

November 4, 2016

Message from the City Manager

Dear Bainbridge Island Residents,

Many of you may have noticed contractors completing work near the corner of Winslow Way and Madrone Lane this week. While this work is being completed, long-time local businesses Blackbird Bakery and BonBon are experiencing closures. As a way to support our local businesses, the City of Bainbridge Island is joining with the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association to inform you that BonBon and Blackbird Bakery are continuing to take orders during these closures. Lisa of BonBon is still making fudge and Blackbird is taking orders, including for Thanksgiving.

You are able to contact these businesses at:

Lisa at BonBon: 206.780.0199, lisa@bonboncandies.com

Jeff at Blackbird Bakery: 206.780.1322 info@blackbirdbakery.com



Thank you for joining us in shopping locally and supporting our Bainbridge Island economy.

Best,

Doug Schulze
City Manager, Bainbridge Island

Finance Update

Public Hearing on 2017-18 Budget Scheduled for November 7

A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 7 to give the public an opportunity to provide input on the 2017-18 Biennial Budget.

The proposed 2017-18 budget is currently available on the City website. Throughout the budget development process, staff carefully examined recurring revenues and recurring expenditures. The City of Bainbridge Island receives a significant proportion of its revenue from property taxes. The City typically increases its existing property tax levy by one percent each year, in large part to keep up with inflation. This increase is also included in the 2017-18 Biennium budget.

Staff analysis demonstrated an ability to sustain additional recurring expenditures, which take the form of added staff. In addition, the City's General Fund balance exceeds its reserve targets, allowing additional one-time investments through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).



The capital plans proposed in this budget continue the City's commitment to improving its infrastructure. Planned investment in 2017-2018 includes items such as \$2.6 million in funding from existing City resources to begin work such as site acquisition and design for the Police and Municipal Court in 2017. Also highlighted in the budget are road and non-motorized network investments totaling nearly \$2.8 million in 2017, including \$1.1 million in grants and \$3.8 million in 2018 including \$2.7 million in grants.

Additionally, the proposed budget reflects three sets of changes to existing programs and services, representing requests drafted by City departments. The choices presented in the budget center around the following three areas: Community Leadership, Stewardship, and Service Delivery.

Community Leadership: The City's primary function is to provide the mix and level of programs and services that the community desires and can afford, and to provide civic leadership in areas that reflect identified community goals. As the City develops its work plan for 2017-2018, it is critical to provide staffing to achieve stated priorities, including implementing the update to the Comprehensive plan, positioning the community to respond well in the case of an emergency, and increasing our local government's transparency and the availability of information. The approved requests associated with this effort include funding for staffing and consultant services related to programming called for in the Comprehensive Plan, funding for additional staffing and associated program costs dedicated to emergency preparedness, and staffing related to enhanced financial reporting. In addition, the budget funds a pilot program for a Neighborhood Matching Grant program, building additional ties with the community.

Stewardship: The City owns and manages over \$183 million of land, buildings, and infrastructure on behalf of the residents of Bainbridge Island. As responsible stewards of the public's property, the City carefully plans for and carries out maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements. The approved requests include funding for major maintenance projects related to City-owned farmland and road ends, periodic updates to our road rating data, increased staffing related to maintenance of the City's utilities, and ongoing obligations at the Rockaway Beach Road reconstruction site. In the case of the Surface and Storm Water Management utility, a rate increase is proposed to fund needed capital projects. In addition, this budget establishes an Equipment Rental and Revolving fund, used to set aside resources to replace City equipment according to lifecycle plans.

Service Delivery: As the economy has improved, the volume and complexity of development across Bainbridge Island has increased, with a corresponding increase in building and planning permits, financial transactions, and inspections. The approved requests associated with this effort include establishing a Development group within the Public Works Engineering Division, and adding staff to better serve the public in Planning and Community Development and Finance. The new Development work group will be formed by moving existing staff, adding a new manager and a new construction inspector.

In addition to attending the Public Hearing on November 7, members of the community can submit questions and comments to finance@bainbridgewa.gov or by calling 206.780.8668.

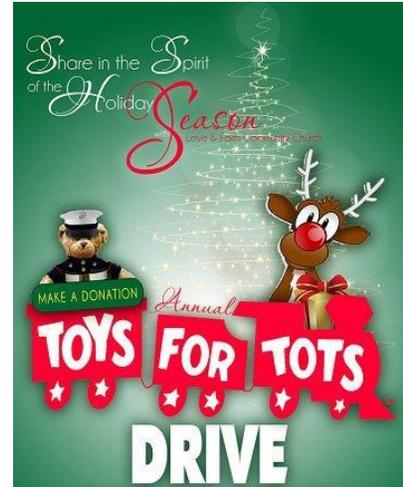
City Hall Update

Give to Toys for Tots at City Hall

The City of Bainbridge Island's Wellness Committee is sponsoring a toy drive in partnership with Toys for Tots. Toy donations can be made at City Hall in the front lobby. Toys for Tots does not accept toys that look like realistic weapons, or gifts of food.

Please make checks out to Toys for Tots.

The event will begin on Wednesday, November 9th at 8:00 a.m. and continues through Friday, December 16th at noon.



Upcoming Events

- **The City Council will meet on Monday, November 7.** Their regularly scheduled meeting (Tuesday, November 8) is cancelled due to the election.

Forward To A Friend