

# Mayor's Snapshot

September 18, 2020

Latest news and updates from Mayor Bob Severns



## Clean Water Facility Wins Award

City of Oak Harbor's new Clean Water Facility earned a "Best Project" award in the 2020 Water/Environment category from [Engineering News Record \(ENR\) Northwest](#), an industry publication that covers engineering, architecture, and construction news.

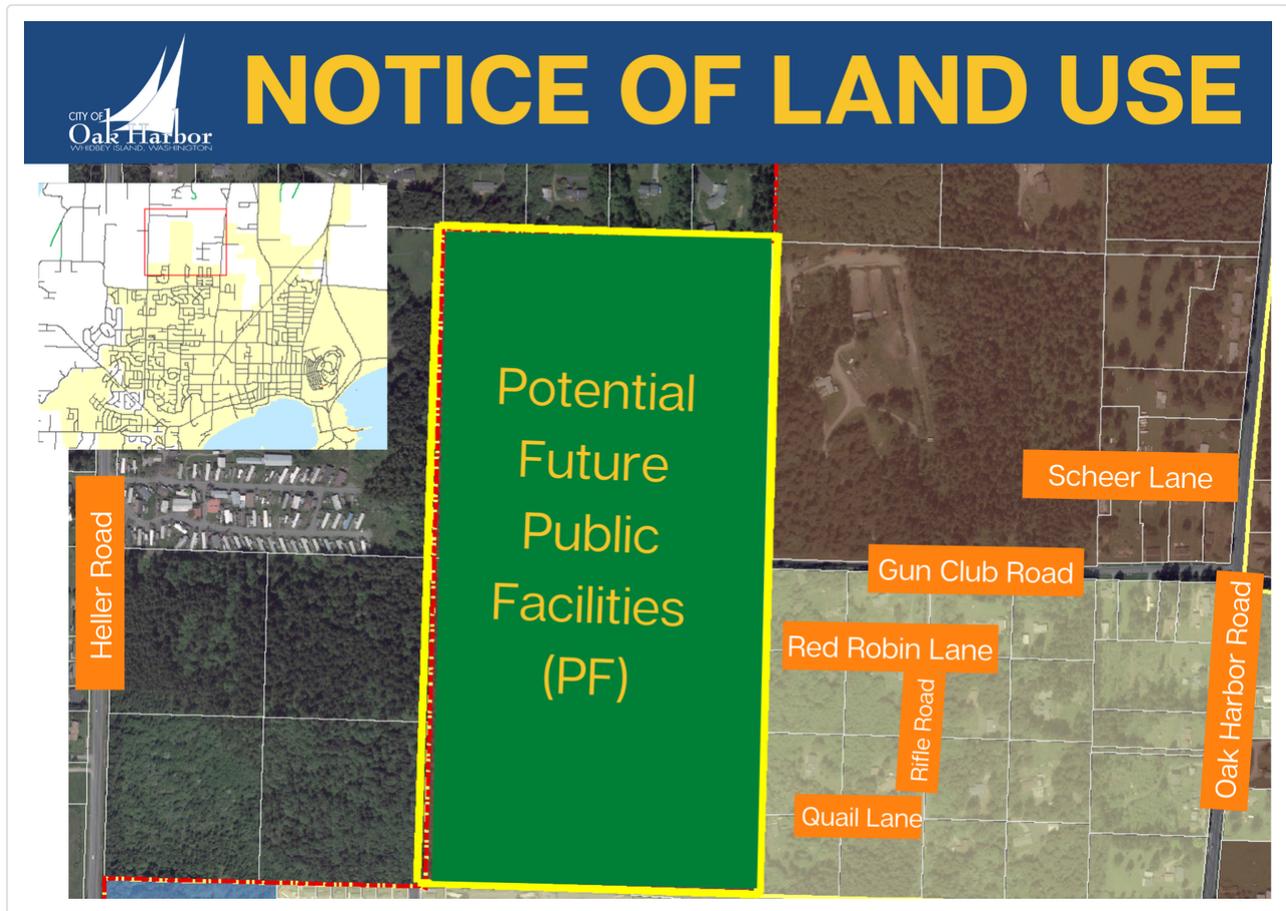
## Burn Ban in Effect



## Fires, Smoke, and Burn Bans

Wildfires along the West Coast and in Washington continue to burn and impact the quality of our air. A burn ban is in effect for Island County until further notice, more details are available at [nwcleanair.gov](http://nwcleanair.gov).

If the smoke is impacting your health, stay indoors with windows and doors shut to avoid exposure, and wear a mask when you go outside. Washington State Department of Ecology has an air quality monitoring tool on their [website](#).



## Public Comment/Feedback for Parks

The City is seeking community feedback on two projects regarding City Parks. The community can visit the website pages provided below to learn more about the projects and click on the online feedback forms to submit comments.

- [Harbor Heights](#) Land Use change comments
- [Tyhuis Park](#) Play Equipment feedback

# New Park Play Equipment



## City Council

The City held two virtual City Council meetings this month on September 1 and September 15 at 6 p.m. You can watch the full meetings online at [www.youtube.com/CityofOakHarbor](http://www.youtube.com/CityofOakHarbor). At the September 15 meeting, City Council discussed the upcoming budget process and revenue projections. Thank you to Mike Bailey, CPA, Interim Finance Director, and Finance Department staff Tallie Boyer and Jessica Dela Cruz for their work on this presentation.

