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SHELTON MASON COUNTY



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2022 State of the Community



City of Shelton

Shelton Civic Center

525 West Cota Street

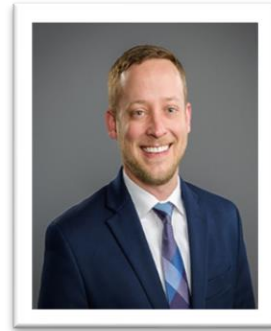
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Shelton City Council



Mayor Eric Onisko
Term Expires: 12/31/2025



Deputy Mayor Joe Schmit
Term Expires: 12/31/2025



Councilmember James Boad
Term Expires: 12/31/2023



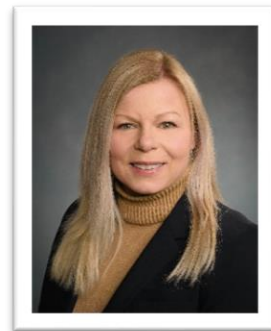
Councilmember Miguel Gutierrez
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Councilmember Kathy McDowell
Term Expires: 12/31/2023



Councilmember Deidre Peterson
Term Expires: 12/31/2023



Councilmember Sharon Schirman
Term Expires: 12/31/2025

ARPA and Other Federal Dollars

- City has received \$2.97 million in **American Rescue Plan Act** (ARPA) funding that will be used for Western Gateway project, ongoing AMI meter project, new Police body and dash cameras, and utility assistance
- Other funding we've received from grants and legislative appropriations is being budgeted for:
 - Safe Routes to School projects
 - New reclaimed water tank
 - Replacing pipe from Well 1 to the High School Water Tank

New Department Directors



Mike Githens
Finance Director



Jae Hill
Community and Economic
Development Director

EnerGov – Online Permitting

- We've officially transitioned to **EnerGov**, an online permitting platform, for City permits
- **273** permits/plans/inspections have been submitted/scheduled through EnerGov so far
- Guides users step-by-step through the application process
- What can users do with the new permit portal?
 - Manage multiple applications in one place
 - Apply and manage submittals
 - Schedule, view and cancel inspections
 - Submit required documents, view and print approved permits, plans, and other documents
 - Make online payments associated with a submittal

Parks and Recreation



Photo: Mason Conservation District

Launch of the **Callanan Park Community Garden**, in partnership with Mason Conservation District and HOPE Garden Project



Return of Shelton Arts Commission's **Empty Bowls**, which raised **\$2,044** for The Saints Pantry Food Bank



Held the inaugural five **Movies in the Park** events at Kneeland Park

Notable Projects



Western Gateway project begins on West Railroad Avenue from Pacific Court through 8th Street



Shelton Veterans Village groundbreaking



Civic Center parking lot project begins

Western Gateway



- Our **Western Gateway** project officially began construction on **August 9**
- Major project for us on West Railroad Avenue between 8th Street and Pacific Court
 - New pavement
 - Storm drain improvements
 - New water main and water services
 - New curb, gutter, and sidewalks
 - New bus pullout with bus shelter
- Total project budget is \$2.6 million, funded in part by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Ongoing weekly project updates posted on the City's Open Town Hall page

Public Works

Wastewater Treatment Plant



- Our hardworking staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant won the **2021 “Outstanding Plant of the Year”** award from the Department of Ecology
- Second year in a row they have won this award!

WCC Reclaimed Water Project



- In May, we joined with representatives from Squaxin Island Tribe and Washington Corrections Center to celebrate a new reclaimed water project
- Will enhance flow from Goldsborough Creek and reduce prison usage of the local aquifer by **55,000** gallons a day – **21 million** gallons a year!

