



Mayor's Monthly Message

Mayor Elsie Thurman - July 2024

The City of Horseshoe Bay has 107 full-time employees and 5 part-time employees, which is much smaller than the staff of our pier cities of the same population. This means that people who work at Horseshoe Bay are “multi-taskers” who can work on a huge variety of projects but remain Focused on each problem or opportunity. I am so grateful for the outstanding people who come to work every day to take care of our City and all of us who live here.

As mayor, I have the opportunity to peek behind the curtain and see what they are all working on, and I want to fill the community in on some of the things that are going on right now. Here are a few

- This is “budget season,” which means every department director has diligently been developing the leanest budget they can present and still provide the services our citizens have come to expect. There are so many things that must be evaluated in this process and when the budget is presented to the City Council for the first time at our July budget workshop, this document will be ready to go. When I sit in on the meetings, I am so impressed by the depth of knowledge and dedication of each director. Thank you!
- We are down to the final stages of planning for constructing our new City Center and upgrading the West Fire Station. Our team will meet with the architects and contractor in early July to finalize the plans, keep finding ways to save money, and still have attractive and functional structures. We anticipate construction of the City Center to start in September and, hopefully, be finished around Christmas 2025. Construction on the Fire Station will start a little later and take about ten months. So that completion date is also around Christmas of 2025.
- The Transportation Advisory Committee has been working for the past 18 months or so and presented its preliminary recommendations to the Council at a recent morning workshop. This team has done an outstanding job of identifying challenges and coming up with some very good suggestions for solutions. They are still working on their final recommendations, and we hope to include some of them in the budget for next year. Again, thank you to those people for their work for all of us.
- The Land Use and Development Committee (LUCAC) continues to meet weekly. They are starting their stakeholder surveys and are making plans for a city-wide presentation in September. After that, they will distribute a survey to citizens and will make recommendations to the Council by the end of this year or early in 2025. These people are working very hard, and again, I just say thank you.
- Our newly formed Building Advisory Committee is made up of community members in the building trades. They are meeting with staff in Developmental Services to review all of our building codes to ensure we are up to date with state requirements. This is a big job, and we are very grateful to these local experts and staff members who are helping us with this task.



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- We hear from our citizens and work hard to address your individual concerns. This is just a quick update on one of the issues. Trash service in Horseshoe Bay West has been untimely. Our staff contacted Waste Management, and another truck has been deployed to that part of the City on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I hope this helps.

I have highlighted a few special things we are working on. This is in addition to the usual activity of keeping all departments running smoothly, which our staff members are dedicated to doing daily. Thank you.

Independence Day is right around the corner. This is an exciting time in Horseshoe Bay when we gather with our friends and family to enjoy the blessings of freedom granted to us by the sacrifice of those who serve to protect us. I am excited that all four of the mayors of Horseshoe Bay and our current City Council members will be in this year's parade, and we have something special for you to enjoy. See you on July 4th.

Elsie Thurman, Mayor

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