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Quincy Square's Pilot Weekend Car Ban Going into Effect

City of Bremerton to trial a Pedestrian-First Experience Fridays through Sundays

Bremerton, WA – Beginning the weekend of August 8, 2025, Quincy Square will become car-free every weekend, transforming into a fully pedestrian-friendly public space on weekends from Fridays at 3:00 PM through Mondays at 8:00 AM through December as part of a City of Bremerton pilot program.

This new weekend street closure program is being launched through the end of 2025, following the resounding community feedback received after the grand opening of Quincy Square last month. Residents and visitors alike voiced a strong desire for a walkable, vibrant downtown space, prompting swift action by local leadership.

Jessica Combs, Director of the Downtown Bremerton Association, met with Mayor Greg Wheeler, as well as representatives from Public Works and the city's emergency management team to explore options for increasing pedestrian accessibility. The result is a new weekend closure policy that prioritizes safety, accessibility, and the overall experience of everyone who visits Quincy Square.

"We heard our community loud and clear," said Combs. "Quincy Square was always envisioned as a dynamic public space for people. By going car-free on weekends, we're allowing families, artists, musicians, and small businesses to thrive in a safer, more engaging environment."

"The City's pilot program comes from feedback on the heels of the successful launch of Quincy Square in July combined with years of input from the community to the City on the project," said Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler. "Quincy Square is fast becoming an in-demand location for arts, entertainment and other events, and this is an important next step to realizing the full potential of Quincy Square."

To support the transition:

- Temporary signage will be placed around Quincy Square starting three days before each weekend closure.
- Street bollards located at the East and West ends of Quincy Square will be erected during non-parking hours to prevent vehicle access.

- Permanent street and parking signage updates are currently underway to reflect the new schedule.

Quincy Square's weekend closure is part of a broader initiative to enhance livability and downtown activation in Bremerton. Events, pop-up markets, performances, and outdoor dining are already being planned to make full use of this pedestrian-first space. The closure would also create a consistent pedestrian-friendly environment that remains vibrant with buskers and passive programming, even when formal events aren't scheduled. Additionally, it would eliminate confusion over traffic access as the public becomes accustomed to the street being closed on weekends.

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ABOUT DOWNTOWN BREMERTON ASSOCIATION

We are a community-focused 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of our city's downtown core utilizing the Main Street Approach®, a nationwide, time-tested framework for community-driven, comprehensive revitalization. We are partnered with the City of Bremerton to manage and curate events and activations for Quincy Square.

Our mission is to foster diversity and connections through community partnerships, advocacy, and engagement to revitalize and enrich our downtown core.

We envision Historic Downtown Bremerton as the city's vibrant waterfront community that encourages connection of people, place, and culture

ABOUT QUINCY SQUARE

Quincy Square is a vibrant new public space built by the City of Bremerton to serve as a cultural hub for the Bremerton community and beyond. Designed to honor the legacy of world-renowned music icon Quincy Jones, the square is a place where music, art, and people come together. Featuring musical elements, public art, seating, and a permanent bandstand, Quincy Square provides a welcoming venue for performances, gatherings, and creative expression. This transformative space is managed by the Downtown Bremerton Association, ensuring it remains an active, inclusive destination for events, inspiration, and community connection for years to come.

For more information and details visit www.quincy-square.com or contact Jessica Combs, Executive Director of Downtown Bremerton Association at director@downtownbremerton.org