

COBI CONNECTS



COUNCIL MESSAGE



Christy Carr, South Ward

Greetings, islanders. As always, it is a busy time in the community and for City Council. Serving on City Council provides the opportunities to gain a deep understanding of local governance and to be a part of decision-making that affects our island for years—even decades—into the future. The City's future Police-Court facility is a once-in-a-generation facility. Our PSE Franchise Agreement could last as long as 15 years. The multifamily tax exemption program could affect housing development for eight, 12 or 20 years.

For me, serving on City Council has been an honor, a real learning curve and a rewarding experience. I encourage you to throw your hat in the ring for this year's elections. Four City Council seats will be on this November's ballot. Our City and our island depend on residents to steward us toward a resilient, equitable and healthful future. Be a part of it!

EAGLE HARBOR DRIVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN SOON

Roughly one mile of Eagle Harbor Drive, running north from McDonald Avenue to the shoreline segment of the road, will soon be safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The project, known as the Eagle Harbor Drive Phase II Non-Motorized Improvements project, has been on the City's non-motorized project list for two decades.

The City's contractor will widen shoulders and create a 5-foot-wide bike lane along the northbound segment of the road. On the southbound, uphill stretch of the road, the 5-foot-wide bike lane will be separated from traffic by a vegetation buffer and double striping at mailboxes.

In June 2020, the City Council authorized the Public Works Department to develop a design for the project after staff secured \$700,000 from a federal grant fund contingency list. The total cost of the project, which was awarded to a contractor in March of this year, is expected to be within the range of the federal grant, which will be matched with approximately 13% of City funds.

Contingency funds the City received come with the stipulation that projects must be ready for granting agency review within weeks of being awarded. To streamline matters, the City kept the design process in-house and designed the project to fit within existing public rights of way.

The City Council requested last summer that bike lanes in both directions be separated from vehicle traffic by vegetation buffers. However, with the time constraints, the staff could not provide a full evaluation of whether that project could fit within the existing public rights of way, so the finished design will implement vegetation buffers on one side of the road only. Per the Council's direction, the staff will be exploring whether a short northbound segment could be separated at the tight curve near the McDonald Avenue intersection through a contract change order.



Stephanie Bower, Architectural Illustration

It's anticipated that construction will take approximately three to four months to complete.

Phase I of the project will continue the improvements north from the northern point of Phase II to the turn at the Head of the Bay. Phase I, which will be challenging because of proximity to shoreline and wetland areas, is scheduled for construction in 2024, as that is when the \$735,000 in federal funding becomes available. Staff is working with the Council on design options for the project.

CANDIDATE FILING

To run for City Council in the 2021 elections, file your declaration of candidacy May 17-21, 2021, at

kitsapgov.com/auditor/Pages/elections.aspx

The salary for a Bainbridge Island council member in 2021 is \$3,000 per month. The salary for the council member chosen to be mayor is \$4,000 per month.

Learn about the City Council responsibilities at

bainbridgewa.gov/217

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW ELECTRICITY IS MANAGED ON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

The City and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) are working to renew the **franchise agreement** that grants PSE the right to use the City's rights of way for the installation, maintenance and repair of PSE's electrical transmission and distribution network.

The City is working on discussions and negotiations with PSE and would like to hear from you. Please join us online at **4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 19**, to learn more about the franchise agreement process and share your thoughts. Visit bainbridgewa.gov/216 for a link to the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM ENDS



A moratorium on certain types of development on Bainbridge Island expired April 3 following a three-year effort to improve the City's development regulations to align with the Comprehensive Plan, which guides the City's growth and establishes the long-range vision for the island.

The moratorium, initially adopted by the City Council Jan. 9, 2018, for a six-month term, paused large development projects on the island to allow the City time to revise and update development regulations. The Council extended the moratorium six times due to the complexity of land use concerns. These concerns included potential harm to the island's fresh water aquifers, loss of native vegetation and soils, challenges promoting affordable housing and compliance with the land use review and decision-making process.

LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/968

COUNCIL CONSIDERS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

The City Council was scheduled to be briefed on May 4 on a program that would encourage the development of multifamily and affordable housing on Bainbridge, through new construction or the rehabilitation of vacant and underutilized buildings. The program, known as Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE), incentivizes multifamily housing by exempting qualifying new housing from property taxes on the residential improvement value of a development.

The program does not modify or reduce any other development standards or permitting requirements, such as setbacks, density or building heights.

How does this achieve affordable housing?

The Council may choose between three MFTE options: a 12-year, eight-year or 20-year program. The **12-year MFTE** program requires that, for **rental projects**, a minimum of 20% of housing units rent to low- or moderate-income households or below and, for **home-ownership projects** (e.g., condominiums), 100% of housing units are sold to moderate-income households or below.

Under state law, an **eight-year MFTE** program doesn't have minimum affordability requirements, but local governments could opt to add their own.

Staff will also update the City Council on a new **20-year multifamily tax exemption** that was adopted in late April by the Washington State Legislature (SB 5287). The 20-year exemption requires at least 25% of the units to be sold to a qualified nonprofit or local government partner and requires those units to provide permanent affordability. Permanent affordable homeownership units or rental units must be sold or rented to low-income households.

In addition, an MFTE program can improve overall housing affordability in an area by promoting the development of multifamily housing, which is usually more affordable than single-family housing.

Under the MFTE state law, a household with income up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) qualifies as a low-income household, and a household with income up to 115% of AMI qualifies as a moderate-income household.

2020 Area Median Income (AMI) for 4-Person Households

100% AMI	\$91,700
80% AMI: Low Income	\$73,350
115% AMI: Moderate Income	\$105,455

Note: AMI varies by household size; 4-person household used as example.

What does approval of the MFTE program mean for taxpayers?

If the City adopts this program, qualifying multifamily projects would be exempt from property taxation on the residential improvement value for a period of eight, 12 or 20 years (depending on the program adopted) after construction is complete. The tax levy would be shifted to other property taxpayers through a slight tax increase divided among property owners islandwide. In Bremerton, for example, an MFTE housing project resulted in about a \$24 per year increase for a home valued at \$300,000.

Where would MFTE apply?

The Council is considering applying the program to the following areas of Bainbridge Island:

- Winslow Master Plan Study Area
- Winslow Sewer System Service Area
- Lynwood Center Area: Neighborhood Center (NC), NC/R-12 and R-5 zones



Map of Winslow area



Map of Lynwood Center

The City Council will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the community to share thoughts on the proposed locations. At the time of publication, the date for the hearing had not been set. Please see the May 4 City Council agenda for updates.

LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/1291

POLICE-COURT FACILITY PROJECT UPDATE



Architectural illustration of future Police-Court facility.

City staff in early April postponed advertising for construction bids for the Police Station and Municipal Court facility project until Blair King begins his role as City Manager on May 17. This will allow King to lead the City through the final decision-making process and project delivery. The postponement was also due to the ongoing City Council and community conversations about the costs of the project. Advertising the project is one of the final steps before awarding a contract and beginning construction; the Council has final consideration for approval of City construction contract awards.

“The delay of bid advertising ensures that the Council and its new City Manager continue this very important community project with a shared understanding of its development and ongoing approach,” Interim City Manager Ellen Schroer said.

In 2019, the City purchased for \$8.975 million the Harrison Medical Center Building, located at 8804 Madison Avenue N., as the future location of the Police-Court facility. Based on studies performed in 2018, the approximate total cost for the project, including property purchase and renovations, is estimated to be \$20 million.

