlay for Construction: \$625,000

In addition, the following two grants were awarded to the City for 2020/2021 construction :

- Juanita-Woodinville Way/ NE 160th Street Overlay for construction: \$364,500
- 228th St SE Overlay for construction: \$718,200

For additional information on the North Creek Trail 4 project, please go to [bothellwa.gov/northcreektrail4](http://bothellwa.gov/northcreektrail4). As projects start design or get closer to construction, please visit the City's Capital Improvement Projects webpage for more information: [bothellwa.gov/cip](http://bothellwa.gov/cip).

## Online Services - Water and Sewer Utilities

Online Services through Utility Billing provides an easy way to pay your City of Bothell water and sewer utility bills quickly and conveniently. You can schedule recurring payments and save paper with email bills.



### Additional Features

- View your water consumption
- Change addresses
- Link multiple accounts
- View results from meter reads
- See your billing history
- View credit adjustments

Get started at [bothellwa.gov/utilitybilling](http://bothellwa.gov/utilitybilling) or contact us at [utilities@bothellwa.gov](mailto:utilities@bothellwa.gov) or (425) 806-6881.



## NE 188th St. Non-Motorized Improvements Project

The NE 188th St. Non-Motorized Improvements Project is creating safer pedestrian and bike routes between Bothell High School and Bothell Way NE via NE 188th St. Crews have been constructing retaining walls and recently began work on the stormwater detention vault. The project will add:

- 1,500 linear feet of sidewalks
- 4,600 linear feet of bike lanes
- Seven curb ramps

For project updates, visit [bothellwa.gov/NE188th](http://bothellwa.gov/NE188th).

## What's the deal with Slurry Seal?

Slurry Seal is a quarter-inch layer of fine gravel, asphalt, and oil that helps protect the pavement from weather and refreshes the surface of the road. Over the summer, our Public Works department improved roads in the Maywood Hills and Norway Hill neighborhoods.

### Why Slurry Seal?

Slurry Seal is an effective method of providing an additional 5 – 10 years of good pavement conditions on roads that are starting to show their age but have not fallen apart. Slurry Seal is also economical, typically costing about \$1600 per city block compared to \$17,000 for pavement overlay.

The Slurry Seal process has several steps. In late spring, large cracks are sealed with tar and small to medium sized bad spots are removed and patched with new asphalt. The repairs cure for a month or so and Slurry Seal is applied later in the summer. After Slurry Seal is applied, the surface of the road will be a bit rough. The contractor will sweep streets several times to remove loose rocks. The rough surface will smooth out with traffic, weather, and sweeping.

Slurry Seal is expected to come to more neighborhoods next summer. Stay up to date on project information at [bothellwa.gov/slurryseal](http://bothellwa.gov/slurryseal).

This project is funded through the Safe Streets & Sidewalks Levy approved by voters in 2016. For more information about upcoming projects, visit [bothellwa.gov/safestreets](http://bothellwa.gov/safestreets).



## October Wastemobile

The last Wastemobile event of the year is right around the corner. Safely dispose of household hazardous waste like pesticides, cleaning products, and propane tanks. For a full list of accepted items, visit [www.kingcountyhazwastewa.gov](http://www.kingcountyhazwastewa.gov) or request a Wastemobile checklist at [bothellwa.gov/wastechecklist](http://bothellwa.gov/wastechecklist).

Date: Oct. 16 – 18  
 Time: Open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily  
 Location: McMurtrey’s Red-Wood Christmas Tree Farm  
 13925 Woodinville-Redmond Rd. NE  
 Redmond, WA 98052



## Recycle Vouchers Program

The 2020 Recycling Voucher Program is underway! Request your voucher at [bothellwa.gov/recyclingvouchers](http://bothellwa.gov/recyclingvouchers). to dispose of special items like large appliances, clean wood, scrap metal, medical sharps, and more. Vouchers are redeemable at Shoreline Recycling & Transfer Station 2300 N 165th St., Shoreline, WA 98133. Bothell residents are eligible to receive two vouchers per year.

