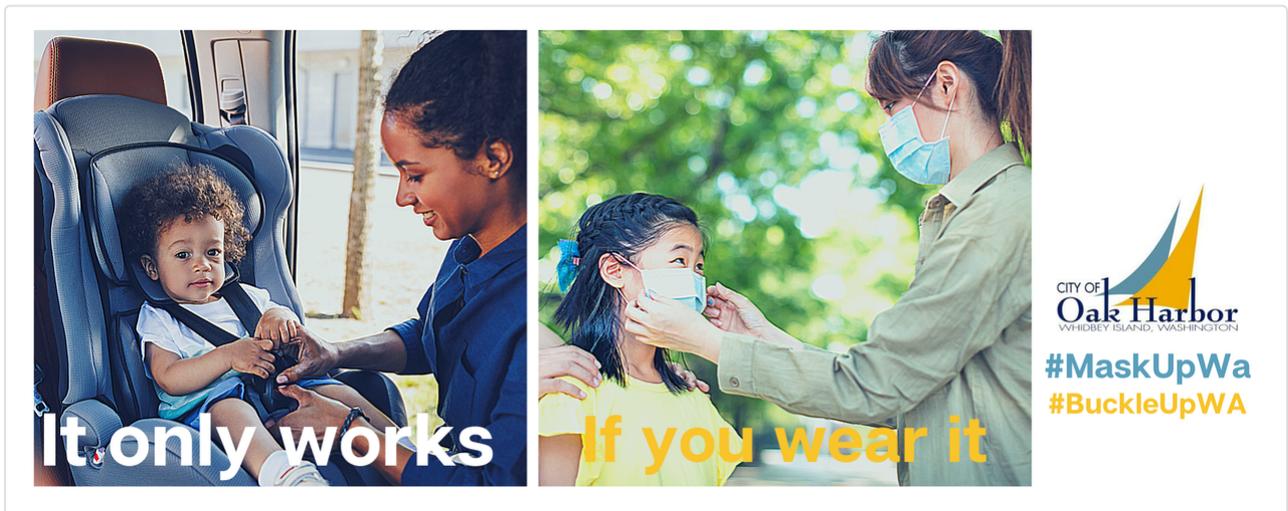


Mayor's Snapshot

August 27, 2020

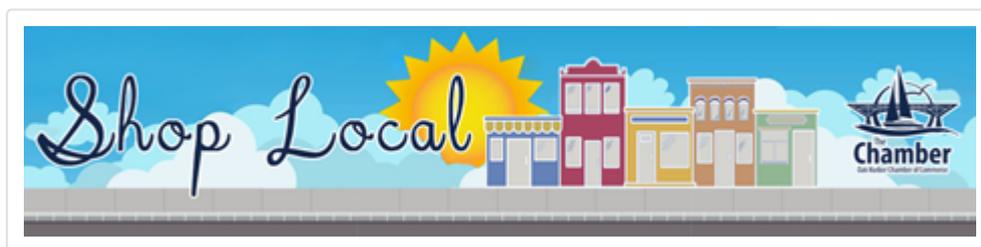
Latest news and updates from Mayor Bob Severns



It Only Works if you Wear It

I want to remind everyone to be safe out there. We launched a new campaign recently to remind the community about wearing cloth face coverings and in this new campaign we are also reminding everyone about buckling their seat belts, wearing life vests while enjoying water sports, and wearing bike helmets.

If you are out and about in public remember to wear a cloth face covering and keep six feet of physical distance from others. Island County is showing that the numbers of COVID cases look good. But, to keep numbers down, we all must do our part.





Open Air Thursdays in August and September from 3-7 p.m.

I hope that you have attended the recent [Open Air Thursday](#) events in downtown Oak Harbor during August. It is wonderful to see the community come out in support of small businesses. The event takes place on Thursdays from 3 - 7 p.m.

Our hope is to extend this event into September, if the weather holds. I want to thank Vicki Graham, Executive Director of the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce for working with City staff to utilize CARES Funds in a creative way to assist our small business community. Vicki also coordinated a tour of businesses for U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen with Sabrina Combs, our Public Information Officer, and Oak Harbor Main Street Association acting Director Margaret Livermore.

Make Your Votes Count this November

The General election is coming up and I want to remind you that now is the time to register to vote. Voting resources are available from [Island County Elections](#). Register to vote at voter.votewa.gov by October 26, 2020 for the general election. The [Secretary of State](#) provides details for voting if you are in the military or overseas.