The City is seeking to build a new Police Station and Municipal Court because the current facilities are too small to deliver the current services. The current buildings are also inconveniently located, and the facilities make it difficult to provide high-quality services to the community. For example, the police station has only a small public waiting area that affords no privacy to visitors, electrical circuits that are inadequate to power technology and equipment, no generator for power outages, no secure parking area for moving prisoners from vehicles to building, not enough interview rooms and structural deficiencies. The court building is not owned by the City, is not located on a main bus line, lacks enough private areas for client-attorney meetings, has a small court space that puts victims and alleged perpetrators in close proximity, has no witness stand or jury box, has a staff bathroom that doubles as a hallway, lacks an adequate jury room and has thin walls that do not ensure privacy.

The City Council began discussing the City’s purchase price of the former medical center building last fall following a transition in the Council and City staff. Since that time, there has been significant community and Council conversation about the project, including review of many decisions made in previous years about location and budget.

Staff and consultants continue working to finalize the bid documents and building permit, so the project will be ready to proceed without further delay if the decision is made to continue as previously approved. “We believe that this will put the City in the best position for accountability and successful project delivery,” Schroer said.

LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/528



MEMORIAL HONORS FALLEN BAINBRIDGE POLICE OFFICER KURT ENGET

A memorial procession and service were held April 10 to honor the life and service of fallen Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) Officer Kurt Enget on the one-year anniversary of his death. Enget died from complications related to COVID-19.

Enget began his law enforcement career in 2004 as a reserve deputy with the Kitsap County Sheriff’s Office. He joined the Suquamish Police Department in 2005 where he served until joining BIPD in 2015. Enget was a certified K-9 handler with his partner, Whitney.

During his time with BIPD, Enget received numerous commendations and awards. Enget’s name will be added to both the State and National police memorials.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The City closed its test site at Town Square March 31 in response to the decrease in COVID-19 case rates, wider availability of COVID testing and decline in demand. The City will be able to offer testing on an as-needed basis if an outbreak occurs.

The City, in partnership with the University of Washington Medicine, Bainbridge Prepares and Rotary Club, started the drive-thru test site Nov. 4 to support public health goals and the reopening of schools and businesses in our community. The five-month operation administered a total of 2,415 tests and identified 21 positive cases. On average, the test site gave 63 tests per day. Travel was the top reason provided for why people sought tests; the second main reason was showing symptoms or having close contact with someone who tested positive.

With the closure of the testing site, emergency management staff and volunteers may now focus entirely on supporting vaccine distribution. The COVID Response Team (CRT)—the City, Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Bainbridge Prepares and Bainbridge Island Community Pharmacy—will continue to administer vaccinations at a high-throughput clinic at the Commodore Options School on weekends throughout May and into June, if necessary. Since December, CRT has administered more than 20,000 doses to residents of Kitsap and Jefferson counties and other areas.

When CRT receives shipments of first-dose vaccines, it will notify the community via Nixle alerts. Register for Nixle alerts by **texting 98110 to 888777** or sign up at **Nixle.com**. A list of Kitsap County COVID-19 test providers can be found at kcowa.us/covidtesting.



LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/COVID19

IT'S WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH: DO YOU 'KNOW YOUR ZONE'?

The pilot of a private plane flying over Bainbridge last September spotted smoke in the Fletcher Bay area and called 911. The Bainbridge Island Fire Department (BIFD) responded and told a couple of nearby families to prepare to evacuate their homes. A campfire that had not been fully extinguished on private property had broken out and spread due to the dry conditions. The BIFD, assisted by nearby agencies, spent about 20 hours working to contain the brush fire and get it fully extinguished. Luckily, no one was injured and there was no damage to any homes.

If a similar incident occurred in your neighborhood, would you know what to do? Do you “know your zone” and what the types of evacuation orders mean? This kind of awareness is an important part of our community’s wildfire response, and emergency management officials want you to be prepared.

“It is critical for residents and businesses on Bainbridge Island to know which zone they live or work in,” Emergency Management Coordinator Anne LeSage said. “This is how you’ll know if any announcements we make about where fires have occurred apply to you.”

LeSage worked with the BIFD and Bainbridge Island Police Department in 2019 to develop the **Know Your Zone** program as part of the wildfire response and evacuation plan. The Know Your Zone program divides Bainbridge Island into 12 evacuation zones based on general neighborhoods, main street boundaries and population.

