



## To the Community, City Council and City Staff

March 6, 2017

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

# 2017 Action Agenda

### Mukilteo Strong

We will continue the important work that was started in 2016 by remembering those we have lost and building a stronger community to help prevent future tragedies.

### Honor Green Businesses

We will build on the amazing progress led by our Green Team to encourage and support local businesses in their work to become more sustainable.

### Emergency Preparedness

A disaster could strike at any time and families and businesses must be prepared, we will work to increase awareness of readiness kits and family and business plans for emergencies.

### Community Policing

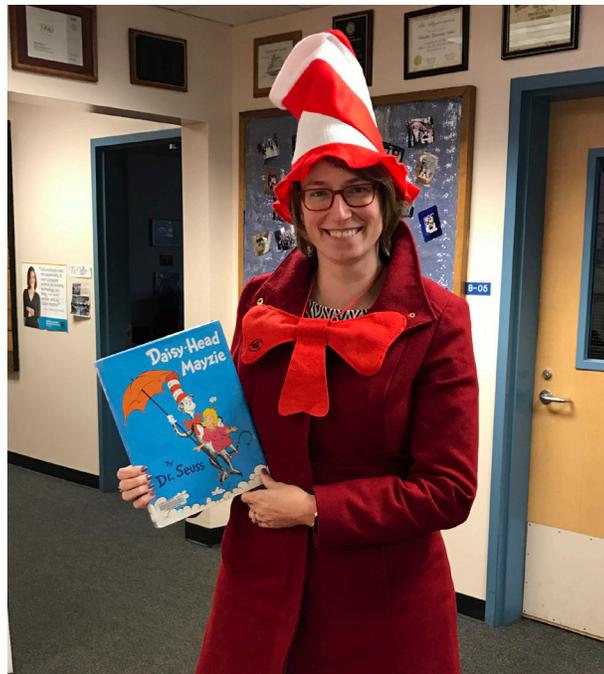
We will build on the successful Citizens Academy and police volunteer programs by engaging teens and young adults in a closer relationship with our Police Department

### Recreation Scholarships

We have worked to return the community to the center of Rosehill's mission, we must now work to ensure access to everyone in Mukilteo—regardless of income.

## February Highlights

This month, I continued my visits to Mukilteo schools. I have learned so much from our principals, and enjoyed the tours of their buildings, as well. Columbia Elementary's recess; Mukilteo Elementary's kids in gym class learning square dancing; it's great to see hopeful energy and dedicated leaders seeking ways to support our youth. I'm glad to help focus attention on our youth and how we can come together to be a stronger community.



Mayor Gregerson visited Columbia Elementary for Read Across America Day, to share her love of reading with students.

## A WELL RUN CITY

- Attended the first Council Finance and IT Committee meeting with the new members. We focused on a review of 2016 expenses and revenues and did a refresher of fund accounting and finance information.
- Met with our City Green Team, to discuss initiatives for the coming year and ideas to reduce waste and be good stewards of city resources.

## SUPPORT A HEALTHY ECONOMY

- Met with President Sven Kempf of Vartan Product Support, a business that supports suppliers to Boeing and other aircraft manufacturers. Vartan likes being located in Mukilteo because of the easy access to Boeing, where they can support off-site suppliers through their manufacturing and installation process of products.
- Celebrated the new building for Immortals Fitness, at 3616 South Road. Their new facility is five times bigger than their old one, and gives them much more space for training and classes, providing great service to keep our community healthy and active!
- Helped Karen Koenig celebrate the grand reopening of her Edward Jones office on 3rd Street, with a ribbon cutting and proclamation.
- Met with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julie Martin to discuss the Chamber's goals for the year and upcoming events.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Attended Community Transit Executive Board meeting, as well as the general Board

meeting. I currently serve as the Secretary-Treasurer. We received a legislative update on issues related to transit funding at the federal level. CT is closely following news related to the President's budget proposed to be released later in March. I was pleased to hear about a new proposed route, 107, which would connect Mukilteo with Boeing, Future of Flight and the south end of Paine Field. Other service proposals would add trips through Mukilteo to the UW.