Photo: Washington Corrections Center

Public Works

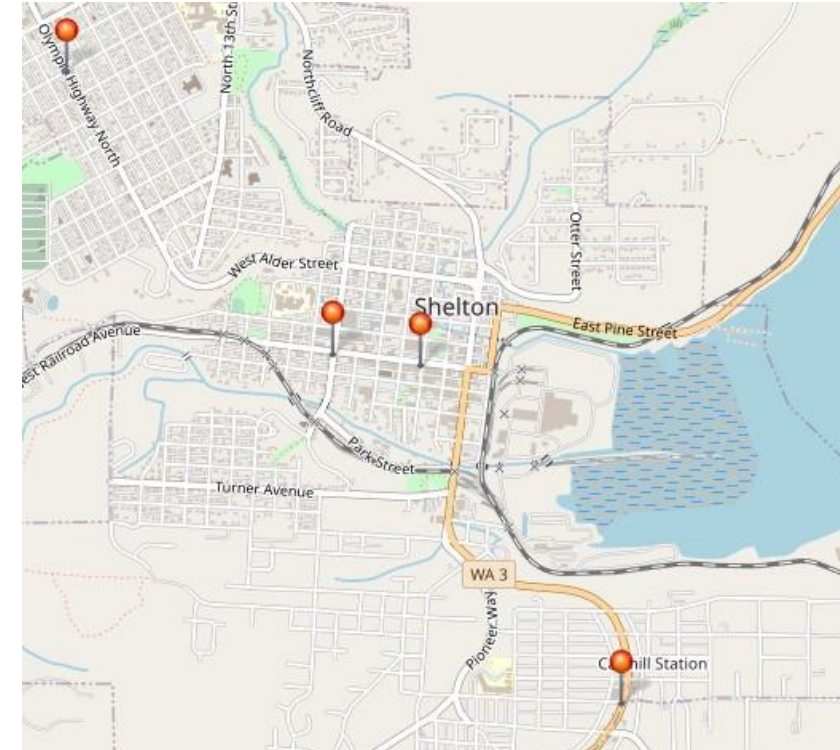
Stormwater



- Achieved compliance with our **NPDES Phase II** permit
- City Council authorized a one year, 20% discount on the stormwater fee for businesses
- Published the **Small Project Stormwater Management Guide** to help small-scale developments navigate the Department of Ecology's 2019 Stormwater Management Manual

Public Works

- We put together our first **Local Road Safety Plan** this year
- Generated \$1.1 million from WSDOT to improve the safety of our streets
- Proposed improvements include flashing beacons, street lighting, crosswalk markings, signing, protected left-turn phasing, etc.
- Locations:
 - **Olympic Highway North and I Street**
 - **Olympic Highway South and Bellevue Avenue**
 - **West Railroad Avenue and 3rd Street**
 - **West Railroad Avenue and 7th Street**



EMS Levy Renewal

- Approved by voters on the August 2 ballot
- Renewed our EMS levy at the rate of 50 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation
- Number of EMS calls within Shelton have steadily increased over the past 3 years
- Thankful for our continued partnership with Central Mason Fire & EMS



Fire & EMS

Statistics

	<u>As of July 31, 2022</u>
Fires	42
Overpressure ruptures, explosion, overheat (no fire)	1
Rescue and emergency medical service	1,318
Hazardous conditions	18
Service call	195
Good intent call	163
False alarm and false call	118
Severe weather	0
Special incident	0
TOTAL	1,855



These statistics are for the City of Shelton service area only. For complete information about Central Mason's service area, visit www.cmfe.org.

Therapeutic Court

- Municipal Court, under Judge Greer's leadership, applied for and received a **\$199,000** grant from the state **Administrative Office of the Courts**
- Participants must be at least 18 years old, have a substance use disorder/mental health needs, be charged with an eligible or gross misdemeanor, and be able to receive services in Mason County
- Participants meet weekly with the Therapeutic Court team for a minimum of 9-12 months
- Therapeutic Court is currently held in 5 languages

Police

2022 Highlights

- Officers Justin Whitley and Mike Gettle joined SPD this year, as well as Code Enforcement Officer Alexis McHargue. They are great additions to our team!
- We had several promotions in our department this year:
 - Sergeant Jason Lawson
 - Sergeant Michael DeRoche
 - Detective Sergeant Dan Patton
 - Detective Gary Portillo
- We hosted a Coffee With a Cop event at Urraco Coffee, our first since 2018



Homelessness



- **Homelessness Task Force** – convened by the City in June, this group is comprised of local community members, business owners, service providers, law enforcement, public health officials, and elected officials
 - Videos of their meetings are available on the City’s YouTube channel
- Task Force was charged with developing 6-8 recommendations focused on short, medium, and long-terms which were presented to the community at our **Spotlight Shelton** event on October 11

Police

Statistics

	<u>As of October 4, 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Calls for Service	9,304	11,064
Case Reports Generated	1,308	1,520
911 Calls for Police	189	275
Reports to Detectives	191	224
Arrest Reports	433	504
Calls per Day	33	30

“We had a young individual who found himself with nowhere to go after the tragic loss of his mother. He came to Community Lifeline seeking shelter and to be connected with services...When Sergeant Lawson from Shelton PD heard that he was in need of shoes, without hesitation, he came to the rescue.”