When: Now through Nov. 30

Cost: Free

For more information, visit [bothellwa.gov/recyclingvouchers](http://bothellwa.gov/recyclingvouchers).



## Pollution Prevention Week

Be part of the solution by preventing pollution

Marking its 30th birthday this year, Pollution Prevention Week is Sept. 21 – 27. Let’s celebrate by choosing simple ways to reduce our environmental impacts.

### How you can reduce pollution at home

- Use fewer chemicals on your lawn and garden, or – better yet – none at all
- Pick up pet waste so it doesn’t leave behind harmful bacteria
- Try a commercial car wash instead of rinsing suds and pollutants into the storm drain
- Check your vehicle for leaks and fix any problems right away
- Use a green cleaner instead of harsh chemicals
- Dispose of unused hazardous cleaners and chemicals at the Wastemobile this fall



Learn more about being part of the pollution solution at [bothellwa.gov/pollutionpreventionweek](http://bothellwa.gov/pollutionpreventionweek). Then test your knowledge with our Pollution Prevention Quiz at [surveymonkey.com/r/p2week](http://surveymonkey.com/r/p2week).

## Natural Yard Care workshops online this fall

This fall we're partnering once again with Tilth Alliance to offer you a series of online natural yard care workshops. Learn directly from the gardening gurus themselves! Are you a new gardener who wants to know the basics of yard design? Or are you a seasoned gardener ready to learn about more advanced topics? We're offering a variety of classes to suit your interests. Preregistration is required for all classes at [bothellwa.gov/nycworkshops](https://bothellwa.gov/nycworkshops).



### Design a Healthy Yard September 30, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sometimes we think of spring and summer as the seasons for our gardens to really shine, but fall is the perfect time to plant shrubs and trees. If you're new to gardening or just want a refresher, this class will teach the basics about how to design a yard, how to choose plants that will thrive in our Pacific Northwest climate, and how to give them a good start in your own garden.



### Put Your Garden to Bed October 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Most seasoned gardeners already know that building healthy soil is integral to healthy plants. In this class aimed at gardeners who already have some experience, you'll learn how to put your edible and ornamental gardens to bed to prepare them for spring. We'll also teach you how to tidy up your yard in a way that still provides essential habitat to the wildlife that help keep your garden healthy year-round.



### Fall Yard Maintenance October 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you a gardener with an established yard but you just aren't sure what to prune or how to best maintain it as you head into fall? Come to this class geared towards all levels of gardeners to learn about companion planting, fall maintenance, and pruning in a Northwest Garden.

Preregistration is required for all workshops at [surveymonkey.com/r/nycworkshops](https://surveymonkey.com/r/nycworkshops). Participants will also need to have a Zoom account, which can be created for free at [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). After you sign up, we'll email you the workshop link within a few days of each class you register for.

## Fall is Salmon SEEsOn

Local salmon love North Creek! Look for Chinook in September, Sockeye in October, and Coho in November as they migrate upstream to spawn, lay their eggs, and complete their life cycle. Last year we saw a record low number of Sockeye pass through the Ballard locks, but their numbers have slightly increased this year. Keep an eye out for salmon while you're walking along the North Creek Trail. Be sure to take a close look under bridges, as they make good hiding and resting spots during a salmon's upstream journey. Learn more about Salmon SEEsOn and where to look for salmon in North Creek at [bothellwa.gov/salmonSEEsOn](http://bothellwa.gov/salmonSEEsOn). If you venture out, be sure to socially distance from other salmon watchers and wear a face covering to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Are you interested in working with UW Bothell to watch for salmon as a volunteer citizen scientist? You'll receive free training on where to

look for and how to identify local salmon. Then you'll monitor a local stream for at least 30 minutes each week from September into November, and let us know what you see. This is a great way to learn more about the biology of our local area, and to provide data relevant to policy decisions that affect our streams. Learn more and sign up at [bothellwa.gov/salmonwatchers](http://bothellwa.gov/salmonwatchers).