During a wildfire on Bainbridge Island, **three types of evacuation orders** may be issued:

- » **Prepare to evacuate:** Get people, animals and emergency gear ready for evacuation.
- » **Voluntary evacuation:** The threat to lives is not yet imminent, but dangerous conditions exist or such circumstances may exist in the near future. It is “recommended” that people relocate to a safer location.
- » **Mandatory evacuation:** Leave immediately. There is an imminent threat to life and property. People and their pets in the mandatory evacuation order zone(s) should evacuate as soon as they receive the order.

These orders will be sent out through Nixle alerts, an emergency notification system. To register for Nixle alerts, **text 98110 to 888777** or visit the Nixle website at **Nixle.com**.

If a zone is to be evacuated, residents will be given instructions for evacuation routes away from the hazard. They may be ordered to report to a temporary reception center or, if off-island evacuation is needed, to head north on State Route 305 to the Agate Pass Bridge or south to the ferry terminal.

Traffic control points will be established as needed and assigned to law enforcement officers to maintain an orderly flow of traffic out of the affected area(s). Traffic control personnel may be supplemented with Public Works staff and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers specifically trained in traffic management procedures.

In anticipation of possible evacuation, BIFD wants families and communities to prepare evacuation plans that include predetermined meetup spots and a way to manage the evacuation of people with physical disabilities and pets and livestock. In addition, people should have “go bags” ready to grab when an evacuation order is issued.

“Waiting until the last possible moment or refusing to evacuate puts both you and our first responders in the greatest danger,” Deputy Fire Chief Jared Moravec said. “Be prepared, know your zone and leave early if recommended to do so.”

If you cannot evacuate and must shelter in place, the BIFD recommends you stay inside away from outside walls. Patrol regularly to extinguish spot fires inside and surrounding your home. Check your roof and attic for embers. Stay hydrated and make sure you can escape your home if you need to.



LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/1163

CONSUMER FIREWORKS BANNED ON BAINBRIDGE

Please be aware that consumer fireworks are not allowed on Bainbridge Island. The City Council in 2019 approved a ban on the sale and use of consumer fireworks (e.g., Roman candles, mine and shell devices, aerial shell kits and cone fountains) following concerns related to wildfire risk, noise, safety and environmental impacts. Ordinance 2019-21 became effective Oct. 11, 2020.

The ban does not include any changes for display fireworks (which require a permit), special effects and trick or novelty devices (toy caps, toy smoke devices, party poppers, snappers, snakes, glow worms).



The City Council aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Bainbridge Island by 90% in the next 25 years. The Climate Action Plan, approved by City Council in November 2020, outlines how we can reach this goal. Going forward, we plan to share ways in COBI Connects that you can help us reach this goal.

FOCUS ON CLIMATE



WILDFIRES

Submitted by Climate Change Advisory Committee



Over the past several summers, the air quality in the Pacific Northwest from wildfire smoke has been ranked among the most hazardous in the world. The cause of the increased wildfires and the associated smoke is a mix of several factors, including forest management practices and climate change.

The patterns of climate change—warmer spring and summer temperatures, reduced summer precipitation, increased evaporation and increasing prevalence of pests and diseases—are projected to increase the frequency and extent of fires compared to the 20th century in the Pacific Northwest.

We need to start evaluating the issues related to increased wildfire risk and forest health and take action now. The recently approved Bainbridge Island Climate Action Plan describes several actions we need to consider, including the following:

- » Identify infrastructure and utilities that are located in or near wildfire risk areas and protect or alter them to reduce risk.
- » Work with City Arborist Nick Snyder and partnering community groups to create a preferred list of tree and plant species favored by climate change projections for use in City planning and restoration efforts.
- » Evaluate and identify opportunities to improve forest health, including problems associated with stand densities (the amount of trees per acre), disease and wildfire risk.
- » Ensure equitable access to community hubs for emergency food/water/filtered air during poor air quality due to wildfires.

