

Mayor's Snapshot

June 10, 2020

Latest news and updates from Mayor Bob Severns

A message to the Oak Harbor Class of 2020

(Click to play video below)

June 8-14 | OHHS Senior Week

Congratulations Wildcats!

The Time is Right

Dr. King once said, "The time is always right to do what is right." Demonstrating may seem frustrating to some, but to me, it is a reminder of our freedoms in this country and the way that our forefathers provided a system to protect them.

The first amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."



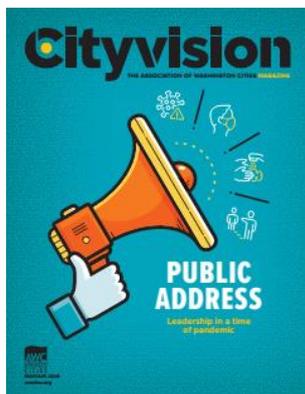
The recent death of minorities while in the custody of law enforcement is a grievance and it is an unfortunate tragedy in our country. I do not condone the destruction of property, but I do respect the peaceful assembly of members of our community who want to share their concerns about recent events. In fact, this is what our forefathers made provisions for.

I appreciate the message Chief Dresker posted on the Oak Harbor Police Department Facebook [page](#) and I want to assure the community that when I hired Chief Dresker, I hired someone with integrity to lead our Police Department in providing excellent law enforcement service to the entire Oak Harbor community.

I do not know what it is like for a person of color in this country. But, I know from interactions and stories I have heard that they are not always equal or fair. We need to work together to do a better job. I went into public service to serve this community. As your Mayor, I ask you to have more conversations with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, family, and elected officials about racism and what we can do to stop it.

Thank you to the community members who came out to demonstrate their first amendment rights on Saturday in a peaceful way. I appreciate your care for our community and hope that we can continue these conversations in the future. We are never too old to learn new things and do our part to make things better.

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Opportunity to Serve

Councilmember Bill Larsen moved out of the City limits and is no longer able to serve as a City Councilmember. I want to thank him for his service to this community as a Councilmember. I appreciate the work you have done and are continuing to do in this community.

Since Bill is no longer able to serve, it provides an opportunity for another community member to step up, and join us as a City Councilmember. We have an application process available on our [website](#). If you are interested, please apply and/or speak with a current Councilmember today about serving on our City Council.

This is a great way to impact your community for the future.

WHAT DOES

Phase
2

INCLUDE?

Find requirements
and guidelines
online at

coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start
(scroll down for Phase 2 details)

COVID-19 Info

City COVID-19 updates and resources are available:

- [COVID-19 Info page](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)

Masks

There is a lot of information out there about masks. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries has a guide titled, "[Which Mask for Which Task?](#)". It provides a detailed review of when to use masks for businesses.

Please assist the business community by wearing a mask when asked. When you go out for shopping or other local destinations, please take a mask with you.



City is Preparing for Re-opening

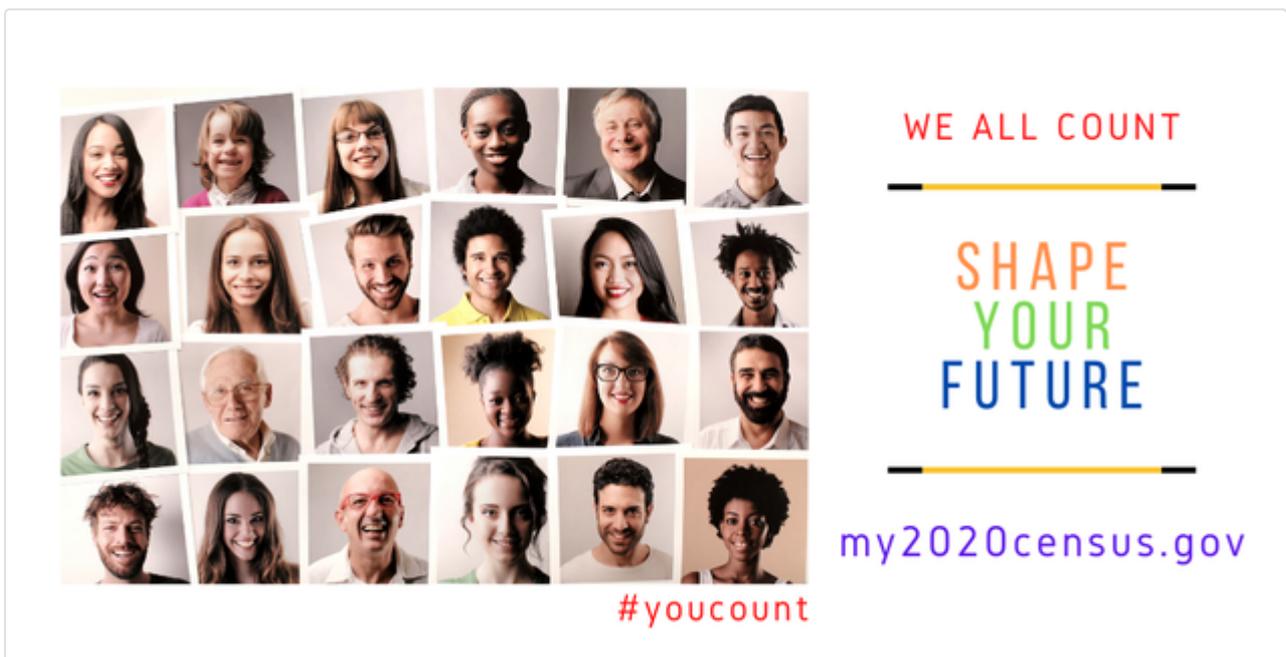
The City is planning for re-opening in the future and putting systems in place to make interactions between City staff and the public safer. When buildings re-open you will notice the following changes:

