



**To the Community, City Council and City Staff**  
July 5, 2017

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



Join us, July 30th at 1pm  
at Lighthouse Park for a  
community picnic.  
All are welcome.

# 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.

## Summer Highlights

We hired several police officers and firefighters this month, with a few more to go in the Fire Department. These new team members are key to filling out ranks and successfully keeping Mukilteo safe.

I've also continued our diverse community outreach program with a meeting with the Korean community.

Summer community events keep me busy, with the Chamber of Commerce Car Show, welcoming Cub Scouts to City Hall, and more!



Mayor Gregerson was honored to conduct the Oath of Office for four new police officers. They have many months of training ahead, but we are excited to have them on board.



Mayor Gregerson welcomed members of the Korean community to City Hall to discuss public safety, outreach and other issues of interest.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Welcomed Cub Scout pack 16 to City Hall for a tour and discussion about city government and how to be good members of the community. The scouts had great questions about limiting littering and taking care of our environment. We discussed how they can communicate with community leaders, and what they can do to be good examples and help keep their city clean, too.
- Donated blood during a visit by the Bloodworks NW Bloodmobile to City Hall. I try to do this as much as I can!
- Honored to attend a Mukilteo Elementary assembly where their MEco Voice group presented awards for their Earth Month. These kids thought that Earth Day was too short, so they had an entire month! Classrooms competed each week in different challenges: picking up trash at school, using re-usable containers for their lunches and going baggie-free, turning off the power and lights when leaving the room, and more. It was inspiring to see the student work and passion for the environment. A representative from Waste Management was there to share an award for the student work. Ranger Bohan and I also spoke to the group about our city efforts to be green and sustainable, and congratulated the students on their achievements.
- Met with representatives from the Mukilteo Historical Society. Public Works Superintendent Matt Nienhuis. I was happy to have him along, so that he could answer questions and add any requests for service or work at the lighthouse to the work plan. We discussed the



A great part about being Mayor is participating in fun community activities. Here is Mayor Gregerson's pick for Best in Show at the Chamber of Commerce Car Show.

maritime collection of historical artifacts that is stored at the lighthouse. The society likes to remind us that it still exists down there! It hasn't been exhibited since the 1990's and early 2000's at Rosehill.

- Was lucky to be a judge for the Chamber of Commerce Car Show. I got to pick the Best in Show— my favorite car! I chose the Citroen 2CV. I loved the bright orange color and roll-back top. I'm not a car aficionado, but I know what I like.

## A WELL RUN CITY

- Attended an open house on our parks, recreation, open space and arts plan update. It was great to see residents participating and envisioning future improvements and how to define and shape our community.
- Attended the Association of Washington Cities summer conference in Vancouver, WA. It was very valuable to attend a session and learn more about tribal relationships, including information that will help us work with the Tulalips as they con-

sider developing their property on our waterfront. I also had a chance to bike in to the conference from my lodging and meet some other bike friendly residents of Vancouver!

- Participated in continuing negotiations with our Law Enforcement Officers labor group.



Mayor Gregerson had a great visit to RB Enterprises, a successful aerospace manufacturing company in Harbour Pointe. They have an amazing track record of speedy delivery and high quality parts, for Boeing and other aerospace companies. They have also diversified and work in other sectors, which has helped them weather downturns in the aerospace industry.

## SUPPORT A HEALTHY ECONOMY

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce executive board meeting and their monthly breakfast. The chamber had a very successful Car Show on June 25.
- Attended a regional update hosted by the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, hearing from UW President Ana Mari Cauce and UW Bothell Chancellor Yeigh. I had an opportunity to share my appreciation for our partnership with UW Urban Planning department students on our midtown Mukilteo future vision.

## MUKILTEO STRONG

- Helped conduct a visioning workshop on the peace park concept. It was an inspirational and moving day, filling me with hope for our community. I think

we will be able to build a space that is meaningful.

- Discussed follow up work from the community peace park discussion, and planned next steps for outreach and involvement with the community.
- Spoke at a conference for tech professionals and others to talk about problem solving community-based issues using their unique skill sets. I talked about our community and Mukilteo Strong.
- Was proud to welcome a day-long training session of Youth Mental Health First Aid. A number of city staff attended, expanding their understanding of helping and identifying mental health challenges in need of intervention and support. I got my mental health first aid certification last fall and highly recommend it.