*To say that this very kind and generous act made this young person’s day is an understatement. **We are very appreciative and grateful for the partnership and support that we receive from SPD.**”*

2023 Projects

We have several projects coming up in 2023, including:

- Olympic Highway North pavement project
- Wallace Kneeland Boulevard pavement overlay
- Railroad track crossing removal
- Pipe replacement, Well 1 to the High School Tank
- Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) project
- Three Local Road Safety Plan crosswalk/sidewalk projects
- Front Street paving
- Northcliff neighborhood park improvements

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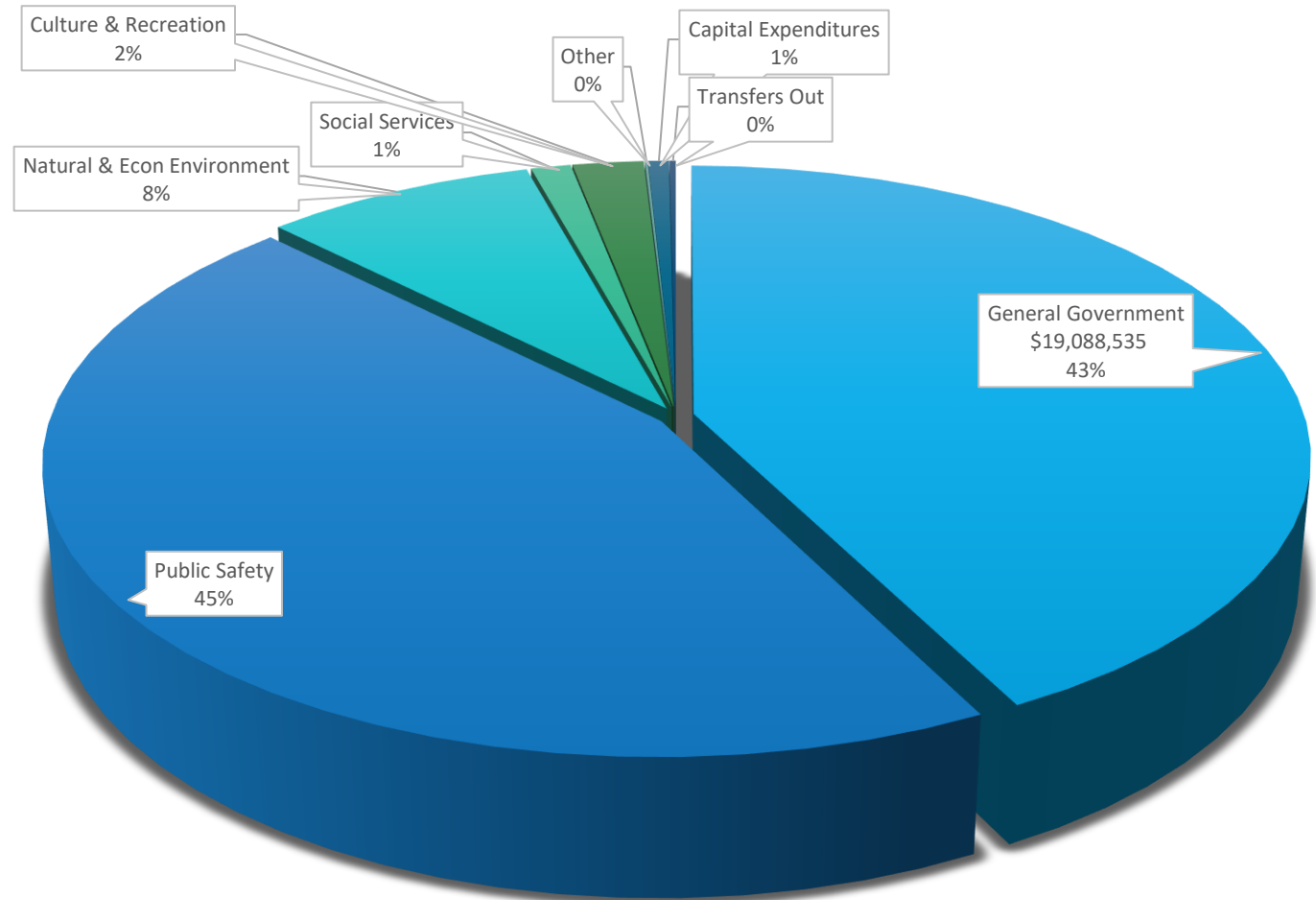
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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONER KEVIN SHUTTY

