Election Day - As of Friday, July 29th only 11.41% of all primary ballots had been returned. Tuesday, August 2nd is Election Day for the August Primary and all ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. Voting in the primary is important because it narrows the number of candidates in a race down to the two candidates that we will have to choose from on November 8th. Your primary ballot includes state, local, and federal races as well as ballot measures.

Ballots were mailed on Thursday, July 14th. If you are a registered voter and you have not received your ballot, please contact the Auditor's office at 425-388-3444.

Smokey Point Behavioral Hospital - The ground breaking for the 115 bed Smokey Point Behavioral Hospital occurred on Tuesday, July 26th. There was a tremendous amount of support from representatives of Snohomish County, law enforcement, local jurisdictions, our federal partners and the local business community.

Smokey Point Behavioral Hospital will provide 24/7 care, free mental health evaluations and inpatient behavioral health treatment to private pay, insured and Medicaid recipients alike. This means that Snohomish County will finally have a behavioral health facility that has the capacity to treat people regardless of their ability to pay and regardless of an individual's age.

In June 2014, I wrote a letter of support for the project because I believe that we have a tremendous opportunity to care for people...
in our community during a period when such treatment could alter the course of their lives in a positive way. The project has seen delays along the way, but I am proud to say that when the doors to the facility open in 2017, we will have another resource to combat the mental health and chemical dependency epidemic that Snohomish County is experiencing.

Outdoor Burning Ban - Due to a high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather, a burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County will go into effect on Monday, August 1st at 8 a.m. The ban will remain in place until there is a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low.

Recreational fires are still permitted. Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are for cooking and pleasure only. They must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10 foot radius, must be monitored at all times, and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum, a charged hose or a five-gallon bucket of water).

All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by PSCAA (Puget Sound Clean Air Agency) for agricultural burning, are suspended until the ban is lifted.

With continued dry weather conditions, please consider all recreational fires carefully. Please contact the Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updates.

The Evergreen State Fair - The Evergreen State Fairground hosts the annual 12-day Evergreen State Fair every August through Labor Day. Carnival midway and rides, Pro West Rodeo contests, Speedway racing, evening headliners and daily performances, competitive exhibits in 4-H and FFA, Evergreen Youth Livestock Show, Contests, and food galore - all this and more make the Evergreen State Fair one of the most popular fairs in the Pacific Northwest and the most attended single attraction in Snohomish County. On special gate admission days, attendees will enjoy either free or reduced admission such as a free gate admission on Opening Day, August 25th until 1 p.m. and $2 gate admission on Twosday, Tuesday, August 30th before 2 p.m.

For more information about the fair including scheduling details, concerts, events, ticket pricing and more, please visit The Evergreen State Fair.

**Go, See, Do!**

**Stanwood-Camano Community Fair**

Experience the "Best Lil' Fair in the West"! This is a wonderful harvest celebrations that includes a long list of fun: a parade, country fair contests and exhibits, a carnival, Lego-building contest, make it and take it sewing demonstrations, youth mechanical science quiz bowl, animal shows, lots of live entertainment, and much more.
**Date:** Friday, August 5th - Sunday, August 7th  
**Time:** Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 a.m, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Location:** 6431 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood 98292  
**Cost:** Admission is $10 for adults, $7 for seniors and kids, free for under 5 years  
**Rides:** Discount unlimited ride bracelets are $22 through August 4th, $30 at the fair  
**Website:** [Stanwood-Camano Community Fair](#)  

**Arlington - Music on the Terraces**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy reggae, rock and grove performed by Longstride! The natural amphitheater in the back of Terrace Park is the perfect place to the Music on the Terraces series.

**Date:** Thursday, August 4th  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Terrace Park, 809 E Fifth Street, Arlington

**Granite Falls - Show N' Shine**

Attention classic car fans! The 36th annual Granite Falls Show N' Shine will take place downtown! There will be family friendly vendor booths and food! The Granite Falls Community Coalition is hosting a spaghetti fundraiser after the show from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Eagles Hall.

