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CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

As the major construction projects come to a close, the City is working on other projects intended to make your interactions with the City easier and more efficient. The City Council's goals are to make sure Shelton has accountable government, to create a vibrant and engaged community that we all take pride in, and to promote economic vitality. To implement these goals, we are evaluating software programs that will allow building permits, a variety of special use permits, and business and dog licenses to be completed and delivered online. Several other initiatives that we are focused on include a performance management program so that we can issue a "report card" to inform our community how we are meeting our goals, and where we need to improve. We look forward to implementing these initiatives in the coming year and exploring innovative ways to better serve the people of our community. ~ City Manager Jeff Niten

MEET SHELTON PD'S NEW PATROL K9 UNIT!

MESSAGE FROM OFFICER DIAZ & TANGO:

Dear Chief Darrin Moody,

I have had dogs before, but that did not prepare me for spending every day, all day, and some evenings with my new partner. We have trained during the daytime and during the evenings so that we are ready for duty at all hours. In early June, we certified with the State of Washington as a Police K9 Patrol Team. The certification followed 10 weeks of training in all aspects of work for a patrol K9 team. Training involved several basic obedience skills as well as specialized portions of the duties, including tracking, searching for evidence, apprehension of suspects, report writing, and even how to be a sociable community member at events. At the end of every training day, Tango and I were worn out. We both ate dinner, had some play and relaxation time, then got some much needed sleep before the next training.

We are ready for our regular patrol duties as a team in Shelton. The community will see our K9 Unit patrol car around town and at events. It is important to remember that when you see Tango and I, before you approach Tango or the car, please ask. People should always ask the owner before you approach a dog, a police K9 is no different.



Tango and I are so thankful to the Shelton community for making this possible! A special thanks to the local businesses that helped us purchase Tango and the equipment he needs, including OCCU, Sierra Pacific Industries, El Sarape Cantina, and My Painted Heart. There were many other businesses and community members that contributed and we are thankful to all who have donated time, equipment, and money.

We have started raising funds for our second Police K9 team through the Shelton Police K9 Foundation. We have Shelton Police K9 Foundation shirts and hoodies available for purchase at the Police Department. All funds go directly to supporting the new K9 program. Community members can also donate directly to the foundation at Peninsula Credit Union.

We are very grateful for the continued support from the Shelton community!

~ Tango & Officer Diaz



SUMMER PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS IN FULL SWING

As you are enjoying the fantastic summer weather, the City hopes you take advantage of some of our parks or recreation programs during your spare time. The City offers parks for leisurely activities like picnicking and walking, as well as active recreational activities like softball and disc golf. Shelton recreation programs are in full swing with summer sports camps and adult softball leagues to fuel your competitive fire or bond with friends.

There are group picnic shelters in Kneeland Park, Callanan Park, and Loop Field that can accommodate a family reunion, office party, or small group picnic. Upcoming events that you do not want to miss include the 70th Annual Shelton Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on July 28 in Kneeland Park and the Skookum Rotary's Music in the Park series on Thursdays July 11 - August 15.

In order to continue to offer the recreational amenities the community desires, the City is updating the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan (PROST) in 2019. The PROST Plan will guide the City's efforts to address future recreational needs as the population increases and demographics change. The plan will also provide the City eligibility for grant programs that will help stretch local dollars to preserve existing parks, purchase new park properties and develop additional park amenities.

~ Community Development Director Mark Ziegler



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Have you taken the PROST survey?

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The Parks & Recreation Department is working to develop a new master Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) plan for the City of Shelton. The new plan will replace the 2008 Comprehensive Parks Plan and the 2013 Community Trails Plan with a single guiding document for the development of parks and recreation services for the next 10 years.

Shelton residents are invited to share their ideas for shaping the City's future parks, programs, and recreational facilities by completing two community surveys available at www.SheltonWA.gov/PROST. Survey 1 is designed to gather valuable insights on how the Parks & Recreation Department can best serve the community. Survey 2 is an opportunity to identify where specific opportunities and challenges exist within the City of Shelton, and what you think the City should do about it.

"We believe that an inclusive planning process is vital to the success of any effort to provide recreation opportunities and outdoor amenities within our community," said Community Development Director Mark Zeigler. "Planning that engages people, supporters and opponents alike, will help ensure that the right actions are taken for the right reasons at the right time."

WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE PLAN NOW?

- 1) Parks, recreation, open space, and trails are important to our community.

Parks, trails, and open spaces are an essential part of each day for our community, as they provide opportunities for recreation, transportation, connecting with nature, and help maintain a healthy environment. Access to parks and recreation is an important right of every citizen in the community, and proximity to these resources is an important factor in increasing physical activity, which results in a healthier population. In addition, the natural resources conserved by open lands help provide clean air and clean water in the region, as well as wildlife habitat and agricultural land that enrich our City.

- 2) It's time to update and integrate existing plans.

Currently, two primary plans guide the development of parks, trails and open space. The 2008 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and the 2013 Community Trails Plan. In the years since these two plans were adopted, the City of Shelton has updated the Comprehensive Plan (2017) and Mason County has updated and expanded their Parks and Recreation Plan to better address the roles of Open Space for public benefit (2018).

The Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan has also been updated through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, complete with a 2019 manual for the development of planning policies and guidelines. At this same time, Shelton's undeveloped land is coming under greater pressure to accommodate new growth, and existing parks, trails, and open space are experiencing increasing recreational use.

- 3) Growing populations, levels of understanding and evolving needs.

Since 2010, some 4,000 new residents have moved into Mason County, with many of them settling in and regularly visiting the City of Shelton. In this same time period, new studies have come out regarding level of service needs; the roles of corridors and buffer zones that provide wildlife movement between areas; changes in technology; environmental health; social equity; and changing demographics and related needs.

We believe that it is our responsibility to respond to these changes, and in order to better serve the community our guiding plans need to reflect the needs of our residents and their vision for the future. Many of our 2008 and 2013 goals and objectives have also been accomplished or shifted in the past 10 years. The new PROST plan will help Shelton to realize its goals while supporting environmental stewardship and sustainable, long-term growth.

SHELTON FINANCE DEPARTMENT WORKING HARD TO MEET EXPECTATIONS

Shelton's finance department is working extremely hard to meet the expectations of not only the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager but, importantly, to meet the expectations of City residents. We are dependable stewards of public resources and take pride in our role of safeguarding those resources by limiting risk exposures such as waste, loss, and abuse while at the same time working with departments to find solutions to obstacles. The finance team continues to work on processes for transparent reporting of the City's fiscal picture, has completed our year-end annual report on time for submittal to the State, and continues to look for efficiencies in our processes. We will continue to update you on our progress.

~ Finance Director Aaron BeMiller

DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR PROJECT IS COMPLETE



We would like to give a huge shout-out to the residents of the City of Shelton and Mason County for your patience and understanding as we worked to complete the Downtown Connector Project. While we did our best to accommodate traffic throughout the duration of the project, we know there were times it was a tough and frustrating commute.

We appreciate all of the support we have received throughout the community. It has been quite some time since the City of Shelton has undertaken multiple infrastructure improvement projects of this magnitude. The Public Works Department vows to continue making improvements that move Shelton forward.

~ Public Works Director Craig Gregory



FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Did you know that you have 24/7 access to Council meeting documents on the City's website? The agenda, as well as Council briefings and supporting documents, are posted to the website at least one week before the meeting. If you require special accommodations in order for you to attend a City Council meeting, simply call the Clerk's office at (360) 432-5103 and we will make it happen! (Please allow 48 hours notice.)



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