### An easy way to learn about local salmon species

Learning the names of the five iconic Pacific Northwest salmon species is as easy as looking at your own fingers! Find out how at [bothellwa.gov/salmonfingers](http://bothellwa.gov/salmonfingers).



## September is Puget Sound Starts Here Month

Puget Sound needs your help! This September is Puget Sound Starts Here month, the perfect time to focus on protecting streams, restoring salmon, and creating cleaner water. We challenge you to start doing at least one action that helps keep water cleaner for a healthier Puget Sound and ecosystem.

### A few ideas to try

- Take care of your yard naturally by using compost and mulch
- Use native plants and trees in your yard to soak up rainwater and limit runoff
- Fix auto leaks right away so you don't drip and drive
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle over grass or gravel
- Pick up your pet's waste and put it in the garbage
- Take your hazardous materials to the Wastemobile
- Make sure your septic system is in good working order

### About Puget Sound Starts Here

Puget Sound Starts Here is made up of over 750 organizations working together regionally to raise awareness about how our everyday actions affect Puget Sound waters. We rely on clean water for our wellbeing and so do salmon, orca, and other wildlife that live in our shared habitat.



Show your commitment to cleaner water by taking the Puget Sound Starts Here pledge at [bothellwa.gov/pssh](http://bothellwa.gov/pssh).

## Help Prevent Flooding - Keep Storm Drains Clear

Usually by mid-October, we start to see lots of trees dropping leaves throughout Bothell. Cleaning up these leaves may feel like a chore, but it's a really important task to do! If fallen leaves accumulate on sidewalks and streets, they can block the storm drains that are designed to capture, move, and release rainwater into the nearest stream to keep excess water away from your property.



Clogged storm drains can lead to local flooding whenever we get heavy rains. Our street sweepers will be running every day to help clear leaves, but with over 8,000 storm drains in Bothell, we need your help to remove some of these leaves and keep the storm drains working properly in your neighborhood.

### How you can help

- Safely rake leaves and debris away from storm drain grates.
- Collect fallen leaves in your yard waste bin.
- Use leaves as mulch on garden beds and landscaped areas.
- Refrain from blowing leaves into the street, and ask landscapers to do the same.
- Ask your friends and neighbors to keep their storm drains clear.
- Join the Adopt-A-Drain program and volunteer to remove leaves from the storm drains near you. Sign up at [bothellwa.gov/adoptadrain](http://bothellwa.gov/adoptadrain).
- Learn more about how you can keep your home flood-free at [bothellwa.gov/preventfloods](http://bothellwa.gov/preventfloods).

## Virtual Open House for Storm and Surface Water Master Plan Update

We want you to weigh in!

We're in the process of updating our Storm and Surface Water Master Plan and invite you to share your feedback with us virtually from Sept. 4 – 30. We value your suggestions and consider them when we're planning our programs and projects. It's also a great way for you to learn about what we're doing and how you can get involved. Check out our draft plan at [bothellwa.gov/2020sswmasterplan](http://bothellwa.gov/2020sswmasterplan).

Do you have comments or questions about the plan? We encourage you to share them through our online form at [bothellwa.gov/2020sswmasterplanfeedback](http://bothellwa.gov/2020sswmasterplanfeedback) or email Christi Cox, Surface Water Program Coordinator, at [christi.cox@bothellwa.gov](mailto:christi.cox@bothellwa.gov).



# City Government 101

## Bothell Municipal Code

Did you know that cities have their own set of rules and laws? The Bothell Municipal Code is our own set of laws and it governs everything we do. All of our programs and processes must be managed and planned in accordance with our code, so city staff must study and consult it often. Our Police Department and Code Compliance Officers help enforce our Bothell Municipal Code out in the public on a daily basis.

