



To the Community, City Council and City Staff

February 2, 2015

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

## 2015 ACTION AGENDA

### 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

### Rosehill Advisory Board

Form a Rosehill Advisory Board to give our residents more of a voice in guiding the direction of this vital community institution

### Blue Ribbon Commission: Connect & Move Mukilteo

Convene a special resident commission to study transportation needs and funding options

### Encourage Housing Choices

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

## January Highlights

**Proclaimed** Russell Road as "Russell Wilson Road!" Shared our State of the City with a great crowd, and announced my 2015 Action Agenda.

**Shared my goals and vision for the city at presentations** to the Mukilteo Historical Society, One Clubhouse Lane Homeowners' Association, Boy Scout Troop 16, Den 6 Webelos, Mukilteo Kiwanis, Mariner High School Minority Achievers Program, and University of Washington Class: Urban Planning as a Profession.

**Shared Mukilteo's priorities** with Washington State Ferries Executive Director Lynne Griffith, Lacey Harper, Governor Inslee's Deputy Director of Government Outreach, Economic Alliance of Snohomish County Director Troy McClelland, Snohomish County Council Chair Dave Somers, and the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation.s



Mukilteo City Hall's Twelves show off their fan spirit before the Super Bowl!

#### Mayor's Action Agenda

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## A SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Taught a class at the University of Washington through the Community, Environment and Planning program. I shared my story, information about planning in Mukilteo and municipal planning in general. The class studied our paid waterfront parking proposal and completed a writing assignment sharing their feedback on the concepts.
- Attended Cities and Towns meeting. I was elected as the first alternate to the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Policy Board, as well as a city representative to the Snohomish County Law and Justice Council.



Public Works Streets Lead Marty Martinis proudly shows off our new Russell Wilson Road sign, commemorating a temporary designation of Russell Road as Russell Wilson Road! Our staff worked with Aabco Sign and Barricade to have these signs donated.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Public works and engineering staff shared their monthly update on activities.
- Discussed with staff mobility funding and a process for discussion with the Council and community.
- Attended the Council's Transportation Committee meeting. We shared an idea for advanced traffic mitigation to help fund

the Harbour Reach Road Extension project. This project would create an alternate access to SR525 between Beverly Park Road and Harbour Pointe Blvd, as well as bike and pedestrian access and economic development opportunities. The advanced mitigation plan is a partnership with Snohomish County Paine Field Airport. I'm pleased that we are coordinating in this way.

- Attended the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation monthly meeting. We discussed the legislative session and transportation funding and strategy.



Mayor Nicola Smith, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and Mayor Gregerson had a chance to discuss the Congresswoman's efforts for our region in the upcoming session at the January Snohomish County Cities and Towns meeting.

## OPEN COMMUNICATION

- Delivered my State of the City address to a great group of residents and important guests.
- Met with UW Professor David Blum, Ron Turner, Mort (from Denmark), Phinas, to discuss our economic development study. We will be partnering with the University of Washington and students to complete this work. We'll have three quarters of coursework, with as many as 30 students or more in the final quarter, all studying Mukilteo's 84th Street neighborhood. Professor Blum and I

also discussed my presentation at his urban planning class, Urban Planning as a Profession.

- Met with Kevin Stoltz to discuss ideas and concerns. We discussed concepts for policies that would require mitigation for pedestrian access during construction projects throughout the city, as well as the status of trails and recreational facilities in the city.
- Presented at the Mukilteo Historical Society. I shared an update on the Waterfront Master Plan and parts of my action agenda for 2015. I appreciate the chance to meet with these dedicated Mukilteo volunteers, to talk about our past and our future in the City.
- Met with Japanese Gulch Group board members to discuss upcoming events.
- Met with Boy Scout Troop 16, Den 6 Webelos to discuss citizenship and our City. I discussed what a City does, and heard their feedback and ideas. I also discussed what it means to be a good citizen, and what my job as Mayor means.
- Visited the One Clubhouse Lane Homeowners' Association annual meeting and updated them on 2014 activities, 2015 plans, and answered their questions about pedestrian safety, the waterfront, and other issues.
- Presented a 2014 recap and look forward at our 2015 goals to the Mukilteo Kiwanis organization. I got to answer questions about the waterfront, parking, and Paine Field Airport
- Visited the Mariner High School Minority Achievers Program to discuss my experiences as a business owner and entrepreneur. It was great to hear their questions and interest in busi-

ness development and what it's like to run your own business. My associate and I shared our stories and the things we like about running an independent business.