Welcome New Employees

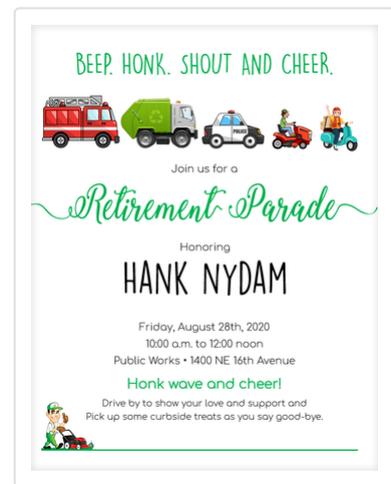
I am excited to introduce several new employees to the City of Oak Harbor team:

- Eric Benson, Public Works Wastewater Collections/Storm Drain
- Mike Bailey, CPA, Interim Finance Director from MRSC
- David Kuhl, Development Services Director (see August 18 Council Meeting details below)

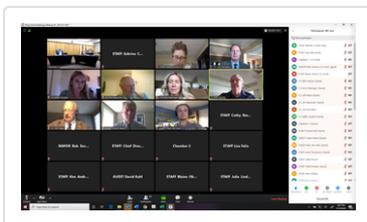
Welcome to the City and I look forward to working with each of you in the future.

Congratulations Hank!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Hank Nydam for his 37 years of service to the City of Oak Harbor and our Parks. We appreciate your work in the Public Works Department and wish you a wonderful retirement. I hope you will join us for his retirement parade this Friday, August 28 between 10 a.m. and noon at Public Works located at 1400 NE 16th Avenue.



Two City Council Meetings and a Council Workshop in August



About the Meetings

The City Council held two Council meetings and a workshop in August. There was a Council meeting on August 5, and the main agenda item was to interview candidates and appoint a new Councilmember to a vacant City Council seat. The second was a regular meeting scheduled for August 18, and the Council Workshop was August 26.

Introducing City Councilmember Goebel

At the August 5 Special City Council Meeting, City Council appointed Millie Goebel to City Council Position 7. Millie Goebel is replacing the City Council seat vacated by former City Councilmember Bill Larsen. Bill Larsen had to give up his seat on City Council because he moved out of the City limits.



Contact Councilmember Goebel by email at mgoebel@oakharbor.org. Her current term will end in November 2021. You can find her bio on the City website at oakharbor.org/CouncilPosition7

Regular City Council Meeting on August 18



Special Presentation for Oak Harbor Youth Sailing Program

Community member Larry Munns introduced Intern Sailing Director Max Van Dam to give a presentation about the Oak Harbor Youth Sailing Organization. Max did an excellent job of sharing the benefits of this program. My favorite part was learning that students no longer travel to Anacortes for a High School sailing team because it is now offered at Oak Harbor High School. Way to go Wildcats! It is #OHmazing to watch you on the water.

New Development Services Director

City Council approved the Mayor's appointment of David Kuhl and his contract as the new Development Services Director. David was selected through a recruitment process that included 19 highly qualified candidates. David will start on Monday, August 31. I want to thank Senior Planner Cac Kamak for stepping up and serving as the Interim Development Services Director during this recruitment process.

Police Body Cams

Chief Dresker provided a detailed presentation on body cameras (body cams), including videos showing the use of police body cams. City Council approved the future purchase and directed Chief Dresker to work with the Mayor and City Administrator to identify ways to fund the expense.

City Council Workshop Time Change

In August, City Council Workshops returned to the previous afternoon start time of 2 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting

The next City Council Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m.

Virtual Council Meetings continue. Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Proclamation 20-28, City Council Meetings and Workshops continue to be held virtually. Watch City Council meetings live via YouTube at youtube.com/cityofoakharbor and check the City website calendar entry for public comment instructions.

SW Fort Nugent Avenue Paving

Public Works staff was busy this week because they were literally paving the way for residents by paving SW Fort Nugent Avenue between Swanton Avenue and Ridgeway Drive. Watch a video showing the process on [Facebook](#). Learn more about [asphalt overlay](#) and [chip seal](#) on

the [Public Works](#) projects page. Thank you for slowing down in work zones where our Public Works staff is working.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Reminder

When they reach end-of-life mode (seven to ten years), they no longer detect the presence of carbon monoxide, a deadly odorless colorless gas. Keep your family safe by checking your carbon monoxide alarms every month and replacing them after their expiration date.

Signs your carbon monoxide alarm is close to End-of-Life



- End-of-Life warning will occur every 30 seconds
- If the alarm has a digital display, it displays the ERR or END error code
- Replacing the battery WON'T STOP the beep
- The beep will ONLY STOP when the alarm is out of power

Source: Kidde

Carbon monoxide alarms do not detect the presence of carbon monoxide when in end-of-life mode

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

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