As you can imagine, the code is a lengthy document. It is organized into 22 different areas (called “Titles”). Each title has multiple chapters, and sometimes each chapter has multiple sections. Some of the Titles include Health and Safety, Criminal Code, Zoning and Landmark Preservation, just to name a few. For example, our Community Development Code Compliance Officer enforces several chapters relating to building and unpermitted work, land use, garbage, junk or hulk vehicles, nuisance vegetation and public nuisances. We also have a Public Works Code Compliance Officer who covers storm water issues and other violations concerning construction projects.

Our code is constantly being updated as City Council amends our existing laws, or, adds entirely new ones. If you hear about City Council considering an “Ordinance”, this means they are considering a change to our code. This year, we worked with our code publisher to improve the look and user experience of our online code. It is now easier to navigate through the document with embedded links and easier to select sections to print. Check out the new online version at <https://bothell.municipal.codes>.



Briana Kennedy, Public Works Code Compliance, Kristine Allworth, Community Development Code Compliance

## Types of Council Actions

**Ordinance** - Municipal law which may be amended or repealed by adoption of another ordinance. Ordinances then become part of our Bothell Municipal Code.

**Resolution** - Used to express council policy, direct administrative or legal action, or to make a public statement from Council. Resolutions are generally less permanent than ordinances. For example, a fee schedule might be required or described in our municipal code, but the actual fee amounts can be set and changed via a resolution.

**Proclamation** - Affirmative public statement made by the City Council to call attention to certain events or causes when such statements may positively impact the community and convey an affirmative message to residents.

## City Council Updates Landmark Preservation Code

The City of Bothell recognizes the importance of cultural and historic preservation for our community’s identity, cultural vibrancy, and economic vitality. Listing or designating a property as a historical landmark means that it meets certain criteria and has historical, architectural, and cultural significance to the heritage of our community.

Bothell adopted a local preservation ordinance and created the Bothell Landmark Preservation Board in 1987 to serve as an advisory body to staff and City Council. The board is made up of seven community members. The majority of the board must be City residents. Remaining members must be Planning Area Boundary residents, or, appointed as a “professional” member. Residency requirements do not apply for professional members. The Landmark Board helps with:

- Maintaining a Bothell register (or list) of historic landmarks
- Reviewing proposed changes to properties on the register or within historic districts
- Reviewing demolition requests for buildings 50 years or older

For the last several years, staff and the Landmark Board have been working to update Title 22, the Landmark Preservation section of our code. On July 21st, City Council approved the commission’s proposed amendments. As with many code updates, many changes were administrative and needed over time as processes or staff procedures change.

Some of the more substantive updates to Title 22 included:

- Confirming and clarifying that a historic district designation requires a simple majority of owner(s) from all property owners in the district, with a vote granted for each property owned. Bothell does not



yet have any approved historic districts, which is a geographically definable area, urban or rural, small or large, possessing a significant concentration, linkage or continuity of buildings, objects, sites and/or structures united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development.

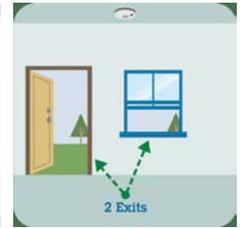
- Streamlining the demolition ordinance for both staff and applicants.
  - \* Requires that a consideration of alternatives to demolition be submitted only for properties in a historic district, on the historic register, or eligible for the historic register. Currently, an applicant has to provide demolition alternatives before it’s even been decided the property is significant.
  - \* Clarified a provision to waive the documentation and analysis requirements in the case of an “imminent threat to public safety”
- Allowing properties less than fifty years old to be nominated to the Bothell Register of Historic Landmarks (BRHL) if they are of exceptional importance.

[More information on Landmark Preservation](#)

## September is National Preparedness Month: FEMA 2020 Theme “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today”

### Week 1: Make a Plan for Fire Safety

- **Plan your escape.** Make sure everyone in your home knows two exits out of each room and where your family meeting place is.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors in EVERY bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including your basement.
- Close before you doze! A closed door can help slow the spread of heat, smoke and fire.
- If you ever experience a house fire, get out, stay out and call 911.



