



## To the Community, City Council and City Staff

September 7, 2015

*My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.*

## 2015 ACTION AGENDA

### Rosehill Community Board

✓ In February, the City Council affirmed the formation of the new Rosehill Community Board. The board will begin meeting this month.

### Business License Reform

Reform business license fees to encourage job creation and reduce the administrative burden on small businesses

### Prevention-Oriented Public Safety

Ensure we are a safe and healthy community: protect our seniors from falls at home, and support the Youth Substance Abuse Prevention initiative

✓ In June, the City Council affirmed the formation of the new Wise Investments in Transportation Taskforce. The group is now meeting to address transportation needs, priorities and funding strategies.

### Encourage Housing Choices

Encourage more affordable housing choices by re-examining regulations on mother-in-law units



Mayor Gregerson shares a proclamation written to celebrate Mayor for a Day Rebecca Serati, a nine year old student who enjoyed her tour and visit to City Hall, the police and fire stations.



A great photo from the Mukilteo Beacon of Mayor Gregerson getting dunked at this year's National Night Out at the YMCA.

## August Highlights

I appreciate the *Mukilteo Beacon* for their sponsorship of the annual Mayor for the Day contest. This year's Mayor, Rebecca Serati, is a smart young woman with great ideas about what she enjoys about our community. Check this week's *Beacon* to see her winning essay.

Thanks to the hard work of our Finance Department, we have received a clean 2013 audit.

I had the honor of speaking at the "Queen, It's a New Day" event in Lynnwood. This amazing two-day event brings together a hundred women who have experienced challenges in their lives. I shared some stories about my experiences as the first woman Mayor of Mukilteo, and want it means to be a strong woman and stand up for yourself and your community. It was inspiring to be a small part of this event.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Met with Community Transit CEO Emmett Heath to talk about transit service in Mukilteo, including the Mukilteo Park and Ride Plus project. CT staff continue to work with Paine Field Airport staff to identify the lease costs of the site at Bernie Webber Drive.
- Met with Joe Kunzler to discuss airport and transit issues.
- Met with Jo Eckart, transportation legislative assistant to Senator Patty Murray, and Ann Seabott, Senator Murray's District Director. I shared Mukilteo's priorities and our support for the unified regional proposals. John Monroe, interim president of EASC, described how the Sound Transit and Community Transit expansions are a motivating factor for a Fortune 500 company which is currently considering locating in Snohomish County. We discussed the "DRIVE" Act, the Senate transportation funding bill. It has three years of funding for highways and transportation. That act is step one of federal funding. Over the six year life of the bill, there is an 18% increase in funding to Washington state, over what had been coming to the state. It also increased funding for the ferry program from \$67m to \$80m. There are two new freight mobility programs, one that is highway focused and one that is rail focused. There is a 17% increase in transit funding included. Gas taxes remain the main revenue source. It also includes a five year reauthorization for the Export-Import Bank. This Act now goes to the House when they go back in Septem-

ber, for their consideration and hopefully approval. Senator Murray is also pushing to make rail transport regulations on par with those for pipeline or water transport of crude oil.



WS Ferries' project to remove the old government pier continues to move forward, with new mitigation actions in place. You can watch a webcam of their work here: [oxblue.com/open/wsdot/mukilteo](http://oxblue.com/open/wsdot/mukilteo)

## A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended National Night Out and participated in my first dunk tank! I was a little apprehensive, but it was a very fun experience. I might even do it again next year.
- Attended the Council Public Safety Committee meeting. We discussed the Citygate report that assessed our department and recommended options for future investment.
- Attended a meeting with the Saratoga Reach neighborhood to discuss the recent fire which resulted in the loss of one home and extensive damage to another. Our firefighters shared the factual details of their response and explained their strategy for fighting the fire. Neighbors had an opportunity to ask questions. We also had representatives from Puget Sound Energy and Snohomish PUD, who talked about their

work in protecting homes and responding to the event. It was a very constructive conversation about a tragic event. One thing we can all remember is to ensure you have up-to-date smoke alarms that you test twice a year.