Mayor Gregerson proudly joined Vancouver bicyclists in a bike count and community table during a visit to the City. This is their self-proclaimed Bike Highway, a convenient parallel to I5 through-road that a number of bike commuters use.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- For Bike Everywhere day, I biked to Rosehill and then up to City Hall with other city staff members. I was impressed with GIS Technician Matt Entinger who biked from his house in

Brier all the way to Rosehill to join the group!

- Attended a Community Transit board meeting. Progress continues on the Swift2 bus rapid transit project, which will run on Airport Road.
- Attended the Council's Infrastructure Committee where we discussed the six-year Transportation Improvement Program, as well as traffic calming and 5th Street improvements.



A number of new firefighters began work this month, training with our crews and getting up to speed. They will be on shift in August.

## A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended a YWCA lunch, supporting their work to help women and children. I heard motivating and inspiring stories about the lives they have touched and changed.
- Attended the Domestic Violence Services board meeting, and later their purse auction fundraiser. I continue to be proud to support this organization, helping families in our county to be safe.

## WATERFRONT

- Attended the Mukilteo Tank



Members of the Mukilteo Police Department participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run, traveling through the area with other departments and athletes.

Farm Coordination Work group. NOAA continues to move forward towards design, with construction in 2019 and 2020. WSF is also moving forward, and hopes to begin the contract for the trestle (what you might think of as the main dock where the ferry lands) in August and September. Some of that work will take place off-site. The deep stormwater work (on the tank farm) will likely begin in October. We will return to the City Council around the same time to talk about the second half of the mitigation agreement.



Mayor Gregerson took a seat in Officer Travis' Crime Prevention vehicle, and tried out the radio during the Chamber of Commerce Car Show

## REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Met with Alliance for Housing Affordability program manager Chris Collier in advance of the

group's meeting and discussed how to move forward our discussion of the future of the organization. We are considering developing a housing trust fund or loan/grant program for projects in the County.



Mayor Gregerson participated in Bike to Work Month, with a stop at Community Transit's hosted table on Beverly Park Road.

- Attended the monthly Cities and Towns networking and educational dinner.
- Attended Paine Field's Aviation Day with my two year old nephew Westley. We had a great time looking at planes and cars.
- Attended Puget Sound Regional Council's General Assembly. We approved their budget and listened to Pierce and Snohomish County Executives discuss challenges facing our region in the future.
- Attended Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith's State of the City. It's always inspiring to hear her vision for her community, and to realize all that we share in common.
- Met with Sno-Isle Library Director Jonalyn Woolf-Ivry to talk about their plans to consider reviewing their property tax rate. It was authorized at \$0.50 in 2009, but because of tax rate limits, has degraded to \$0.41. They may go to the voters next spring to ask us all to re-authorize it at \$0.50.



Mayor Gregerson joined a panel at the FullConTech technology conference to share thoughts about where innovation is needed in our communities.

- Attended the State Interoperability Executive Committee meeting, where I heard a powerful presentation from Twisp Mayor Soo Ing-Moody. She shared the true impact of communications breakdown during the 2014 and 2015 wildfires. Their town was truly isolated, having to travel two hours at one point for in-person briefings each day. It was striking to understand the consequences of that situation, and consider the challenge our community could face during a large disaster, such as an earthquake.



Some Mukilteo visitors enjoy our historic fire engine during this year's Touch a Truck event!

### LOCAL LEADERSHIP

- Welcomed UW Urban Planning masters' students to City Hall for a presentation on their work about Mid-Town Mukilteo. They researched potential future tax revenue that could come from zoning changes,
- Presented an update on anti-idling policies and education concepts to the Council's Public

Safety Committee.

- Attended a breakfast event for Climate Solutions, learning more about their work and leadership on climate issues.
- Attended the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance meeting. Though the Gateway Coal Terminal at Cherry Point was denied due to Lummi treaty rights, additional coal may still travel through the state up to a proposed terminal in Vancouver BC. Related to these issues, the group encourages establishing formal government to tribal government Memorandums of Understanding to help with project planning and common problem solving.
- Participated as a judge in a case before the State Shoreline Hearings Board. I always learn new things about our shoreline regulations in the state, and how other jurisdictions handle issues.