### Week 2: Build a Kit

- Be prepared before a storm causes loss of heat, power, telephone service or supplies.
- Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports before getting out on the road.
- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before the winter season begins.
- Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days or you get stranded due to the road conditions. Include things like:
  - \* Vehicle: blankets/sleeping bags, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, knife, high-calorie non-perishable food, extra clothing to keep dry, sand or kitty litter, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, tool kit and jumper cables.
  - \* Home/Work: flashlight and extra batteries, battery-powered NOAA weather radio and commercial radio, extra food and water, first-aid supplies, emergency heating source



**Shake Out.**  
**Don't Freak Out.**  
October 15, 2020  
[www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)

Shake Out

### Week 3: Prepare for Disasters and Practice for an Earthquake: Drop, Cover, Hold On

Join millions of people worldwide for the **Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill!** Practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:15 am on October 15th. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes– wherever you live, work, or travel.

### Week 4: Teach Youth about Preparedness

- Review your family emergency communications plan with your children during a household meeting.
- Practice how to communicate in an emergency with kids. Who will you contact? Text don't talk. In an emergency, phone lines may be tied up. It may be easier to text, and this leaves phones lines open for emergency workers.
- Check out the online Build a Kit Game today: <https://www.ready.gov/kids/games>

More info and preparedness tips at [bothellwa.gov/preparedness](http://bothellwa.gov/preparedness)



Disasters don't wait, they can happen anywhere and anytime! Become a leader in community emergency preparedness by joining us for one or more of our many preparedness events and activities:



### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

When disaster strikes, it may take several hours or even several days before help arrives. Learn how to prepare, respond and help your neighbors during an emergency by enrolling in City of Bothell's annual CERT Program. Participants will gain skills in search and rescue, putting out small fires, first aid, emergency preparedness and more. A virtual CERT Course will be held later this year! Continue to [check our website](#) for class and registration updates.

### Cooking Fire Safety

Did you know cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in the United States? Stay safe this fall and holiday season with these important cooking safety tips.

- Do not leave your kitchen unattended when you are frying, boiling, broiling or grilling food. Turn off the stove whenever you leave the kitchen.
- Move things that can burn away from your stove such as potholders, oven mitts, dish towels and curtains.
- Make sure kids and pets stay at least three feet away from the stove and other areas where hot food and beverages are being prepared.
- Always turn your pan handles inward toward the back of the stove

If you ever experience a grease fire, put a lid on it to smother the flames. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. If you do not have a lid handy, use a cookie sheet instead. Never put water on a grease fire. If a fire gets too large, or you are uncomfortable, get out, stay out and call 911. Your Bothell Firefighters are here to help.



### Bothell Ham Radio Team

In a major event, like an earthquake or massive storm, normal lines of communication can easily fail or become overwhelmed. The goal of the Bothell Ham Radio Team is to provide reliable communication to the city and surrounding areas during a disaster.

If you are interested in becoming a ham radio technician and would like to join the team, we encourage you to sign up for one of the many Ham Radio classes hosted by Bothell and run by the Lake Washington Ham Club. Continue to check Lake Washington Ham Club's website for upcoming class dates.

### Already Involved?

Are you already a trained CERT or licensed Ham in the Bothell area? Let us know and join us in helping Bothell continue to be a prepared and resilient community!

