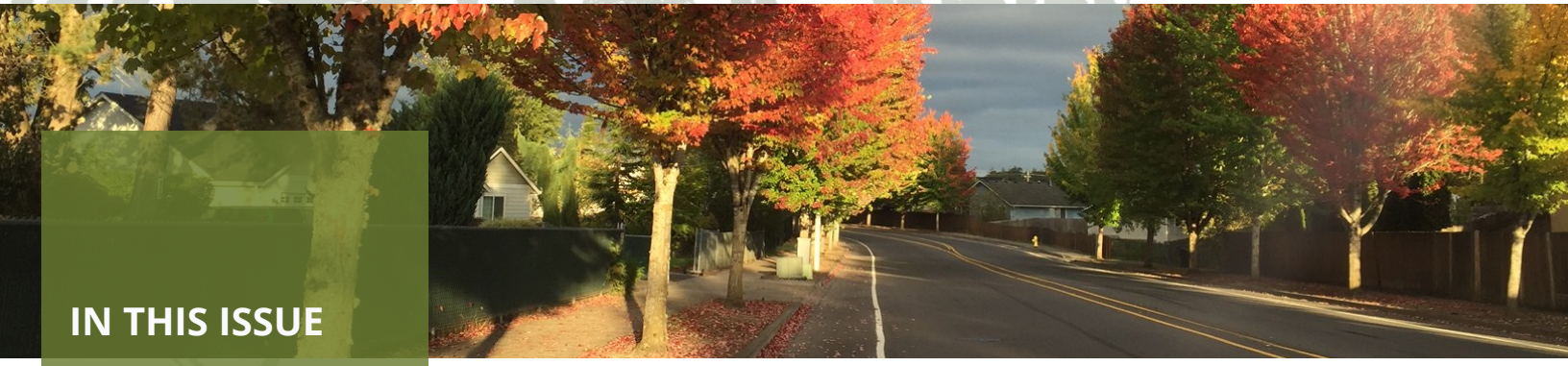
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Pagaduan on Patrol: BGPD Traffic Unit



Many of you may know him as the "officer with the sunglasses", but we want to introduce you to the officer behind the glasses, Chris Pagaduan.

Officer Pagaduan, hired in 2017, quickly made a name for himself as an engaging and outgoing person with a passion and drive for police work. These were just a few reasons he was named Officer of the Year in 2021.

In August 2021, Officer Pagaduan was appointed as the department's Traffic Officer, a position that was made possible with the passage of the Fire District 3 Annexation. Some of the funds once allocated to the fire service contract were used to convert an existing fleet vehicle into a patrol car, purchase necessary equipment, and send Officer Pagaduan to advanced level training. Our new Traffic Unit was in business!

The 3 E's of Traffic—Engineering/ Education/ Enforcement

Engineering: The first step towards safe driving is engineering safe streets. Our Engineering and Police Departments, guided by the transportation design standards, work continuously to assess the needs of our transportation system. Traffic accident data is collected by our officers, and shared with our engineers to determine if any improvements are needed to reduce the likelihood of future accidents. Improvements may be as basic as new traffic control signage or as complex as a major redesign project.

Education: As the rules of the road continue to evolve, so too must our awareness and understanding of traffic laws. Education is key to ensuring drivers are equipped with the knowledge necessary to keep themselves, and those they share the road with, safe. Our traffic unit is committed to educate first and enforce second, whenever possible.

Enforcement is a necessary tool to curb risky driving behaviors. Officer Pagaduan shared, "It's not about the number of traffic tickets, it's about safety," he said, "the goal is for people to get where they are going safely."

According to the US Department of Transportation motor vehicle accidents are a leading cause of death, nationwide. Impaired driving, distracted driving, speed, and even 'daydreaming' have been attributed as top causes of accidents. The Battle Ground Police Department partners with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to increase awareness and to provide focused traffic emphasis geared towards targeting risky driving behaviors. Prevention



For more Information about the Battle Ground Police Department please visit our website at:
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Investing in Our Streets:
2022 Street Preservation Program

One of the largest assets we have as a City is our transportation system. Roads help connect us to businesses, education and other services, and our homes. I guess you can say that roads are what connect us as a community. When you think of roads in these terms, they take on special significance and reinforces the desire to care for an preserve this asset.

If you follow us on social media, or simply drive around town, you are aware of all the street work that has occurred in our City over the last several months. Approximately $1.1 million was invested this year to improve pavement conditions on various streets throughout the City. Here are some highlights from this year's street preservation program:

Mill & Fill Projects
The largest undertaking of this year's street preservation program was the mill & fill projects completed on:

- W. Main Street *(between NW 10th Ave/ Parkway)*
- E. Main Street *(Between NE 16th Ave/ SE 20th Ave)*
- NW 13th Avenue

The contractor, working primarily during evening hours, removed the existing surface layer of these street and replaced it with a new layer of asphalt. It took the contractor less than a week to complete this phase of the mill & fill project, without full road closures! Additional work including manhole replacements and striping have also been completed.

Additional work including replacing the traffic control detection devices at Main/5th Ave. as well as Main/ Parkway, upgrades to the pedestrian ramps to current ADA standards, as well as pedestrian signage are still to come.

Pothole Repairs
Nine streets/intersections, across each of our city's quadrants, were on this year's pothole repair project list. Crews dug out damaged areas before filling and sealing the areas with asphalt. This process helps preserve the road until funding for long term repairs can be completed.

Slurry Sealing
Slurry seal is cost-effective method of resurfacing smaller neighborhood streets. This quarter inch layer of water, asphalt emulsion, and coarse sand is applied to streets that are in fair or good condition, as a preventative maintenance measure. This method of preservation protects streets so more expensive repairs can be avoided. In late September 2022, several neighborhood streets in the SE section of the City were slurry sealed.

We are grateful to our residents, and everyone that use our roads, for their patience as we work hard to preserve these vital public assets.



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Deputy City Manager

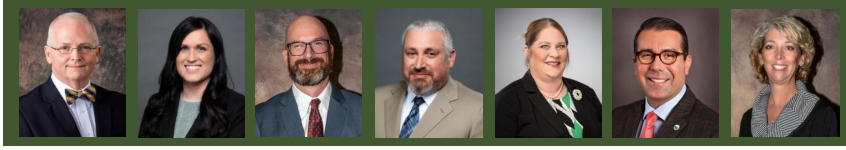
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Customer Service Representative

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