**Date:** Saturday, August 6th  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Downtown Granite Falls, Stanley Street and Granite Ave.  
**Contact:** Maria, 425-945-9970

**Granite Falls - Annual Veteran Appreciation Picnic**

Veterans, active duty military and their families and government officials are invited to attend Healing Hearts in Hope Veteran Retreat Center's annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic! The event starts with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our POWs. There will also be a talking circle. Everyone who has attended in the past has left with new friends and a smile. This is a potluck so please bring your favorite dish to share. Please also bring drinks with you, but keep in mind this is an alcohol and drug-free event.

**Date:** Sunday, August 7th  
**Time:** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Healing Hearts in Hope Veteran's Retreat Center, 2890 Mt. Loop Hwy, Granite Falls  
**Website:** [Healing Hearts in Hope Veteran's Retreat Center](#)  
**Contact:** 360-691-6284

**Darrington - Summer Meltdown**
Dubbed "Where the Music Meets the Mountain" fans come to the Meltdown for a weekend celebration of music in the shadows of the majestic Whitehorse Mountain. The grassroots music festival features 20 artists and bands including Griz, STS9, Gramatik and Beats Antique on four music stages, onsite camping, late night performances, music workshops, beer garden, green village, activities for kids, adventure trips departing from the festival site and more!

**Dates:** Thursday, August 11th - Sunday, August 14th  
**Time:** Gates open at 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 11th  
**Location:** Whitehorse Amphitheater, 42501 Arlington-Darrington Rd., Darrington  
**Cost:** Three day passes available for $215.00 at [Summer Meltdown Tickets](#).  
**Information:** Please visit [Summer Meltdown Festival Information](#)

### Arlington 3 on 3 Xtravaganza Basketball Tournament

The Arlington Airport is home to Western Washington's premier 3-on-3 basketball tournament that welcomes more than 200 teams with multiple age and ability divisions, including boys and girls grades three through high school, adult men and women, senior and adult co-op groups. Festivities include overnight camping, music, vendors and plenty of basketball action.

**Date:** Saturday, August 13th - Sunday, August 14th  
**Location:** Arlington Airport, 18204 59th Drive NE, Arlington 98223  
**Cost:** $116.00. Registration at [Arlington 3 on 3 Xtravaganza Basketball Tournament](#)  
**Information:** Please call 206-317-1993 or email hoops@3on3X.com

### Marysville - Blues and Brews

Get a jump on the weekend! Meet up with friends at the newly renovated Opera House, enjoy a local brew, chat with the brewer all while you listen to some fantastic Blues music. Each month a local microbrewery will be featured. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase. The event is co-sponsored by the Marysville Kiwanis Club.

**Date:** Thursday, August 18th  
**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Marysville Opera House, 1225 Third Street, Marysville 98270  
**Cost:** $5.00 at the door  
**Contact:** For additional information, please visit marysvillewa.gov or call 360-363-8400

### Stanwood - Summer Concerts in the Street

Windermere Real Estate presents the 3rd Annual Stanwood Summer Concert Series! The City will close down 271st Street between the Stanwood Police Department and Waynes Corner Café. Mark Dufresne, one of the most sought after blues talents in the Northwest will be performing. This event is guaranteed to be a great time! Please consider getting a bite to eat at one of Stanwood's downtown businesses or visit the neat shops while you're there.
Date: Saturday, August 13th  
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Location: 271st Street NW, Stanwood 98292  
Cost: Free!  
Contact: Amanda Slattery at Amanda.slattery@ci.stanwood.wa.us or call 360-629-2181

**Marysville - Saturday Farmers Market**

There are fresh local products and produce that you will love to cook and use at this market! Come see us and you won't be disappointed. The Marysville Farmers Market is a project of the Allen Creek Community Center and it is a non-profit organization. All of the market managers and members of the committee are volunteers.

Date: Saturday, August 20th  
Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Location: 1035 State Ave., Marysville 98270  
Contact: marysvillefarmersmarket@gmail.com or visit Marysville Farmers Market

**Granite Falls - Saturday Farmers Market**

The Granite Falls Saturday Farmers Market is a wonderful place for the community to meet their local growers and artisans. Enjoy the great produce, honey, meat, eggs, herbs and handcrafted products.

Date: Saturday, August 27th  
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Location: 100 Wabash Ave., Granite Falls 98252  
Contact: For additional information, please email granitefallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com

All the best,

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