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## *Meet Jesse Ott, Lead Maintenance Worker*



If you visit Bothell parks, you've likely received a "hello!" and wave from Jesse Ott. Jesse is a Parks Maintenance Lead with the City's Parks and Recreation

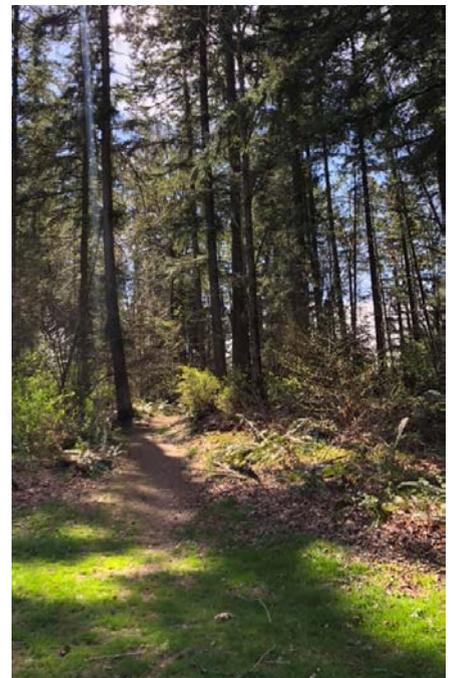
Department, and can be found in the field doing anything from mowing and pruning to working with volunteers or setting up for a big soccer tournament. Most days start before the sun rises, kicking off with a meeting of the park maintenance team who strategize how to clean, maintain, and care for over 400 acres of parks and open space.

"My favorite thing about working here is seeing people enjoying our parks. It's a great feeling to see people out getting exercise and spending time with their families in a space that you helped create," says Jesse.

Although the maintenance team experienced cuts to staffing as a result of COVID-19 budget restrictions, staff have continued to work through the pandemic to ensure the community can enjoy the outdoors in a safe and healthy space. Staff prioritize COVID-related work first, such as performing extra sanitation measures, maintaining closed facilities, and placing additional signage in parks and open spaces. Only once those tasks are complete can staff focus on general maintenance such as mowing, garbage removal, and upkeep.

When Jesse is not working in the field, he loves to play board games, climb trees, or visit his favorite Bothell park, the North Creek Forest.

To learn more about all that Bothell Parks and Recreation has to offer, visit: [www.bothellwa.gov/parksandrec](http://www.bothellwa.gov/parksandrec).





Library staff at Bothell Curbside



Curbside holds distribution materials



Returned materials in quarantine for 72 hours

## COMMUNITY PARTNER Bothell Library!

Although [KCLS](#) library buildings remain closed, Curbside Pick-up is now available at the [Bothell Library](#). Since starting in July, library system patrons have borrowed over 66,000 items this way. To safely pick up items at the library, place holds as you normally would in [the catalog](#) or by calling 425-486-7811 or 425-462-9600. Once you receive notice holds have arrived, Curbside Pick-up is available at Bothell on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-7:30 pm and Thursday through Saturday from 10am-4:30 pm. To pick-up your items, call the Bothell library at 425-486-7811 during those hours, or use the [MyLibro app](#) on your phone to schedule ahead for a specific time. Don't have a library card? [Get one online](#).

Miss browsing the stacks for something new? Try a [Surprise Bag](#)! Choose a grab bag of a specific type of book by adding a note in the MyLibro app or ask for a Surprise Bag when you call. Or if you have a more specific request like "cozy mysteries with funny characters set in bookstores", try our [BookMatch](#) service and a staff member will tailor a list of titles just for you.

KCLS and Bothell Library staff are working hard to keep everyone safe, and all returned items are quarantined for 72 hours. Speaking of returns, the Bothell Library's automated book drop is not in service for safety reasons, but the wall book drop next to it is open during the hours listed above. Some library book drops, including Kenmore, are open all hours.

Bothell patrons can access the entire system's all ages online programming without having to leave home. Watch Ms. Dil's mini-story times every Tuesday at 10:30 am on the [Bothell Library facebook page](#), meet with a City Council member at [Council Conversation](#) on 9/30, or browse programs at the library [events page](#).

Tired of this whole darn thing and just want to sit and hear a story? Download a free audiobook from the [library catalog](#), or sign up for [Out Loud: a Story Time for Adults](#) to hear an engaging short story. We will get through this together!