The next meeting is the virtual City Council Workshop on September 25 at 2 p.m.



## SE Bayshore Drive Overlay Project

On September 16 work started for the overlay project on SE Bayshore Drive. Plan for delays as Public Works crews work on this project. Learn more at [oakharbor.org](http://oakharbor.org).

## Introduction of New Staff

The City of Oak Harbor welcomes six new paid-on-call firefighters to the [Fire Department](#) this month.

- Dillon Bradley
- Sebastian Ceasar
- Chris Hancock

- Taylor Irby
- Robert Luttrell
- Michael Roll

I also want to introduce Grant Weed with Graafstra, Weed & Associates as our new contracted City Attorney.

## Employee Recognitions

The following employees are celebrating work anniversaries. I want to thank them for their years of service to this community. It is wonderful to work with City staff who have such extensive years of service to our community.

- Paid-on-Call Firefighter Dwayne Jansen for 40 years of service
- Fire Chief Ray Merrill for 30 years of service
- Permit Coordinator Lisa Bebee for 25 years of service
- Police Support Officer/Animal Control Greg Woodward for 20 years of service
- Police Officer Jonathan Valenzuela for 15 years of service



## Recruitment



Learn about career opportunities at  
[oakharbor.org/jobs](http://oakharbor.org/jobs)



[linkedin.com/company/city-of-oak-harbor-wa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-oak-harbor-wa)

## Relief for Small Businesses

### CARES Grant Reminder

Currently, the City has issued reimbursement checks to North Whidbey Island businesses in the amount of \$86,022.40. There are additional reimbursements in the process. All businesses must submit their reimbursement requests by September 30, 2020, at 4 p.m. or earlier to receive reimbursement.



The CARES Grant Program Assistant is available to assist businesses working to submit reimbursements by phone at (360) 279-4555 or by email at [cares@oakharbor.org](mailto:cares@oakharbor.org).

### Personal Protective Equipment

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Request Personal Protective Equipment for your business at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/CARESPPE](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CARESPPE)

Requests must be submitted by Sunday, September 21, 2020 at 5 p.m.

This new program is available to North Whidbey Island businesses to assist them by providing materials to keep their staff and community members safe. The initial phase of this [program](#) is open now until Sunday, September 21 at 5 p.m. The program includes PPE materials for gloves, masks, sanitizer, medical gowns, etc. Interested businesses must complete the request form at [surveymonkey.com/r/CARESPPE](https://surveymonkey.com/r/CARESPPE).

## Don't Delay Register to Vote Today!

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](https://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.



## September is...

### Preparedness Month

Prepare this year for the next emergency event with the Washington State Department of Emergency Management's [Prepare in a Year guide](#), geared to help you take one step a month for the next 12 months to get you prepared.



**Communications Plan**

Ask a friend or relative who lives far away to be your out-of-area contact, who can relay messages between you and your family during a disaster.

**Prepare in a Year**

**DisasterReadyWashington.com**

## Take a Minute to Save a Life

# HANDS-ONLY

# CPR



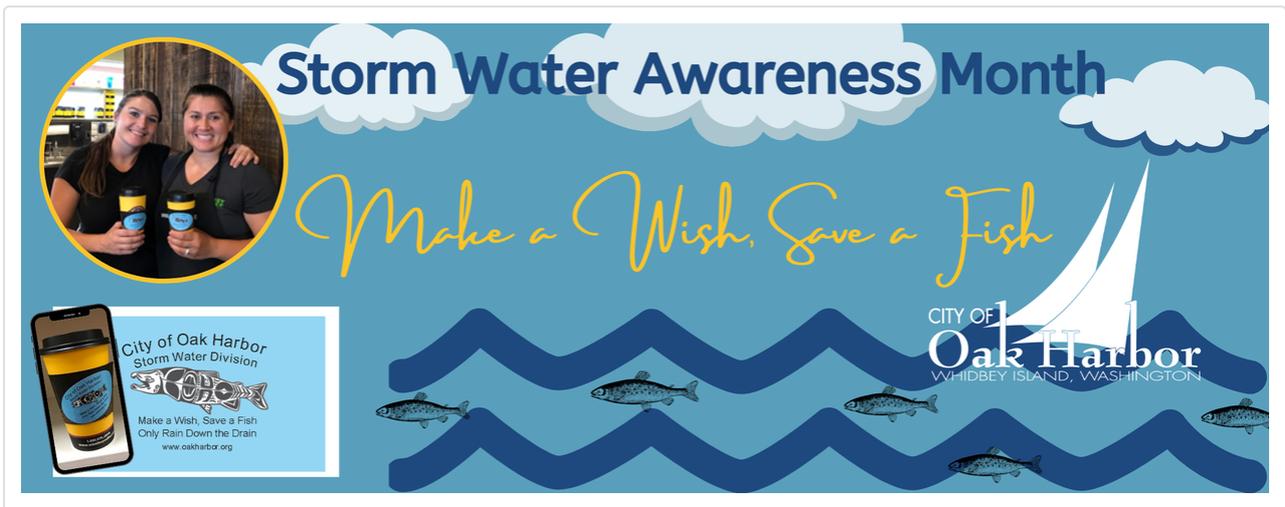
TWO STEPS to save a life



#CPRsavesLives

## Stormwater Awareness Month

Pick up your vinyl sticker at downtown Oak Harbor Whidbey Coffee shops to display on your water bottles, laptops, etc. Remember, only rain down the drain.



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

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