



To the Community, City Council and City Staff

November 2, 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.

Business License Reform

✓ With the 2016 Budget, I will present options for business license fee reform that supports small and new 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

Blue Ribbon Commission: Transportation Taskforce

✓ In June, the City Council affirmed the formation of the new Wise Investments in Transportation Taskforce, which will address transportation needs, priorities and funding strategies.

Encourage Housing Choices

✓ With the 2016 Budget, staff will propose a reduction in the filing fee for accessory dwelling units, to encourage more options.

This month was filled with budget work! We finished and delivered the budget to the City Council on Friday, October 30th. It's available here: <http://www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us/News.asp?NewsID=350>

It builds on my first budget, as we continue to make prudent financial decisions while investing in our community's priorities.

Our proposed budget continues to take a break from tax increases and provides funding to build a dedicated senior center space at the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club's new Shin Center in Harbour Pointe. It also includes investments in streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths, storm drains, parks and City buildings. We will also be bringing recommendations for business license fee reform that will help our newest and smallest businesses as well as additional investments in public safety, youth substance abuse prevention and support to domestic violence victims. The cornerstone of this budget is my vision for Mukilteo: I am committed to ensuring that we are a sustainable, well-run city with safe, strong neighborhoods.



Mayor Gregerson celebrated the right to vote this Halloween, as a suffragette!



Mayor Jennifer Gregerson joined a new firefighter mascot at the annual Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast. The mascot had some excited fans and some scared ones!

Mayor's Action Agenda

IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Attended monthly SCCIT meeting. We discussed transportation issues in the region and continued efforts to ensure investment in transportation.
- Attended one of the open houses for the Bike Transit Walk plan. It was fun to share ideas and challenges for biking and walking in Mukilteo.



Mayor Gregerson had an impromptu opportunity to share some city updates with the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly breakfast meeting.

A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended a discussion with south Snohomish County cities about our 911 dispatch system. Currently there are two systems in the County, and the two will be studying consolidation opportunities and whether that can bring efficiencies in operations and finances. I believe this type of regionalization makes sense.
- Attended a Domestic Violence Services lunch with keynote speaker Senator Patty Murray. Senator Murray shared her efforts on a new law to help victims of domestic violence. It was moving and heartbreaking to hear the names of all the victims last year in our County. There are too many.
- Toured the Air Traffic Control Tower at Paine Field along with

- Councilmembers Champion and Cook, Chief Macklin, and Airport Director Arif Ghouse.
- Attended my first Domestic Violence Services Board meeting.
- Attended the Live Healthy 2020 initiative's Physical Activity Working Group meeting. The Live Healthy 2020 Coalition mission statement is to foster community vitality, competitiveness and prosperity through better health and healthcare value.
- Met with Gina Clark from the Providence Institute to talk about Live Healthy 2020 initiative and ways to involve other cities.
- Attended most of the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting, and heard an inspiring and interesting report from Darrington Mayor Dan Rankin and Arlington Mayor Barb Tolbert. They shared their experiences in helping their communities recover from the Oso slide.



Mayor Gregerson joined State Representative Cindy Ryu and Mountlake Terrace City Councilmember Bryan Wahl as they celebrated the opening of a new bike and pedestrian path along Lake Ballinger.

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 expects that the pier removal work will be done by February. I biked down to Edgewater (and back!) one weekend, and you can see the impact to the bird population. The hundreds of seagulls we used to see on the pier have moved to the small piece that's left closer to shore. WSF is beginning conversations with the various tribes that have historically visited Mukilteo about art installations and artists that may be able to contribute. I'm looking forward to having more artwork on the waterfront, to complement the pieces in Lighthouse Park. WSF also plans to conduct an open house on November 12 at Rosehill, to share options for pedestrian access along 525 to the waterfront.



Mayor Gregerson, Chief Alexander, Chief Macklin, and Officer Davis joined Columbia Elementary students on their walk to school!

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Conducted my second annual Budget Town Hall and heard from a number of community members about their ideas for 2016 and the city budget.
- Presented to the Council's Finance Committee and discussed the progress of the 2016 budget. By the time you read this, it will have been released, thanks to a huge amount of work by finance and executive staff. I'm proud of our work. I think it's a great budget.



Public Works staff created this awesome pumpkin for our City Hall halloween potluck and pumpkin carving competition!

PLAN WELL AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE

- Joined Planning and Community Development staff in celebrating their award from the Planning Association of Washington for the best comprehensive plan for cities our size. I'm proud of their efforts, and of the document that the team produced. I recommend reading it: [http://www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us/SIB/files/Mukilteo%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20\(2015-2035\)%20web%20version2.pdf](http://www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us/SIB/files/Mukilteo%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20(2015-2035)%20web%20version2.pdf)
- Attended a training with City Council on risk and liability related to land use issues. Nearly all of the land use issues that come before the Council now are complex and challenging. The few vacant properties in the City generally present development challenges that push against our regulations. Understanding the implications of city regulations and our responsibility is important.
- Discussed Sector 3 development proposals with staff and Councilmember Champion.

A SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Attended the quarterly Alliance for Housing Affordability meeting to discuss our county-wide efforts to combat housing af-

- fordability challenges.
- Attended a Paine Field Airport committee meeting. We discussed our efforts to prevent commercial air service at Paine Field.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Had lunch with a former resident redeeming a donated lunch. Sam Crawford is a Kamiak graduate and current master's candidate studying public administration, currently working at the City of Blaine.
- Was honored to have the opportunity to share some city updates with the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly breakfast. I appreciate the ability to stay connected with our community through their meetings.
- Attended Boo Bash, in costume as a suffragette! It was great to see the hundreds of kids and families enjoying the Center.
- Accepted my honor as the Greater Everett Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year. I'm proud to be the first woman Mayor of Mukilteo and a business owner, managing two employees for my yearbook printing work.
- Discussed ideas for a Senior Center with the Mukilteo Senior Association board members. I'm excited to present a unique opportunity for the Council's consideration. We have a chance to work with the Boys and Girls Club and build a senior space connected to their Shin Center project in Harbour Pointe. We've promised the seniors a space of their own for decades; the Boys and Girls Club has much of their funding for their new center. I hope the Council agrees that this is a opportunity we should take advantage of this year!



Council President Bob Champion joined Planning and Community Development Director Patricia Love in accepting the Planning Association of Washington's Award for the Best Comprehensive Plan in the state for cities our size.

A GREAT TEAM

- Recognized the work of two employees with innovation fund awards. Maintenance Worker Jeran Hurst demonstrated his excellent craftsmanship at the Lighthouse, helping to repair the stairs and landing at Quarters A. In Planning, GIS Technician Jacob Milner came up with a way to do in-house graphics and mapping, saving the city money and allowing for a better plan to be developed.
- Participated in the City costume contest and Halloween potluck. We had some great costumes and excellent pumpkin carvings!