A great shot of Mukilteo's waterfront, and the busy salmon fishing boats we saw this August. This was taken during a flight hosted by members of the Washington Pilots Association, Rich Jones and Stephanie Allen, who own two vintage airplanes housed at Paine Field.

## WATERFRONT

- Attended the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project and Tank Farm Coordination Meeting, along with representatives from WSF, Sound Transit, Port of Everett, Island County, NOAA and the Tulalip Tribes. WSF is beginning their meetings with the tribes, starting in mid September through mid October, to discuss the art and architecture plans for the terminal site. They also recently met with two City Parks and Arts Commissioners to get their feedback. We also discussed the status of issues with WSF's pier removal project.
- Visited the home of Linda Wooding for a meeting with her and other neighbors, along with WSF staff, including Nicole McIntosh, to discuss their experiences with odors and fumes from the tank farm pier removal project. The day of that meet-



Keep an eye out for two new signs on the waterfront, guiding you along our 2.5 mile loop. On your way through Lighthouse Park, enjoy the new Walking Tour! You can follow along the tour here: <http://mukilteowalkingtour.com/>

ing, testing had occurred of the air and emissions from the project. A week later, a misting machine was in place, to use water vapor to diminish the transport of the particles that people were sensing. The barge is now covered with a tarp each night, to reduce the odors. We have a public meeting scheduled as part of the September 8th council meeting. WSF will share updates on the issue so far, and we'll have an opportunity for the public to share their comments and experiences.

- Toured the Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal pier removal site. The WSF Project Manager, on-site Construction Manager and communications staff member Taylor Knowles shared information about how demolition is progressing, and details on the steps being taken to mitigate effects on our community.

### WORKING WITH OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Attended monthly South Snohomish County Mayors meet-

ing. We discussed updates on 2016 budget proposals for SERS, the Countywide emergency radio system, and Sno-Com, our 911 dispatch agency, as well as Sound Transit future planning and Sno-Isle Libraries project to re-envision their future.

- Met with Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson to discuss the status of deannexation proposals between our city and Everett, regarding Japanese Gulch and properties at the north end of the City near Edgewater Beach. Both parks are inside Everett city limits.
- Met with Jill McKinnie, the new Snohomish County Ombudsman. Jill is a great resource for residents and business owners with questions or concerns related to our county, or local government.
- Attended the Port of Everett Key Communicator meeting. The Port is beginning to look forward to their next seven years and future initiatives, as they will have redeveloped all

existing waterfront land in the Everett portion of their district in that timeframe. The Port supports 35,000 direct, induced and indirect jobs in the region. The Port's major trading partners are Japan, Russia, South Korea, China and the South Pacific.

- Attended the Cities and Towns dinner at Mayor Guzak's home in Snohomish. We heard from Bob Drewel about Everett Community College and partnerships with WSU, bringing 4 year university options to our area.



A photo from early in the summer, when the Mayor attended and spoke at the Hugs for Ghana benefit fundraiser, an event completely organized by Kamiak students.

### A SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Attended the first Rosehill Board meeting. The group provided great feedback on marketing and outreach efforts at the Center.
- Discussed the status of the Midtown Mukilteo study efforts by students from the University of Washington. Their summer work will provide some good ideas to establish the community outreach in the winter. They have made good progress at a much lower price than a professional consultant would have charged. It is a bit slower to work through the school quarter schedule, but I think we've learned and benefited as much as the students hopefully have.

#### Mayor's Action Agenda

Business License Reform • Prevention-Oriented Public Safety • Rosehill Community Board  
Blue Ribbon Commission: Wise Investment in Transportation Taskforce • Encourage Housing Choices



Mayor for the Day Rebecca Serati enjoyed trying on a uniform and equipment at the fire station with Paramedic Jolie Fernandes.

