



**MARYSVILLE**  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Dear Marysville resident,

This Annual Report highlights your city's accomplishments in 2024 and work underway this year. Marysville is in a solid position to continue serving our residents well with the city services you expect and deserve. Because the City Council and I share a commitment to fiscal prudence, we will continue making progress on priority programs without facing drastic budget cuts or raising taxes.

Speaking of priorities, in February Councilmembers and I traveled to Olympia to meet with our state elected officials about several important projects that need state funding to advance. You'll find some details in the pages ahead.

Local government, like your city, is closest to you. City Councilmembers and I live here with our families and pay taxes just like you. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns. It's an honor to serve you.

Mayor Jon Nehring

## Budgeting for city services

At the City of Marysville we are committed to financial transparency and being responsible with your tax dollars. The city operates under a biennial budget (currently 2025-26) and has not raised your property tax since 2012.

In 2024, city expenditures totaled \$109.3 million. Taxes (including sales tax and property tax) make up the General Fund, the vast majority of which pays for Police and public safety. Fees for services make up the Enterprise Funds that pay for water, sewer and garbage services and golf course operations.

### Total city spending

**Public Works 55%**  
**Public Safety 27%**  
**Administration 13%**  
**Parks & Rec 5%**

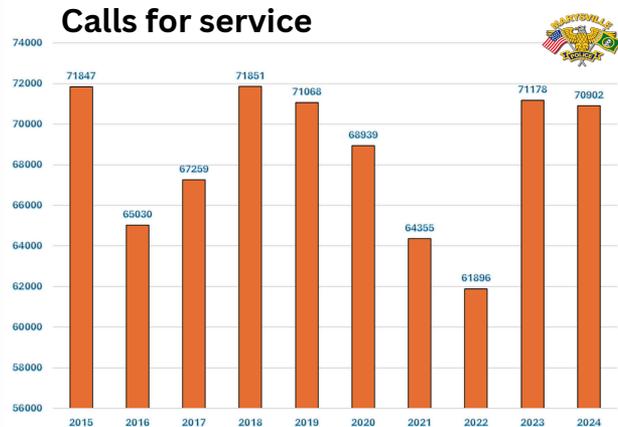
2024 City of Marysville operating budget

Last fall we produced the city's first-ever separate biennial capital improvement program plan, a tool for planning city infrastructure needs. It covers priorities for transportation, parks and rec, city facilities, water and sewer, and the city golf course. The plan will be updated with each biennial budget process. The City Council retains final approval of all capital projects.

# Crime rates decrease in Marysville

While the number of police calls for service was nearly the same in 2024 as it was in 2023, Marysville experienced a decrease in overall crime rates last year.

- Crimes against persons (specific victims) - 7% decrease
- Crimes against property (theft, vandalism) - 9.4% decrease
- Crimes against society (drug use, animal cruelty, etc.) - 32.3% decrease.



## Mandatory jail sentences for repeat offenders

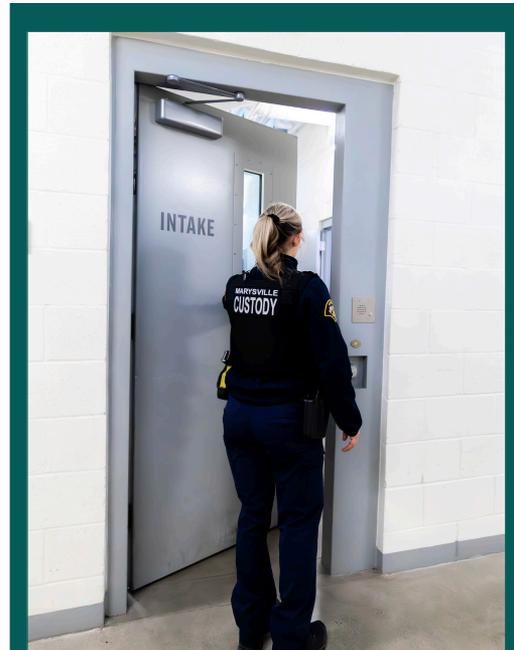
In November the City Council unanimously voted to increase mandatory jail time for people convicted of multiple public disorder crimes. These crimes include theft, criminal trespass, vehicle prowling, illegal drug use, and now malicious mischief (vandalism, graffiti).

Those convicted 3 or more times within 5 years must serve at least 30 days, while a 4th conviction in 5 years now results in 45 days. People sentenced under this law may petition to enter treatment in lieu of jail.