- Signage to assist visitors with physical distancing
- Plastic shields at public service counters
- Staff may be utilizing cloth face coverings (masks)
- Increased sanitation practices by staff
- Some services may require appointments
- Restricted access to some areas at City buildings

More details about the City's response to COVID-19 is available on our [website](#).

Remember to Respond to the Census

Your census response is critical for Oak Harbor because it impacts the amount of funding the City can receive from federal and state resources.



WE ALL COUNT

SHAPE
YOUR
FUTURE

my2020census.gov

#youcount

June 4, 2020 - City Council Meeting

Per Governor Jay Inslee's orders, the City Council [Agenda](#) reduced to essential items. You can watch the Council Workshop [online](#).

Mayor Pro-Tem Munns presided over the meeting.

Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Munns presented two proclamations:

1. Proclaiming the week of June 8, 2020, as High School Graduation Recognition Week

2. Proclaiming the "Temporary Use Permit Application" fee of \$25 is waived to encourage Physical Distancing Vending

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items approved. This includes the re-appointment of Cynthia Mason to the Arts Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem expressed appreciation for her continued service.

Mayor, Council and Staff comments

- Councilmember Servatius made two requests of Staff during Council comments relating to the development review process and asking staff to report, track, and contact current projects in process.
- Council discussed and approved the process for replacing Councilmember Larsen's vacancy.
- City staff presented an update on the Clean Water Facility (CWF) and Windjammer Park punch list.

Public Hearing and Meetings

City staff presented Ordinance Number 1897 for budget amendment number four to the 2019-2020 budget and Ordinance Number 1899 for the Utility Rate Increase, which was a continuation of the public hearing opened at the May 5, 2020 meeting. The Utility Rate Increase discussion will continue at a future Council meeting.

Contracts and Agreements

Staff presented multiple agreements to allow the City to work with the Washington State Department of Commerce, Island County, and Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce to utilize the CARES Funding to meet City COVID-19 related expenses and provide economic support to local small businesses.

Other Items for Discussion

City Council discussed proposed Ordinance Number 1905 regarding Smoking in City Parks and Security Cameras in City Parks with Chief Dresker.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

The next City Council Special Workshop Meeting is scheduled for [June 17](#).

Update from the Senior Services regarding "The Center"



Phase 2 On-Site Services

Passports & Photos

Available by appointment only
Tuesdays and Thursdays from
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please call 360.279.4580 to
schedule.

There are no expedited services at
this time. The current turn around
time is approximately 12 weeks.

Free Book & Puzzle Table

Will continue to be out
Tuesdays and Thursdays from
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



CARES Act Funding Coming Soon!

Staff is excited about working with Island County to develop the materials for the CARES Funding grant program to assist small businesses.

We are aware that businesses are anxiously awaiting the CARES Funding application. We are moving quickly and hope to have more details soon. When the application is ready, we will share it on the [City website](#) and Facebook page.

Thank you for reading the July 10 edition of the Mayor's Snapshot!



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