## A VIBRANT ECONOMY

- Attended the exit audit conference with the State Auditor. My takeaway is that we are on the right track, with providing more training and support for our staff, responding in a collaborative way to the auditors, and moving towards success. We have a clean audit for 2013.
- Attended Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting and shared updates about city business and heard their feedback on development proposals in the community.
- Met with staff and architects from Pacific Seafood's project to build a new building for their successful operation. They plan to move from Harbour Pointe to a much larger building near 80th and 44th. Our planning staff are working to think creatively about options for their proposal.
- Attended a meeting where designers and developers presented preliminary concepts for Sector 3, the long vacant property near Staybridge Suites. I am thrilled for the possibility of this property finally getting redeveloped and changing. The ideas they have would create a great entrance and destination for our community, along with new homes, shops and businesses.

- Attended two meetings of the Council Finance Committee and shared updates on budget spending in each department this year, paid parking revenues, and discussed priorities for 2016 budget development.
- Discuss the Standard & Poor's rating review with executive and finance staff. The rating is currently being established and reviewed by S&P.
- Attended Economic Alliance of Snohomish County's summer networking event at the Future of Flight. I had a chance to connect Airport Director Arif Ghose with staff from Community Transit, hopefully leading to some new movement on the park and ride development plan on airport property.



Mayor for the Day Rebecca Serati visited the police department and Officer Colt Davis.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Spoke at the lunch of the "Queen, It's a New Day" event in Lynnwood. This amazing event brings together a hundred women who have experienced challenges in their lives, from homelessness, to domestic violence or other difficult times. The women enjoy a day of makeovers, with new professional business attire and a fantastic dress for their evening gala event. The second day is a career fair, with scholarship opportunities and inspirational speakers. I joined them during

their first day- it was so fun to see these women with their fantastic hair and makeup, already standing and walking tall when they were just halfway through the event. I shared some stories about my experiences as the first woman Mayor of Mukilteo, and what it means to be a strong woman and stand up for yourself and your community. It was a wonderful event to be a part of.



Mayor Gregerson enjoyed a bike ride along the Mountain Loop Highway during a camping trip this August.

- Attended the first steering committee meeting for a Women in Leadership in Snohomish County initiative. I'm excited to work with other fabulous women leaders in assessing the status of women in Snohomish County, and encouraging more women leaders to take risks and grow.
- Made a presentation to the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary about my action agenda results from 2014 and priorities for 2015. It was also a rewarding opportunity to answer their questions about news and projects in Mukilteo.
- Met with Snohomish County Boys and Girls Club Director Bill Tsoukalas, along with Bill Rucker and Brian Sullivan who chair their fundraising campaign for the new club in Harbour Pointe.

We talked about a number of grants that are coming to the city from the state and county that will be passed on to the Club to build the ballfields and youth center.

- Shared my day with Andrew Kim, who job-shadowed me as part of his summer vacation from Amherst! Andrew reached out because he is interested in changing his direction in college studies and wanted to learn more about local government and the law.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, where Superintendent Marci Larsen shared updates about the school district and took questions from the group. I appreciate our partnership- Marci is a great leader and we are lucky to have such a wonderful school district.
- Attended the outdoor showing of *Planes* at Bella Terra, along with many excited kids and families!



*The first gentleman loves NHRA drag racing, so we had to attend this year's races in Auburn.*

## **A GREAT TEAM**

- Participated in contract negotiations with our firefighters labor group. We have made good progress on many issues.
- Conducted interviews of candidates for the finance director position. I look forward to our chosen candidate accepting the position and hopefully joining us quite soon.
- Participated in the annual review by our insurance agency, WCIA. They come each year to focus on different areas of risk, to ensure we are instituting best practices and avoiding potential claims. Overall, the city is performing well with a lower than average number of claims.



*Mayor Gregerson and Management Services Director Chris Phillips had a great day at a Mariners game with Council President Bob Champion. It was made even better (for the Mayor) when the M's won!*