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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Thank you Rick Eastman:

The memorial service for Rick Eastman, former Fire Chief of Snohomish County Fire District No. 7 was at Camano Fire Island Station 3 on March 28th. Chief Eastman had retired and moved to Camano Island several years ago.

Rick Eastman was a man of incredible integrity and truly a great public servant. He worked very hard to build a fire district that would provide the best Fire and EMS service to our citizens. (Mission Accomplished!) Chief Eastman will be sorely missed by all of us who were fortunate to have worked with him and blessed to call him our friend.

Rick and I became friends while working together on the joint Mill Creek-Fire District No. 7 Fire Board. We shared a common vision of the fire district and Mill Creek being long term partners working together for the betterment of our citizens and communities. We worked together on getting the Mill Creek Fire Station built and then increased our staffing to improve response times to Mill Creek and all the surrounding communities

I learned a lot from Chief Eastman. Some of the life lessons learned were about family, public service, fire service, staffing levels, response times as well as investment in capital expenditures and most importantly investing in people. He was very wise man who generously shared his

knowledge. To many of us, Fire Chief Rick Eastman was Fire District No. 7.

Thank you Rick Eastman for your kindness and friendship! May our loving God bless your kind soul and hold you close to His heart.

Courthouse update:

The Council and Executive continue to work together to reconcile Everett's new parking requirements with the Courthouse budget. I am committed to stay within the county budget of \$162 million to complete a courthouse.

Marijuana Ordinances:

The public hearing was continued to April 15 in order to allow time for more public input. Those comments must be limited to Amendments 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D. More specific information is available on the county website: www.snoco.org. If you have comments on those specific four proposed amendments, please send them to contact.council@snoco.org.

Fireworks:

Since last July 4, I have received numerous citizen contacts on both sides of banning fireworks in Snohomish County. We will schedule a discussion in a council committee to see if a majority of County Council members are interested in further action. As soon as I have a day/time scheduled, I will let everyone know.

Paine Field:

The recent County Council vote regarding Paine Field was very difficult. The vote itself was for an option on a ground lease to a company who would try to attract a carrier to fly out of Paine Field. If they are successful in attracting a carrier, they could exercise the option and build a terminal with two gates at Paine Field.

The vote and decision came down to two things:

1. Economic Development

Commercial air service helps to grow existing business and helps in recruiting new companies to Snohomish County. Economic development creates jobs.

2. FAA funding

Paine Field is dependent on FAA funding for needed capital projects. Through the years, Paine Field has received over \$100,000,000 in FAA funding for infrastructure and other improvements. Paine Field has over \$36,000,000 in needed capital projects between 2015 and 2021. The FAA requires that Snohomish County negotiate in good faith, or future FAA funding would be at risk. Snohomish County has no other income stream to cover the needed capital improvements at Paine Field. I could not jeopardize future federal funding for Paine Field and that led me to my vote.

Teen Aviation Academy:



Do you want to fly an airplane?
Do you know what makes an airplane fly?
Do you know how to navigate an airplane?
Do you have the "Right Stuff"

The Aviation Academy, located at Snohomish County Airport/Paine Field in Everett, WA, is for all students, ages 13 through 18, who are curious about aviation. Classes begin with an introduction to "ground school." The books, materials and instruction are designed to give you a real world look at all that aviation has to offer. Students will flight plan a local cross-country trip. Then the class will check the weather, contact Air Traffic Control... and launch! If you complete all of the classes, you will be assigned to a certificated pilot for further instruction, and, weather permitting at graduation... YOU WILL FLY!

Classes start April 20 and fill quickly so register early. Visit wpaflys.org/aviation_academy.html for more information.

Congratulations to Jill McKinnie

Jill McKinnie has been named to fill the Snohomish County Ombudsman vacancy. In a nutshell, the ombudsman helps to resolve citizen complaints.

The Executive recommended two candidates, Jill McKinnie and former County Prosecutor, Jim Krider. After interviewing both applicants, the council selected Ms. McKinnie.

She has served as District Director for Congressman Rick Larsen from 2001 - present. Her prior experience includes Northwest Regional Director for Patty Murray, Vice President of Planning and Distribution for United Way of Snohomish County, Area Director for former Congressman Al Swift and Legislative Correspondent for former Congressman Norm Dicks. She currently serves on the board of directors for Housing Hope. Jill holds a BA in Political Science and Communication from WSU.

According to the County Code, "the ombudsman shall be appointed solely with regard to his or her qualifications for the duties of their office, and shall hold no other elective or appointive office or position in county government. The ombudsman shall be a person of recognized judgment, objectivity and integrity, who is well-equipped to analyze problems of law, administration, and public policy. The position requires a degree from an accredited college or its equivalent in service to government."

