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Mayor Lent Announces Bremerton Takes Top Spot in National Water Contest

BREMERTON, WA [May 1, 2013]

Mayor Patty Lent announced today that Bremerton was ranked a #1 city in the second National Mayor's Challenge, a program committed to improving the environment by using a national contest to engage citizens' conservation efforts in various cities. Bremerton residents kept the city in the top ten ranking among hundreds of other cities in the 2013 Challenge for the duration of the month-long contest, most of that time in the #1 spot for cities between 30,000 – 100,000.

The challenge, held during April – Earth Month, is a friendly competition that challenges city leaders to see who can best inspire their residents to protect water and conserve energy through a series of informative, online pledges at www.mywaterpledge.com.

“Water is Bremerton’s remarkable resource. I appreciate the support of our residents during this contest and encourage everyone to learn more about their water and energy use at home,” said Mayor Lent. “This contest was a fun opportunity to learn about water wise habits and create a more sustainable environment.”

Participants in Bremerton and the other winning cities will be eligible for prizes, including a Toyota Prius, showerheads, home watering kits, and more. Not only was Bremerton the top city in its population category, it was the only city in Washington State listed in the top 10 of any of the categories. Bremerton also did well in the first contest held in 2012, ranking #1 of Washington cities and third among western medium cities.

“The Mayor’s Challenge highlights the impact of each person’s environmental efforts,” said Water Resources Manager Kathleen Cahall. “The city’s prize for participating in this contest is increased awareness about the importance of our water resources.”

The Mayor’s Challenge was conducted by the non-profit Wyland Foundation. <http://www.wylandfoundation.org/>

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