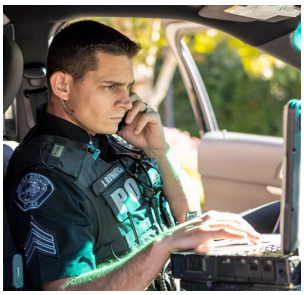
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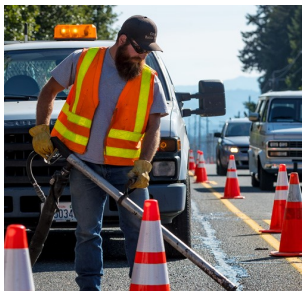
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City Annexes to Fire District 3

Voters Approve Annexation Measure

Thank you again for allowing the City to annex to Fire District 3. Election results were certified with 80.63% of city voters saying "yes" to annexation.

Although Fire District 3's jurisdiction now includes the area within Battle Ground city limits, the current service contract between the City and the District will remain in effect through December 31, 2020.

Effective January 1, 2021, the District will provide fire and emergency medical services directly to residents and businesses of the City. Property owners will pay a new fire levy to Fire District 3 (the same rate as all property owners within the District). The levy rate and annual amount will be reflected on individual property tax statements issued by Clark County in February of 2021.

The City pledged to help offset the cost of the new fire levy by reducing water, sewer and stormwater drainage utility taxes by 46%. On March 2nd, City Council delivered on that promise by adopting an ordinance to reduce the utility tax rate from 22% to 12% effective January 1, 2021 when the fire levy goes into effect.

Fire District 3 will continue to lease the City-owned fire station. The City will maintain ownership of the building as part of its public safety complex. The City will transfer ownership of its two fire engines to the District and will convey unimproved property within the City for a station as needed in the future.

Thank you!

The level of engagement from the community over the last several months has been remarkable!

It helps strengthen relationships with the people we serve and makes for a stronger Battle Ground!

The city will continue to collect Fire Impact Fees at the time of new development in accordance with the Fire District's Capital Facilities Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan. Impact fees are assessed and collected at the time of new development to offset capital costs attributed to growth.

Service Improvements Ahead

Annexation of the City into Fire District 3's jurisdiction assures quality fire and emergency medical services will continue for Battle Ground residents and businesses.

It also means the City has more funding available to invest in the services that the community has asked for such as streets, police, and parks.

Funding for service improvements will become available in 2021. Planning for service improvements is underway and will occur throughout this year. We will develop a 2021 City budget that supports service improvement objectives as well as our ongoing commitment to judicious stewardship of public resources.

We will communicate with you as plans and budgets are developed and look forward to continued engagement with you, the community we serve.

Park Appreciation Day

Caring, connecting and community - it starts in parks!

Battle Ground Parks & Recreation is celebrating National Volunteer Month and Earth Day by hosting our Annual Park Appreciation Day work party at Cresap and Florence Robison Parks on **Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



City staff maintain parks throughout the year but Park Appreciation Day is a way for the community to give back to their local parks by helping make them shine.

Tasks include picking up litter, raking and weeding flower beds, cleaning playground equipment or spreading bark and playground chips.

Interested in chipping in and making a difference in our community? Let us know you'll help out by registering at www.cityofbg.org/ParkAppreciation.

Census 2020

Your response ensures Battle Ground counts!

By mid-March every home will have received an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in the 2020 Census. Responding is easy. You answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who is living with you on April 1, 2020. You may respond online, by phone, or by mail.



Your response matters: The count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in federal government.

The Census Bureau Protects your Data: The Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. Visit www.cityofbg.org/Census2020 to link to Bureau information about privacy and security.

Everyone is required to respond: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790. It's mandated by the U.S Constitution. Households that do not respond will receive a series of additional reminders, including a questionnaire in mid-April. Census takers will follow up with households that don't respond to collect responses in person.

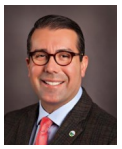
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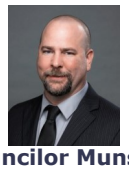
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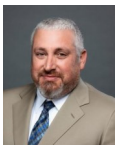
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