## A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended the Council's Infrastructure Committee meeting and discussed planned facility improvement projects as well as major transportation projects that are moving ahead. The Harbour Pointe South Widening project is still on track for construction this year. That project would add a second southbound turn lane onto the Speedway, as well as completing the sidewalk connections.
- Attended the Victim Support Services fundraising breakfast. VSS continues to work with students at Kamiak High School, providing invaluable mental health support and resources. I am glad to support this critical organization.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Visited the Discovery Crest Homeowners Association meeting. We talked about the City's vision and 2017 priorities, and their challenges with on-street parking at the entrance to their neighborhood. I committed to work with our staff to identify new solutions that we could bring to the City Council, and



Workforce Development Center students celebrate the purchase of new drills, using a City of Mukilteo community grant. The drills help support their program providing skills training for youth throughout our county.

- to continue our focused enforcement of parking restrictions.
- Attended the YMCA Kickoff of their 2017 campaign, celebrating the great services that they provide to our families and community.
- Visited a Webelo's Den meeting to talk about what it means to serve as Mayor, and to discuss issues facing our community. It was a fun chance to talk with some motivated, opinionated young boys!
- Shared my vision and priorities with the Saratoga Reach Homeowners Association, and answered their questions and addressed concerns.
- Met with Marilyn Langdon, Lighthouse Festival Director, to discuss the status of their event and the City's continued partnership and support.

## LOCAL LEADERSHIP

- Delivered a speech to the local Toastmaster's organization, my very first one, about my story of leadership. Their group was intimidating and skilled, but also very warm and welcoming.

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Visited Olympia for the Snohomish County Advocacy Day, sharing Mukilteo's top priorities

for capital funding: \$750k for Japanese Gulch Creek Day-lighting and \$260k for continued work on the tank farm, on the city-owned properties to prepare them for redevelopment.

- Visited Olympia for the Association of Washington Cities City Action Days, taking the opportunity to meet with a number of our legislators and others. We shared the importance of our two capital budget requests for the waterfront and Japanese Gulch, as well as the importance of revenues from the state that are shared with cities. Mukilteo receives about \$300,000 each year from the state, helping to fund services. We are lucky to have great advocates for cities in Olympia, with Representatives Ortiz-Self and Peterson and Senator Liias representing our community very well.
- Met with Lindsey Webb, district representative for Congressman Larsen to discuss Mukilteo's priorities at the federal level. I also took the opportunity to thank her for the work of their office supporting the funding of the NOAA facility on Mukilteo's waterfront.
- Presented and taught at class at the University of Washington, in their Community Environment and Planning program. The class is called Planning as a Profession, and brings planning professionals into the classroom to provide a picture of the career. I focused on the intersection of planning in a political environment and discussed a case study of Mukilteo issues.

## **MUKILTEO STRONG**

- Participated in a meeting of the Mukilteo Strong Alliance pro-

viders group. We made plans for a city-hosted web portal and discussed the needs for mental health support at Kamiak. The providers who are currently spending time at Kamiak shared the need for that support, including current suicidal ideations and concerns for our kids. I plan to research more options for how we can best support our youth.

## **A GREAT TEAM**

- Interviewed candidates for Finance Director and Public Works Director. Michelle Meyers is scheduled for confirmation by the City Council on Monday March 6, with an expected start date of April 3. Michelle comes to us from Kansas, having served as a Finance Director there for several years. I expect to have an announcement about our Public Works Director soon!
- Said goodbye to our Management Services Director, Chris Phillips, who accepted a job at Mount Vernon, as their Community and Economic Development Director. Currently, our Community Development Director Patricia Love is filling in as we search for a candidate. We received 32 applications and working to narrow that to a list for interviews next month.

## **PARTNERSHIPS FOR OUR YOUTH**

- Visited Columbia Elementary School Principal Wendy Eidbo to discuss her school community and support from our City. We had a great conversation about ideas to support our kids. I was intrigued by her thoughts about encouraging kids to view small business ownership and entrepreneurship as a career

option. It inspired me to remember to tell my small business story as I visit classrooms and speak with kids. I'm also interested in looking at creating more connections between our wonderful small business community in Mukilteo and our schools and kids.

- Visited Endeavor Elementary School and met with Principal Steve Raymond. Steve shared the challenges facing their kids and the successful ways that the City can support their school community.
- Visited Fairmont and Columbia Elementary Schools for Read Across America Day. It was great fun to read a Dr. Seuss story and answer their questions, as well as hear their ideas about our community and what we could do to make it better.