*Workforce Development Center Director Dave Trader and Curriculum Director Carmela Morelli accept recognition of their achievement of START status (Safety Through Achieving Recognition Together).*

## ENGAGE OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Met with Lacey Harper, Governor Inslee's Deputy Director of Government Outreach. We discussed the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal project, and other important issues, including the Governor's transportation proposal and projects important to Mukilteo.
- Met with new Washington State Ferries Executive Director Lynne Griffith. We discussed the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal project and our experiences being new leaders of organizations.
- Met with Troy McClelland from Economic Alliance of Snohomish County to discuss EASC activities, transportation projects and economic development.

## 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. NOAA is moving forward with their business case for a design and construction of a new building, a project that could take place over the next 5-7 years. We are partnering with Sound Transit, the Port of South Whidbey, and hopefully Island County to conduct a shared study of the feasibility of a parking garage on the waterfront. WSF had their bid opening on January 21st for phase 1 of the ferry terminal project. Phase 1 includes removal of the old tank farm pier. Island County is working on grants to help improve bike and pedestrian access to the Clinton Terminal. The Port of Everett is moving quickly with their construction of the permanent access road to Edgewater Beach.

- Participated in a discussion about a Walking Tour project that the Mukilteo Historical Society and Jericho Bridge Church are partnering together to design and produce. This will be our first Walking Tour brochure and website in the city!



*Mayor Gregerson and Toby, a Scriber Lake High School student and participant in the 2015 class at Mukilteo's Workforce Development Center, discuss the program and his goals.*

## A VIBRANT ECONOMY

- Attended the Council's Economic Development Committee meeting. We discussed the results of the recent business survey and

draft economic development policies from the comprehensive plan.

- Met with Dennis Vrabek and his business partners to discuss the vacant property near Staybridge Suites.
- Visited Workforce Development Center for their celebration and recognition of their achievement of START status (Safety Through Achieving Recognition Together). This status acknowledges their work to be a safe workplace and follow a strict set of guidelines from Washington's Department of Labor and Industries. They are only the seventh organization to achieve this status in the state so far, the only organization in Snohomish County and the only nonprofit who has done it. WFDC works with high school students to give them job skills and training and prepare them for the workforce. They are paid for their work and act as a supplier to Boeing, other aerospace companies, and other manufacturers. They are located right on Chennault Beach Road in Mukilteo! A highlight of the visit was my conversation with Toby, a student from Scriber Lake High School.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board's meeting and their monthly evening social.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast. The speaker shared suggestions about managing businesses and employees. I heard some valuable insights for my work as Mayor and my business, which I continue to run and remain successful.
- Met with Julie Martin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. We talked about

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our priorities and ideas for the coming year. Julie and the Chamber have a great path ahead of them.

- Met with County Council Chair Dave Somers to discuss the status of Paine Field Airport commercial service.

## **A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY**

- Met with Larry Hadland, Medical Services Officer (MSO), and Jonathan Brown, a mental health professional who works with Lynnwood and Mukilteo on these issues. We discussed the service provided by our MSO contract, and different ways to focus on prevention and education for a healthier community.
- Attended joint SNOCOM and SNOAC meeting. They discussed the status of the New World project, a system that will modernize our police, fire and 911 dispatch communications and records systems. The project has been worked on for five years, and SNOAC has decided to officially launch the system in early June.
- Discussed emergency management service needs.

## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

- Attended the Council's Finance Committee. We discussed the planned monthly financial update, fees and charges and budgeting policies.
- Met with County Councilmember Brian Sullivan, Snohomish County Boys and Girls Club Director Bill Tsoukalas and Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club Director Chuck Davis to discuss the status of the Mukilteo club project.

## **EMPOWERING OUR GREAT TEAM**

- Met with City staff to discuss the new City logo and implementation. We will be slowly phasing the logo into our external communications at a no-cost basis, as we reorder items. You'll find the new logo at the top of this report.
- Discussed the Fire Chief hiring process with our HR Manager and Management Services Director.
- Met with Recreation and Cultural Services Director Jennifer Berner to discuss Rosehill, recreation and cultural services operations.
- Interviewed candidates for Fire Chief, with a team of participants from throughout the City organization and our community.
- Attended a Seahawks rally organized by our Planning and Community Development Department. We have such a great team atmosphere in the City, it was fun to gather together as 12's and get ready to support our Seahawks this weekend!



*Public Works Parks Crewmember Amber Shaffer brought this trash that could be recycled to our Monthly Green Team meeting. This was a great demonstration of the potential for recycling down at Lighthouse Park. She collected this after just one Sunday down at the Park. Green Team meetings give us a chance to take simple, more sustainable actions based on our staff members' ideas.*