Mason County at a glance

- Strong financial position heading into FY 23
- No County property tax increase in FYs2020, 2021
- Priority remains funding mandated services, law and justice, investing in staff retention and training
- Negotiate and settle CBAs with represented employees (13 total bargaining units). Non-represented staff salary study
- Investing in IT to protect sensitive information, ensure continuity of government, and improve customer experience

2023 General Fund Expenditures (proposed)



New Faces in County Administration

MARK NEARY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



MARY RANSIER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR



American Rescue Plan

- Support public health response to COVID
- Premium pay for essential workers
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Water, sewer, broadband infrastructure
- County received ~\$13M
- Photo credits: PUD 1 and 3



T-RAP

Treasury Rent (and Utility) Assistance program

FUNDS AVAILABLE!

Customers must meet all three eligibility requirements:



Be a tenant that is past due on rent and/or utilities

AND



Increased expenses or economic hardship due to COVID-19 pandemic

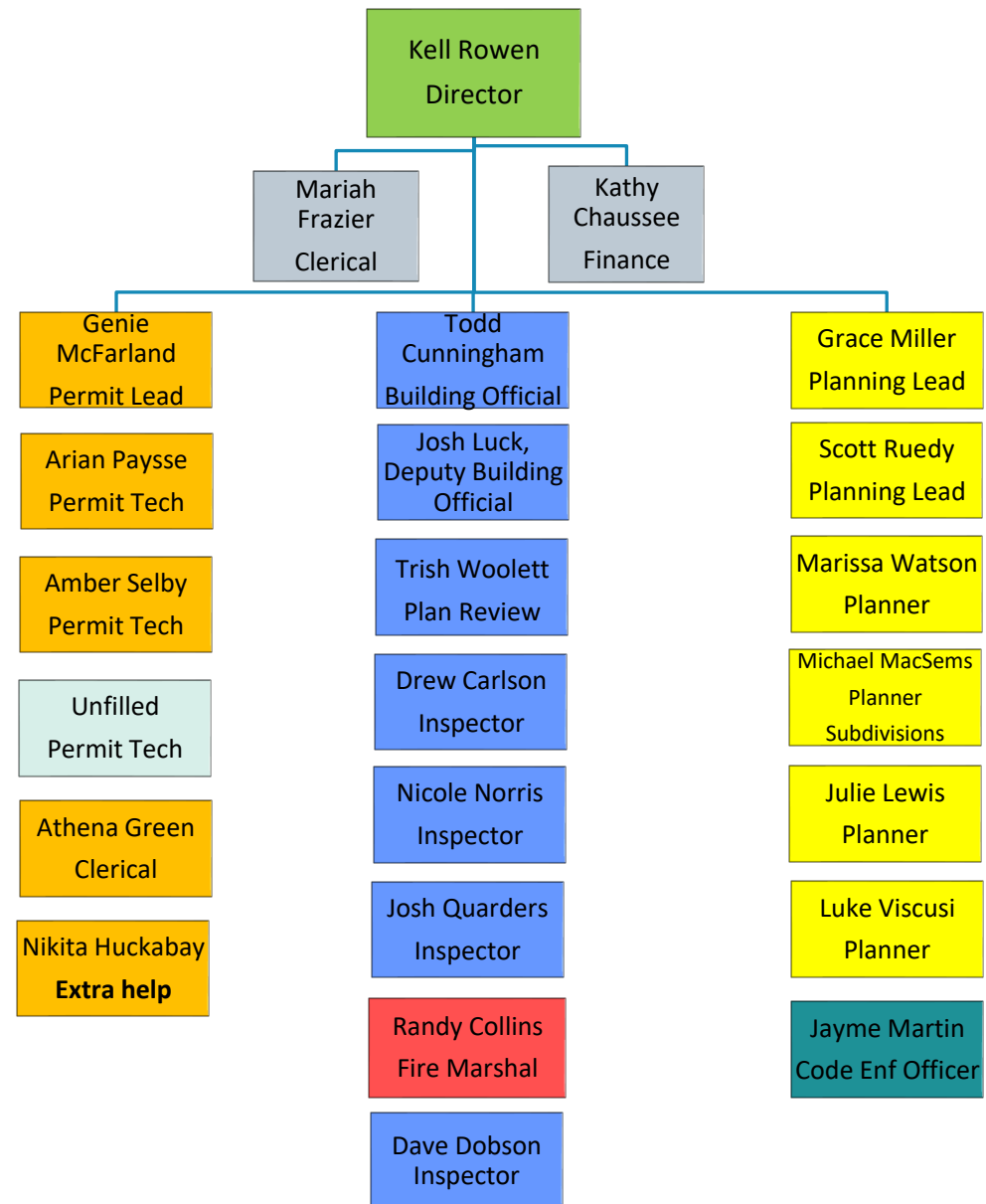
AND



Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)

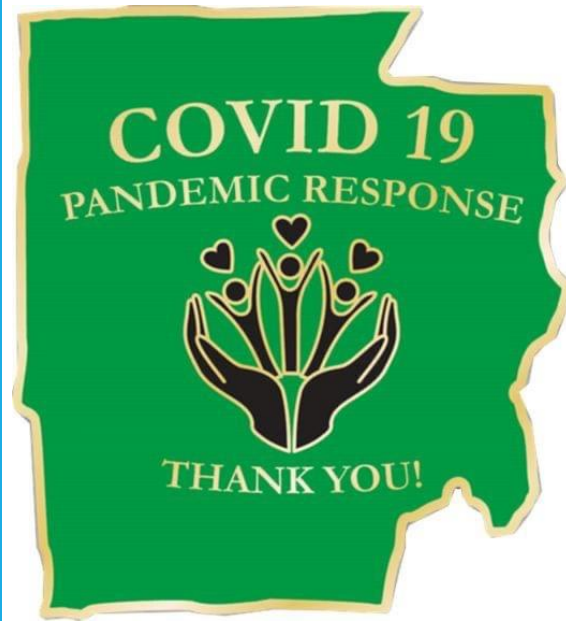
Community Development

- Improve time it takes to receive a building permit
- Increase staffing levels to meet demand and recover from Great Recession (40 -> 20 staff in 2009) including Fire Marshal services
- Implemented LEAN process in 2021-22
- Completed Belfair Environmental Impact Study to streamline process, implemented traffic mitigation fees
- Continue to embrace technology to improve customer experience



Public Health

- Continue to coordinate response to COVID-19 with partners across the County as needed
- Foundational Public Health funding from state to refocus on chronic disease and prevention
- Emphasis on substance use disorders, behavioral health, homelessness
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Implementing a countywide Clean Water District to merge shellfish protection districts
- Renewed focus on communication and redesigning website to improve accessibility



Public Works

Utilities

- Extending sewer trunk lines in Belfair UGA. 344 single and multifamily units being built and planned
- State Auditor removed audit finding for Belfair sewer – noting our investments to grow customer base, strong fiscal planning
- Major system improvements to Rustlewood and North Bay systems
- Significant volume increase at transfer stations; staffing a major issue

Roads

- Maintenance remains top priority, but completed a record number of projects
- Converting gravel roads, widening and paving shoulders to improve safety and access
- Increased emphasis on projects with County forces vs. contracting out
- Secured additional funding for SR 3 Freight Corridor



WSU Extension

- 4H
- Master Gardeners
- SNAP-Ed
- Noxious Weeds



Thank you!

- State of Mason County is strong and getting stronger!
- Partnerships, like the one we have with the Chamber, are crucial to building a thriving community
- Keep in touch – we are here to serve you

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