## Police earn accreditation

The Police Department earned state accreditation in 2024 from the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC), a significant achievement because only 31% of law enforcement agencies in Washington state are accredited.

The process examined all aspects of operations and confirmed that Marysville Police consistently abide by professional standards and handle public safety incidents fairly and consistently.

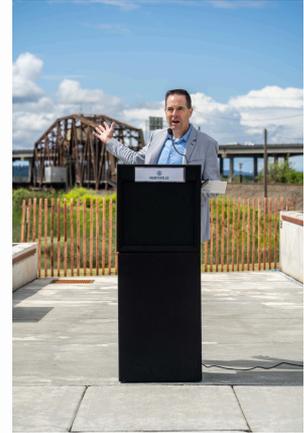


### Spotlight: Benefits of city jail

Having our own city jail is a solid investment in public safety.

The jail reported nearly 2,700 bookings in 2024, a 30% increase over 2023. About 75% of those were booked into jail on new criminal charges, the rest on outstanding warrants.

Because we can house criminal offenders here without the higher cost of booking and housing at outside facilities, the city saved about \$4 million in 2024.



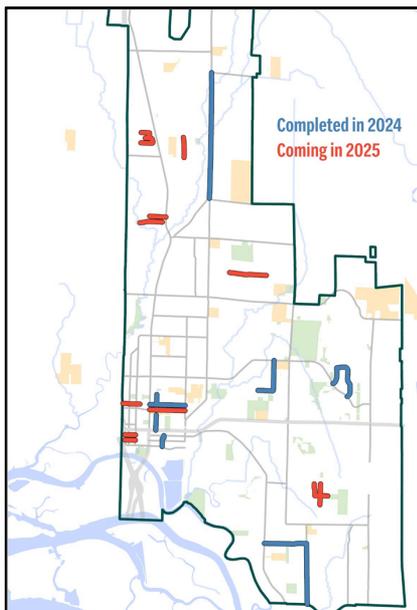
## Downtown stormwater treatment facility opens

An important amenity for our city and the environment, the new treatment plant on 1st Street west of Ebey Waterfront Park now treats stormwater runoff from most of the downtown area. This innovative project used new treatment media for the first time at this large scale, requiring only a half-acre of space compared with a typical project that takes several acres. It will clean 110 million gallons of water every year, preventing 100,000 pounds of pollution from entering Ebey Slough.

### *Waterfront improvements*

In 2026 the city will complete the Ebey Waterfront Trail section along Sunnyside Blvd. to connect with the 1st Street Bypass. We appreciate partial funding from the state Department of Commerce.

After Marysville’s last timber mills closed in the early 2000s, the city bought the Welco Mill site and the adjacent Geddes Marina on 1st Street with a long-term vision of redevelopment. For several years the city has been doing environmental cleanup. We plan to relocate our Public Works facility and bring in clean fill to move the property out of the floodplain. An economic analysis is underway to inform the feasibility of a proposed regional indoor sports facility there.



## Keeping roads in good repair

In February 2024 Marysville voters approved the extension of the 0.2% Transportation Benefit District sales tax, which generates about \$3 million annually for pavement repair and overlay and related projects to maintain and improve roads.

Keeping city roads in good condition is much less costly than having to rebuild them after they fail. Several neighborhood roadways shown in red at left are slated for pavement work in 2025. Details: [www.marysvillewa.gov/TBD](http://www.marysvillewa.gov/TBD)

Also, thanks to a \$915,300 National Highway System grant, the city will make improvements to 67th Avenue NE between Grove and 88th. Included are pavement repair and overlay, new bike lanes, and ADA upgrades to sidewalk ramps. We expect construction there to begin late this summer.



## Huge State Avenue improvements complete

In September city leaders celebrated the completion of a project that spanned more than 20 years. Improvements to State Avenue and Smokey Point Boulevard – the city’s main north-south arterial – stretch more than six miles from the waterfront to Marysville’s northern city limits near Smokey Point.

Thanks to the perseverance of city leadership since 2003, the city worked in several phases and:

- widened the roadway from two lanes to five; and
- added sidewalks, improved traffic signals and street lighting, landscaping and more.

The final phase, from 104th to 116th Streets, wrapped up last year.

We are grateful for funding from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board and the Federal Highway Administration.



## New I-5/SR 529 interchange

It’s not a city project but it’s a big one for Marysville! WSDOT continues construction of freeway on- and off-ramps for a new freeway interchange connecting with SR 529 in south Marysville. This much-needed new exit will help alleviate traffic congestion on 4th Street and become a new Marysville ‘front door’ for traffic coming from the south. WSDOT expects to open the new interchange this summer.