In addition to developing response plans for smokier summers caused by regional wildfires, we need to take action on Bainbridge to ensure we are prepared for wildfires.

The 2021 annual Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference focused on this issue at the meeting in March, “The Future of our Forests—Bainbridge Island and the Climate Crisis.” If you missed it, IslandWood will make recordings available.

LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/198

PROPERTIES ADDED TO LOCAL HISTORIC REGISTER

A home along Sunrise Drive, best known for its stone mosaic entrance arch and stone columns, has been added to the island’s Historic Register. Myra and Tom Hudson purchased the home in 2018.

The property, known as *The Laurels*, got its name from the 400-foot laurel hedge planted along the eastern and southern boundaries of the property by Elias Nelson, who built the home around 1913 and was the chef at the nearby Moran School. “Our home is a beautiful piece of Bainbridge Island history and we feel lucky to be its stewards,” Myra said. “We are constantly aware of the stories of the Island residents who have lived in our house. It is a home filled with warmth and coziness and has sheltered quite a legacy.”

The Laurels’ historic legacy also includes ownership by Bainbridge Island High School shop teacher David Morley who, with his family, made *The Laurels* home starting in 1929. After World War II, Morley initiated a federally funded carpentry curriculum. Using only hand tools, his students subsequently built—between 1947 and 1951—the former massive timber-framed Bainbridge High School Memorial Grandstand to honor the 16 islanders who died in the war.



The Laurels, added to the Historic Register in 2020, is located in the Rolling Bay neighborhood.

The Laurels is one of three properties the City’s Historic Preservation Commission recently added to the register, which now includes 39 properties. Also added in January were properties in Fort Ward (barracks and stables) and the Moran School (caretaker house, Day Hall and the East Lawn), located on a bluff southeast of Rolling Bay. The Moran School property is now known as the Messenger House.

“Historic preservation is an important way for us to communicate our understanding of the past to future generations. It makes us who we are,” said Terri Bumgardner who serves as the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. The commission advocates for the preservation of historically significant buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts and reviews local Historic Register nominations.

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A GUIDE TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

This general overview of a Council meeting and agenda is intended to help you better understand your local government. Council meetings occur on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. and the Council does not generally meet on a fifth Tuesday of the month.

Much of this information is provided in the City's Governance Manual, a legislative document that serves as a guide for the conduct of legislative/executive operations on behalf of the community.

Meeting types

Business meeting: Held second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Primary purpose is to vote on City business, generally in the form of motions, resolutions or ordinances. Chaired by Mayor.

Study session: Held first and third Tuesdays of the month. More informal than business meeting. Purpose is to study, deliberate on or review emerging issues for potential future action. Final votes are not taken at a study session but there are often procedural votes. Does not include a public comment period. Chaired by Deputy Mayor.

Public comment: During business meeting, any member of public may address full Council on any public issue, whether or not it's on agenda. Unless Council determines otherwise, public comment period is not for responses from Council or administration.

Future Council agendas: Any council member may request the addition of an item to a future agenda. If there is general Council support or majority vote of Council to proceed, then item will be added to upcoming meeting agenda. If there is not support by majority of Council, then item will be placed under Future Council agendas for 10-minute discussion on whether to schedule the item.

Public hearing: A formal opportunity to share your views with the Council on the subject of the hearing. The hearing may be required by Washington state statute or City ordinance.

City Council discussion: Extra time for consideration of some items.

For the good of the order: Time set aside for members to offer comments/observations (without formal motions) about Council's work or for items of general interest to community.

Adjournment: Conclusion of meeting.



Chair announces **call to order** and **roll call** is taken to ensure a quorum (4 or more) is present.



Executive session: Portion of a public meeting that is closed to the public. The Council may only discuss certain items of business, including real estate, personnel matters or City enforcement actions or litigation or potential litigation.

Council members shall not disclose confidential information learned or confidential documents provided during an executive session unless confidentiality waived by full Council.



