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# Battle Ground
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## Budget Planning: Focusing on Today & Tomorrow

City Manager Erin Erdman



On October 19th, I will submit the city's 2022 Preliminary (proposed) Budget to the City Council. It is one of several steps in the budget process culminating with City Council's formal approval of a balanced budget in December.

The budget is developed annually, but the budget process is ongoing. In January, I worked with department heads, who are responsible for providing city services, to conduct succession planning and perform a 5-year comprehensive needs assessment. This strategic planning process ensures that we are allocating resources carefully, with a focus on efficient operations and long-term sustainability. A single-year's budget can impact future years' service levels; it's our job to make sure those impacts are positive.

Throughout the year, we closely monitor expenditures, economic indicators and pending legislation. The economy, as well as state and federal regulations, can appreciably impact the budget. At the City of Battle Ground, we maintain a conservative approach when forecasting revenues and expenditures to mitigate potential impacts to the services we provide.

City Council goals and priorities determine where available resources are allocated within the budget. The council has adopted priorities (Guiding Principles) based on community input and values.

**City Council Priorities**

- Public Safety
- Livability
- Beautification
- Efficiencies
- Economic Development & Tourism
- Managed Growth
- Strategic Planning/Partnerships
- Community Vision/Strategic Action Plan

The council has been reviewing and discussing the 2022 budget in publicly held study sessions since July. Over the next several weeks they will review the cumulative 2022 forecasted revenues and proposed expenditures within the City's 2022 Preliminary Budget during their publicly held general meetings. You may participate by listening in and by contributing to the dialogue at three public hearings scheduled for November 1, 15, and December 6.

I encourage you to visit our online Guide to the Budget Process for more information and updates. You may also contact me by email or at 360-342-5005 with questions anytime.

Thank you!

## Planning for Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces

**What are your priorities for park amenities, trails and recreation programming?**

The City is beginning a community-led process to update its citywide Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. We need your help to determine how to prioritize projects and what we should focus on to keep our parks and programs thriving. As an initial step, we are conducting a short survey to assess the community's recreation needs.

Your input is important! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and tell us about the park amenities, trail networks, and recreation programs that are important to you. Thank you!

Visit Planning for Parks for more information and updates about Parks, Recreation and Open Space planning,



Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan Survey




## Honoring Military Service

**Bricks & Banners Program**

Our community has a long-standing tradition of honoring those who serve. The Battle Ground Veterans Memorial, located in Kiwanis Park, honors 31 local men who died in service to our country and recognizes all who serve in the U.S. military. The memorial, formally dedicated on Veterans Day of 2015, was fully funded and constructed by community donations.

The Bricks & Banners program provides two distinct opportunities for community members to recognize individuals who serve our country.




**Commemorative Bricks** may be purchased for placement at the Battle Ground Veterans Memorial.

**Military Banners** may be purchased for display along Battle Ground's Main Street.

Visit our Honoring Military Service page for more information about the Battle Ground Veterans Memorial and for details on how to purchase a Commemorative Brick or Military Banner.

## Battle Ground Community Center

**A place to connect and celebrate with family and friends**

Are you hosting a holiday or family event and looking for the perfect venue? The Battle Ground Community Center may be just what you are looking for!



The contemporary northwest lodge style facility features beautiful stonework, fireplaces, and vaulted ceilings. The spacious Lewis River Reception Hall, with floor-to-ceiling-glass doors, opens to an outdoor garden patio, making it an ideal space for weddings, receptions, banquets, and more.

An onsite commercial kitchen is perfectly situated for catering your event.

Our helpful and friendly staff is happy to give you a tour. Contact us at 360-342-5380, by email at parksandrec@cityofbg.org, or visit the Battle Ground Community Center online for more information.

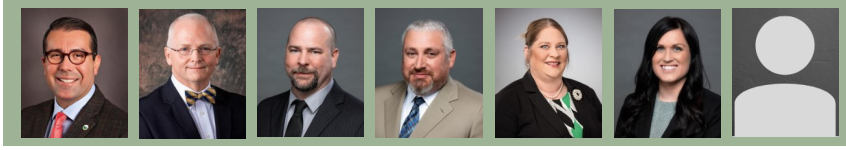
## Upcoming Events & Activities

**Great things are happening in the City of BG!**

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| **Oct 8** | Friday Craft Night at the BG Community Center:<br>Double-Sided Pumpkin Snowman |
| **Oct 23** | Drug Take Back Day at Battle Ground PD:<br>Safe disposal of expired or unwanted medications |
| **Oct 29** | Halloween Fright Night @ the BG Community Center!<br>Free, family friendly event full of fun, games, and prizes! |
| **Nov 4-5** | Bloodworks NW Blood Drive at the BG Community Center |
| **Nov 5** | Friday Craft Night at the BG Community Center:<br>Holiday Kissing Ball |
| **Nov 11** | Veterans Day - Honoring Military Service |
| **Nov 18** | Kids Craft Day at the BG Community Center |
| **Dec 3** | Holiday Tree Lighting |
| **Dec 20-23** | YMCA Winter Day Camp at the BG Community Center |

For detailed information visit our City Calendar

## Meet your Battle Ground City Council



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