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Committee Chairs Chosen for 2016

The Snohomish County Council has set committee assignments for the 2016 meeting calendar. Chairmanships for each of the five regularly scheduled committees are set by the newly elected Council Chair at the beginning of each year.

The Law and Justice/Human Services Committee will be chaired by Councilmember Stephanie Wright. These committee meetings are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of every month at 1:30pm.

"Public safety initiatives must go beyond law enforcement and incarceration to be successful. Incorporating social services and providing jail alternatives are effective means of developing safer and healthier communities over the long-term," said Councilmember Wright. "I look forward to working with elected officials and departmental staff in addressing the needs of the people of Snohomish County and doing our part to help them reach their full potential."

The Finance and Economic Development Committee will be chaired by Councilmember Brian Sullivan. These committee meetings are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:30am.

The Planning and Community Development Committee will be chaired by Councilmember Ken Klein and are regularly scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 10:30am.

The Operations Committee will be chaired by the councilmember who will be appointed to the current District 5 vacancy. Councilmember Wright will be interim chair for these meetings until the vacancy is filled. These committee meetings are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9am.

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**Wright Attends NCCAE**
As current President of the Washington State Association of Counties, Stephanie Wright joined her fellow state association presidents and executive directors for a meeting of the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) in Washington D.C. As part of their agenda, attendees visited the National Press Club and sat for a White House briefing at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

Wright visits the National Press Club with the Women of NACo.

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Point in Time Count

The Annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) provides a snapshot of homelessness in Snohomish County on a single night in January of each year. Outreach efforts target both known areas and general canvassing to look at trends over the years by using consistent methodology. The results help inform the Everett/Snohomish County Continuum of Care plan for addressing needs and making progress towards goals to reduce and prevent homelessness.

Those interested in volunteering during the count or providing usable giveaway items for the event should reach out to a regional contact by January 22.

- South County: Becca at rlang@ywcaworks.org or 425-387-8920
- North County: Jana at janaphillips@housinghope.org or 425-347-6556 x278
- East County: Sharon at SPaskewitz@voaww.org or 425-212-3211
- Central/Everett: Chelaina at chelainac@ccsww.org or 425-374-6364
- To volunteer or donate for youth, contact Elysa at elysa.hovard@cocoonhouse.org or 425-259-5802 x211

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Starlight Beach Walk
The Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee will be sponsoring a Starlight Beach Walk on January 19th at the Olympic Beach Visitor Station located at 200 Admiral Way in Edmonds. Those who are interested in participating in this free, all-ages event are invited to meet at the visitor station and explore the beach at low tide from 7-8:30pm. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Sturdy footwear or rubber boots are recommended. Warm beverages will be offered following the beach gazing festivities.

Sno-Isle Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan

Sno-Isle Libraries is looking at how their facilities are used by the public so they may continue providing library services that meet current needs of the public and plan for emerging and future trends in usage. Looking out over the next 10 years to 2025, they are developing a new facilities plan to guide the building of new libraries and improving current services throughout Snohomish and Island Counties. During the first phase of developing the Sno-Isle Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan, 1,200 people contributed ideas through in-person and online open houses, online surveys and stakeholder interviews. The information gathered will inform the next stage of the process. In early 2016, draft facility recommendations will be presented to the public, who will have an opportunity to review the plan and help shape the final facilities plan that will be considered for adoption by the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees in spring 2016.

Those interested in participating can sign up to be notified when the draft plan is ready for public review.