Downtown BREMERTON ASSOCIATION

Myth or FACT

NEIGHBORS OF THE DBA

October 2026





Thank you for joining this month's Community Meeting!

Recording of Meeting can be found here

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Mythor FACT



The DBA is not responsible for building permitting

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All permits are issued by the City of Bremerton.





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Occupancy is set by the City and building/fire codes.



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Myth

The DBA is an independent nonprofit; staff are not City employees.



The DBA is the reason the Streeteries were taken down

Myth

FACT





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Myth

That wasn't a DBA decision.

This directive came from the Public Works Dept.



The DBA manages Quincy Square

Myth

FACT



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FACT

We manage Quincy Square. This includes helping event hosts choose available dates, creating an event calendar, and hosting events in the square.



The DBA submits permits to the City on behalf of other event hosts

Myth

FACT



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We only submit permits for events the DBA runs and manages.



The city manages waste management at Quincy Square

Myth

FACT



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FACT

Waste service is handled by the City for Quincy Square and downtown. The DBA, does have a dumpster use for our events.





The DBA is responsible for cleaning and maintaining Quincy Square

Myth

FACT





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Myth

The City owns Q2 and is financially and legally responsible for repairs and upkeep. We report issues to the City that need to be addressed.



How many people are on DBA Board?

7

11

14

17



How many people are on DBA Board of Directors?

11

Bonus if you can call out how many on are this call!



How many years has the DBA been around?



6

16

19

25



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19

The DBA was established in 2007.





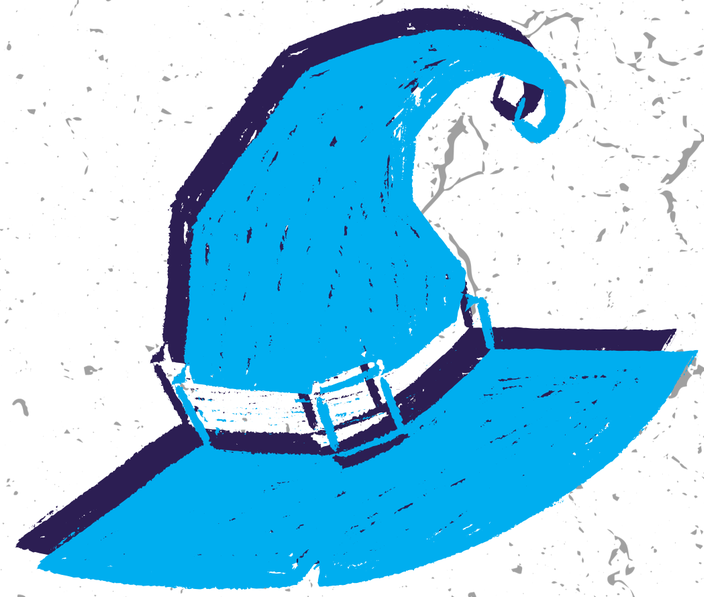
What does Main Street tax credit incentive funding pay for?

Fix Roads

Placemaking

DBA EVENTS

DBA OPERATIONS



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DBA OPERATIONS

We will invest in projects that help make Bremerton a better place for all.



The DBA decides to close streets for special events

Myth

FACT



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Myth



Street closures are approved by the City's permitting team for events and other projects.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER

6th| Frist Friday Art Walk
12th | GreenDrinks
19th | Team Bremerton
28th | Winter Fest

DECEMBER

4th | First Friday Art Walk
5th | Krampusknacht*
17th | Team Bremerton
31st | TBD New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

1st OR 8th | Frist Friday Art Walk
15th | Team Bremerton
29th | Keys to Bremerton

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Vendors at the Chew | Volunteers | Sponsorship Packet

*these events are held in Quincy Sqaure and will extend into Pacific and other parts of downtown

JOIN US FOR WINTER FEST

01. WHEN

Shop Small Saturday
November 28th, 5 - 8 pm

02. WHAT

Kick off the holiday shopping season with us, shop small, and join the seasonal fun. We'll have hot treats, Santa's workshop with photos, and holiday-themed entertainment.

03. NEW THIS YEAR.

We are adding a window decorating contest
→ More on the next page

04. VENDORS/PERFORMERS SIGN-UP HERE:

Due to the overwhelming number of applications we have received this year, we are no longer accepting applications from made-to-order food vendors. Other vendors may still apply, but space is limited and not guaranteed.

HTTPS://WWW.DOWNTOWNBREMERTON.ORG/WINTER-FEST-FORMS



DECK THE WINDOWS

01. WHEN
Business Application Window: Monday, November 9
Decorations Complete: Monday, November 23
Voting Window: Tuesday, November 24 at 9 am through Saturday, November 28 at 4 pm

02. WHAT
Decorate your street-facing window, and visitors will vote for their favorite. All participating businesses will be added to our 'Deck the Windows' map so voters can navigate to each decked out window.

03. WINNER
The winner will be announced from the stage at Winter Fest and the window with the most votes wins $500.

04. BUSINESSES SIGN-UP HERE:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWXEckCLJYt1VjzrRBa0O0myJ27jNGJSsWhU_9hoVJIq_ZCA/viewform?usp=dialog



KEYS TO DOWNTOWN BREMERTON

01. WHEN
Friday January 29th, 5:30 - 9 pm | Fountain Room
Tickets go on sale November 16th
Dress Code: Black and White attire

02. WHAT
Keys to Downtown is the Downtown Bremerton Association's new annual fundraiser. Enjoy an evening with waterfront views, food and drinks, and live, all-request dueling pianos. Try Unlock the Cellar: buy a key and see which bottle of wine it opens. All proceeds support a vibrant downtown Bremerton.

03. SPONSORSHIP LEVELS | *VALUES UP TO $5000*

- 1 Presenting Sponsor: includes a table, and logo featured prominently at the event and on our marketing materials.
- Table Sponsor: your name at your table, in the program and on our website, plus 2 bottles of wine for the table.
- 1 Piano Sponsor: pick the first song of the night, plus 2 tickets and premium marketing.
- 3 Unlock the Cellar Sponsor: your logo on 10 wine bottles, plus 2 seats.

Stay tuned for more details....



ON OUR RADAR

01. Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Project
Major changes and investments at the shipyard could significantly impact downtown Bremerton. We're keeping a close eye on project timelines, workforce changes, transportation, and opportunities for our downtown businesses.

02. Bremerton Foodline Shortage
Growing demand for food assistance and resource shortages are creating challenges for vulnerable members of our community. We're looking for opportunities to connect downtown businesses, partners, and residents with ways to support Bremerton Foodline.

03. Downtown Business Closures
We're seeing more businesses close than open in downtown Bremerton, raising concerns about the health of our small business community. Supporting existing businesses, addressing barriers to success, and attracting new investment will be critical priorities moving into 2027.

04. Next Neighbors of the DBA meeting
November 24th at 9 am RSVP here



OPEN DISCUSSION