Agenda is approved to keep meeting on track. Council members must **disclose if they have a conflict of interest** on an agenda item that precludes them from participation on that item.



City Manager's Report: Opportunity for City Manager to report on any upcoming events or news.



Consent agenda: Includes items to be adopted all at once, including items previously discussed by Council or that are in approved budget and are so routine or technical that passage without discussion is likely.



Presentations: Enhance public's understanding of complex issues or new topics and proclamations.



Unfinished business: Includes any item that was pending when a previous meeting adjourned.



New business: Includes new items presented to Council for discussion and consideration of next steps.



Committee reports: Provided by Council members. Include updates on work of advisory groups/boards.

Guiding principles, derived from Comprehensive Plan, are listed on bottom of each agenda. Describe our values guiding growth, development and conservation of resources in community.

Types of Council actions

A **proclamation** recognizes a day, week or month for a specific issue or occasion. The goal of a proclamation is to honor, celebrate or create awareness of an event or significant issue.

An enacted **ordinance** is a local law (legislative act) prescribing general rules of conduct. Ordinances are codified in the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code.

An adopted **resolution** is an administrative act that is less formal than an ordinance but is a statement of legislative policy or direction concerning matters of special or temporary character. A resolution may have the force of law (e.g., a resolution setting permit fees).

A **motion** is a formal proposal by the Council for taking actions.

Stay informed

To receive a notice when the City Council agenda is published, sign up at bainbridgewa.gov/1101.

Ways to watch Council meetings:

- » **Zoom**
- » **City website livestream** (visit the Agendas & Minutes page, and click on "In Progress" when the meeting starts)
- » **BKAT** (Channel 12 on Comcast & Channel 3 on WAVE)



Christine Brown was appointed City Clerk in 2017. She was hired by the City in 2006 as a Paralegal and then became Deputy City Clerk/Paralegal in 2010 and Public Records Officer/Paralegal in 2013. Prior to being hired by the City, she worked for two Seattle law firms for 14 years in aircraft finance. Her family moved to the island in 1999 from Seattle, and she raised her two sons here. Brown is a volunteer with the Bainbridge Island Emergency Medical Responders (BIEMR). Pre-pandemic, she was a daily bike commuter and could easily be spotted on her route, wearing neon-pink shoes and jacket.

The City Clerk supports the City Council legislative process, ensures compliance with public access to records in accordance with the Public Records Act and coordinates the City's record management program.

JOB DUTIES

- » Prepares and coordinates the development of the Council agenda materials and meeting minutes.
- » Provides for legal notices.
- » Coordinates and responds to public records requests.
- » Trains new employees on the Public Records Act and updates policies.
- » Provides the Oath of Office.

Q&A WITH THE CITY CLERK

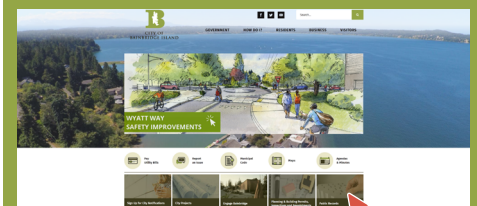
What types of public records requests does the City typically receive? The City receives a significant number of public records requests annually, directed toward every City department. The most frequent requests are for collision reports and permit files. The most complicated requests are for all records (including emails and text messages) on a particular topic.

How many record requests per year does the City get? In 2020, the City received 909 public records requests, down from a high of 1,042 in 2019. We received more than 1,000 requests in both 2017 and 2018.

How long does it take for a response? We respond to the simplest requests within five business days but often sooner, even on the date of the request. For all other requests, the City provides a written response within five business days with a reasonable estimate of the time necessary to make the records available. The most complex requests involve thousands of records and often require review by the City Attorney. We have had requests with search results that exceeded 200,000 records. These requests require a year or more to complete, and we respond in installments, supplying a portion of the responsive records each month.

