Several critical issues were discussed and/or voted on by the Council including: the construction of the $162 million courthouse, the declining fiscal health of Snohomish County and potential commercial air service at Paine Field in June. I wholeheartedly disagree with the decision to build the new courthouse across the street from the existing building as it will put our already precarious financial position in further jeopardy. Additionally, Council chose to place a temporary moratorium arbitrarily over properties that were supposedly flooded to the east and west of the 530 Mudslide. Unfortunately some property owners will be prohibited from building on their property for six months although the flood waters have receded. On a positive note, Snohomish County received notification that a private company has asked to begin the process to build a terminal for commercial air service at Paine Field in Everett. This is exciting news as it is the first step towards utilizing an existing asset to promote economic growth in Snohomish County.

When I ran for this office I promised that I would work to keep your government accountable and transparent as well as advocate for property rights and economic growth. Although I am disappointed in decisions that were made I have kept my promise and remain hopeful that we are still able to right the course we are on. I strongly encourage you to engage with your County government by writing, calling or by giving testimony at any public Council meetings. Below are articles that will give you an overview of the issues on the Council this past month;
Courthouse:

- County Courthouse Remodel IdeaFloated Again
- Council Votes 4-1 to Condemn Land for New Courthouse
- Snohomish County to buy out Properties to Expand Courthouse
- Option to Grow More Costly

Commercial Air Service at Paine Field:

- Company Offers to Build Commercial Airport Terminal in Everett

Budget:

- Top County Managers Given 10% Raises Despite Tight Budget
- Snohomish County Pay Raises Questioned

Oso:

- Highway 530 Near Oso Reopens to 2-Way Traffic
- Six Month Ban on New Construction Near Oso Slide OK’d

Go, See, Do

Darrington Bluegrass Festival

Please join us for the 38th annual Darrington Bluegrass Festival! This Darrington tradition brings you some of the top bluegrass entertainment in the country! Enjoy world class music, old fashion hospitality and the beautiful backdrop of our famous Whitehorse Mountain.

Date: Friday, July 18th - Sunday, July 20th
Time: Festival begins on Friday, July 18th at 6:00pm
Location: Darrington Bluegrass Music Park
Cost: Tickets start at $20.00 for a one day pass
Details: Please visit, Darrington Bluegrass Festival for more information

GenCare Annual Car Show & Family Picnic

Vintage classic and muscle cars line the parking lots. Even ground provides easy walking and viewing for seniors. There will be live entertainment and classic barbeque fare available.
**Junk in the Trunk**

Junk in the Trunk is a HUGE sale where people sell treasures in the parking lot. There are over 60 vendors park in one space and then use the space next to it to sell their wares. Find treasures like toys, clothes, collectibles, crafts, furniture, housewares, antiques, flea market finds and more! This is a rain or shine event.

**Concert - 20 Riverside**

Listen to your favorite musical styles of the summertime! This week featuring 20 Riverside. Jennings Park concerts are located at the Lions Centennial Pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets then sit back and enjoy the show! Refreshments will be available for purchase. A special thank you to our exclusive sponsor for the concert series, The Cottages at Marysville.

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Please stop by my page often for updates on what I'm working on in Council as well as for ways to get involved in our community.

All the best,
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I hope you found this eNEWSLETTER to be informative and useful. You can make it even more valuable by suggesting topics and issues for future newsletters. Please contact me at 425-388-3494, or e-mail link below.

Sincerely,
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