## Future I-5/156th St. exit

WSDOT is also slated to build a new interchange at 156th Street NE to serve the growing Lakewood neighborhood and the Cascade Industrial Center. This state-funded project is scheduled for completion in 2031. For the interchange to function more fully and effectively, the city wants to build a crossing over the railroad tracks for travel west of the freeway. We are asking the state legislature to transfer \$5 million and award construction funds to begin this work.

### Spotlight: Safer access to schools

Improved pedestrian access to Cascade Elementary School is coming in 2025. Funded by the state’s Safe Routes to Schools program, the city will retrofit ADA ramps and add sidewalks, bike lanes and a pedestrian-activated crosswalk signal. We will schedule construction to minimize impacts to the school.

Similar projects are planned at other Marysville schools to improve safety for students, families and staff.



## City gets keys to Twin Lakes

Snohomish County transferred ownership of Gissberg Twin Lakes Park to the city in January 2025. The park is within city limits. We look forward to caring for this much-used park asset that serves thousands of families in Marysville and surrounding areas.

## New parks playgrounds

Did you know the City of Marysville has more than 30 parks and trails? Last year we replaced aging playgrounds with fresh new structures at Jennings Nature Park and Parkside Way Park.

Explore the list and find a new place to play!  
[www.marysvillewa.gov/Parks-Trails](http://www.marysvillewa.gov/Parks-Trails)



Jennings Nature Park

## Another banner year for Cedarcrest Golf Course

City-owned Cedarcrest Golf Course set all-time records in 2024, recording more than 53,000 rounds played, a 6% increase over 2023. Built in 1927, Cedarcrest is a favorite for golfers of all skill levels, offering challenging play, natural beauty, meticulous greens and endless fun. The city plans to upgrade the course's irrigation system this year.

Operator Premier Golf Centers, which manages 11 courses in the Puget Sound, named Cedarcrest its Golf Course of the Year in 2024 for excelling in golf course operations. Congratulations!



## Opening a natural window

Formerly a privately-owned park with an established forest, city-owned Mother Nature's Window is a rough gem on 55th Avenue south of 100th Street NE in north Marysville.

This year we plan to build a parking lot, improve trails and perform some vegetation maintenance to open the park to the public. The city is seeking grant funding for future park improvements.

# Celebrating Marysville with something for everyone

You likely know about the city's big annual events, like the EGGstravaganza Egg Hunt, 4th of July fireworks show and Merrysville for the Holidays. Our Parks, Culture & Recreation staff does so much more year-round, offering a wide range of classes and programs for all ages. Last year was a record one for registrations, with nearly 23,000 participants, up 10% from 2023.

Our Super Senior Celebration was an example of services funded by a Senior Isolation Grant from Snohomish County. It was one of several human interest stories and local attractions featured when Good Day Seattle did a live TV broadcast from Marysville last June.

The Marysville Community Center at 1015 State Ave. offers a wide variety of programs, including many free activities for seniors. Visit [www.marysvillewa.gov/Parks](http://www.marysvillewa.gov/Parks).

## Support for our community

In 2024 the City distributed \$500,000 in grant funds to support those in need with:

- At-risk support services
- Emergency shelter & utility assistance
- Preparedness for people with disabilities
- Food Bank & community meal programs
- Hygiene items for back-to-school giveaway
- Meals on Wheels
- Mental health support services
- Senior minor home repairs & chore services

A grant also helped upgrade Cedar Field with paving, irrigation and fencing. Thank you, community partners, for your good work in our city!

## Transitional housing help

A local strategy to help address homelessness? It's called MESH (Micro Extended Emergency Shelter) homes. We make city-owned homes not currently needed for city purposes available for transitional housing. The program is managed by the Everett Gospel Mission for homeless people who successfully complete its life skills classes. Local faith community volunteers serve as guides and mentors, while Judd & Black provides generous donations.

Participants have a goal to work toward independent living within three years. To date MESH homes have served 34 men, women and children; 13 of those adults have since found permanent housing.



**Spotlight:**  
**Marysville Opera House**

Built in 1911 as the Odd Fellows Hall, the historic Opera House is Marysville's only building listed on the Historic Register. It's had a storied life with many chapters.

The city bought and restored the aging structure in 2018. With its ballroom, mezzanine, balcony and period details including a tin ceiling and sparkling chandelier, today it's a charming venue for public events as well as weddings and other special private rental functions. Visit [marysvillewa.gov/OH](http://marysvillewa.gov/OH) for details.

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