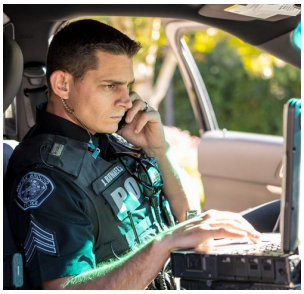
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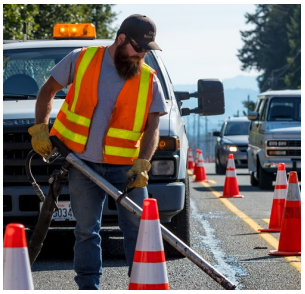
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Message from the City Manager
By Erin Erdman



I want to take this opportunity to update you on our annexation discussions with Clark County Fire District 3. By way of reminder, Battle Ground has been discussing annexation with the Fire District for almost a year as a way to protect emergency service levels and quality of the emergency services City residents receive.

Our City Council continues to discuss this issue and will be holding public hearings on the matter on October 7 and October 21, 2019. We encourage you to participate to learn more and ask questions. Both our City Council and the Board of Fire Commissioners have to agree to place the measure on the ballot. If they do, voters in both the City and Fire District would have to approve it during an election for the annexation to take effect.

Battle Ground is the only city in the area to contract for fire and emergency medical services. This means you pay the City through its general property tax levy and the City writes a check to the Fire District. The current contract costs $1.35 of the City's $1.37 per $1,000 general property tax levy. That leaves 2-cents for other City services on which you rely, such as police, streets, parks, and community programs.

The fire/EMS service contract will exceed the City's property tax collection revenues by 2021. If annexation is not approved, cuts would need to be made to both fire and city services to maintain a balanced budget, which is required by law. The City Council has done the responsible thing and identified a list of cuts, which you can find at www.cityofbg.org/AnnexationImpacts.

Fire Annexation
PUBLIC HEARINGS
Monday, October 7
Monday, October 21
7:00 PM
Battle Ground City Hall

Annexation also could mean improvements to fire/EMS and city services if it moves forward. On the fire-side, annexation protects service levels and the quality of emergency services we receive. It also provides revenue for capital improvements to facilities and apparatus which the City cannot afford.

On the city-side, additional revenue would be invested in police services, street maintenance and preservation projects, sidewalks, parks maintenance and planning, and public programs that strengthen our community. For example, our police department needs additional officers to investigate crimes and our community wants stronger traffic enforcement and patrols.

Under annexation, City property owners would pay the same amount for fire service as Fire District 3 taxpayers. This is projected to be $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed property value under annexation. The City Council has passed a resolution to lower its utility tax for water, sewer and stormwater drainage if annexation happens. This would offset the cost of the fire levy for City property owners and renters by almost one third. City residents also would be able to vote on fire district issues such as commissioners, levies, and bonds, which they currently can't do.

More information can be found on our web site, but we hope you will join us at one of the upcoming meetings to learn more about this important issue. If you are unable to attend a meeting, feel free to contact me personally at 360-342-5005 or erin.erdman@cityofbg.org. Fire Chief Scott Sorenson also is available at 360-892-2331 or scott@fire3.org. Thank you for listening.

Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26

Dispose of medications easily, safely and free of charge

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.



If you have expired or unused medications, dispose of them on October 26 between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm at the Battle Ground Police Station located at 507 SW 1st Street. It's easy and safe!

The Battle Ground Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe and accepts pill and liquid-form prescription medications for safe disposal year-round at the police station during regular counter hours, Monday-Friday, 10am to 5pm.

Battle Ground's Drug Take Back Day is made possible by a partnership with Prevent Together: Battle Ground Prevention Alliance and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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Making the switch to e-billing is easy and convenient



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Battle Ground Community Center



Caring. Connecting. Community.

Oct 25	Family Movie Night	**Nov 22**	Family Movie Night
Oct 31	Halloween Fright Night	**Dec 6**	Holiday Tree Lighting
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony	**Dec 27**	Family Movie Night

Visit and subscribe to the City of Battle Ground Parks & Recreation Events Calendar at cityofbg.org/EventsCalendar to learn more about events and activities.

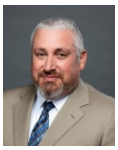
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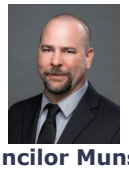
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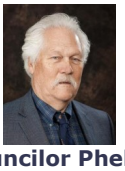
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