What improvements have been made to access public records? In 2016, we implemented the online public records portal through NextRequest. People can now submit a request online and receive electronic records online as well. Requests are generally published online with the exception of requests for police records, personnel records or records that contain material that affects an individual's right to privacy. We also designed a page on our website that gathers links to various types of public records in one place at bainbridgewa.gov/163.

SUBMIT A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST



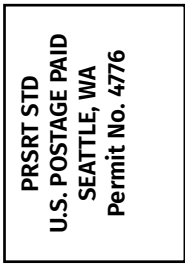
Go to bainbridgewa.gov and click on "Public Records." On the Public Records page, click on "Submit a Public Records Request."

What improvements have been made to increase access to Council meetings? In 2018, we moved to a new agenda management platform that allows users to navigate easily through the Council meeting recordings and watch the portions that most interest them. In addition, the video, agenda materials and meeting minutes are all in one place (accessed by selecting the video option). The Zoom platform we have used since April 2020 for remote meetings recently upgraded its system to allow for live closed captions. We are also working to upgrade our equipment in the Council Chamber to provide for closed captioning on our recordings once we return to in-person meetings.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job? Remembering to turn off the building alarm when meetings in the Council Chamber go long. The consequences of forgetting this step are fairly dramatic!

Anything else to share? I enjoy working with City Council and the City team. As Public Records Officer, I have the opportunity to learn about a broad range of City topics, and no two days are ever the same. Providing information and records to the public is satisfying work, and I look forward to finding additional ways to share information.

LEARN MORE: bainbridgewa.gov/1281



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Historic Register continued from page 5

Each applicant seeking to add a property to the local Historic Register details the historical significance of the property in their application to the City. This includes photographs and a physical description of the property. If a property is designated historic, then property owners may benefit from a 10-year special property tax freeze, discounts on rehabilitation projects from local merchants and possible property value increases. Historic Register property owners must request permission from the Historical Commission before any renovations or demolition.

The Hudsons recently completed a restoration of the home that maintained many of its original architectural features including divided light windows with wavy glass panes, hand-carved doors and a massive clinker-brick fireplace. In the remodel, the Hudsons replaced the rotting exterior shingles with replica mismatched shingling in the same asymmetrical pattern and preserved the original chimney and fireplace. They even replaced the light switches with replicas of the push-button style commonly used in 1913.

For the Hudsons, the work has been worthwhile. Myra said, "Historic preservation is vital to our community and we encourage others to pursue efforts to recognize and learn island history."

To be eligible for inclusion on the local Historic Register, a property must contribute to the island's special character, meet one of the 12 eligibility criteria for the register (see link), retain the original architectural integrity without any major exterior alterations or additions, significantly contribute to the neighborhood's character and be visually accessible to the public. To nominate a building, structure, site or object for listing on the local Historic Register, visit bainbridgewa.gov/233.



The Moran School's Day Hall, built in 1917 and now known as Messenger House, is located on a bluff southeast of Rolling Bay.

SAVE THE DATE



First day to file a declaration of candidacy



PSE Franchise Agreement online open house, 4 to 5:30 p.m.



Planning & Community Development closed for process improvement day



"Tree talk" with Arborist Nick Snyder on the new tree and vegetation updates; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Zoom



Last day to file a declaration of candidacy



City offices closed for Memorial Day

Meetings and times are subject to change. All meetings held on Zoom until further notice.

8 CALENDAR: bainbridgewa.gov/calendar

ENGAGE BAINBRIDGE

Shoreline Review Update: Staff was scheduled May 4 to provide an update to the Council on progress made on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review to date and to provide clarification on the desired scope of work and the approach to the review process. The City may choose to broaden or continue a narrow scope of work to address updates and clarifying edits, and will choose to continue to update policy areas such as aquaculture regulations and sea level rise or potentially address these in a subsequent amendment.

Periodic reviews are required by state law every eight years to ensure consistency with state regulations and City codes.

Visit the **Engage Bainbridge** page at bainbridgewa.gov/184 for the latest updates on the SMP periodic review and opportunities to provide input.