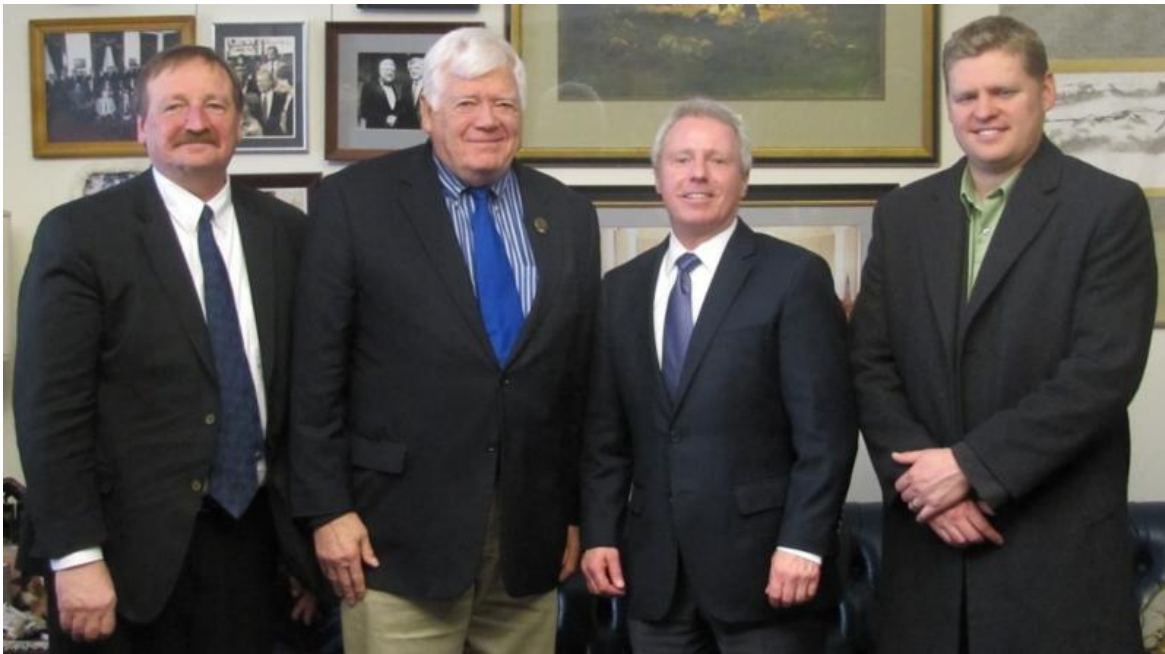
I support Jill based on her experience serving constituents and excellent communication skills.

Congratulations to Jill. Welcome to Snohomish County Government. I look forward to working with you.

THANK YOU TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

On a recent trip to Washington DC, I had the opportunity to meet with Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray as well as Representatives Susan DelBene, Rick Larsen and Jim McDermott. They are all working exceptionally hard for us. The county council took the opportunity to discuss our county's transportation needs include aging infrastructure and grant opportunities. Another high priority is economic development and family wage jobs for our area.

Here is a picture of Chair Dave Somers, Rep. McDermott, me and Councilman Ken Klein in the Representative's office.



Ryan added to national transportation committee:

At the National Association of Counties meeting, I was honored to be added to the Transportation Steering Committee. For NACO, this committee deals with all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government. I look forward to representing our county and speaking out for our transportation needs.

Snohomish Co. fastest growing county in Puget Sound in 2014 - *Courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County*

U.S. Census data released this week revealed that Snohomish County was the fastest growing county in Puget Sound in 2014. As discussed in the Herald Business Journal, Snohomish County grew by 13,137 residents. This was second in both percentage and total numbers statewide.

As of July 1, 2014, the U.S. Census estimated that Snohomish County had a population of 759,583. Since 2010, the County has grown over 6%.

Health District immunization clinics to close June 30

Decision paves way for more public health opportunities long-term - *courtesy of the Health District*

In line with the FY15 budget adopted by the Board of Health, the Snohomish Health District is moving forward with plans to permanently close its immunization clinics by the end of June.

"This move does not mean the District believes immunizations are no longer essential," stated Goldbaum. "Quite the contrary-immunizations are critical, but our role is to provide services for which public health is uniquely qualified. Rather than continuing to give shots, we want to focus our work out in the community."

For more information on this and other health issues, visit www.snohd.org.

Snohomish County Parks Department 2015 Capital Projects - *courtesy of SnoCo Parks & Recreation Dept.*

Your Snohomish County Parks staff is working on many capital projects to make your parks experience even more pleasant. Following is a description of some of the current projects.

Cavalero Hill Project: Parks is working with the City of Lake Stevens to update the Master Plan for Cavalero Hill Park. The revised Master Plan is anticipated to include a skate park and other park amenities.

Esperance Park Master Plan: Parks is working toward creation of a Master Plan for Esperance Park with the possibility of acquiring an additional 3.4 acres.

Evergreen State Fairgrounds Master Plan: We are updating the Evergreen State Fairgrounds Master Plan to address aging infrastructure issues, increase operational efficiencies and accommodate emerging facility needs.

Heybrook Ridge: Staff is working to complete acquisitions which are necessary to provide trailhead access and also working to complete a site Recreation Management Plan.

Lake Stickney: Staff is in process of creating a master plan for the park which is anticipated to include a trail system, wetland boardwalks, lake view point, multi-purpose lawn and play features.

Sky Valley Shooting Park: Parks is working to complete development of a master plan for the Sky Valley Shooting Park for future development through a public-private partnership.

Wellington Hills: The Wellington Hills project is planned to include four lighted synthetic turf athletic fields, parking, trails, road improvements, three grass fields, off-leash dog area, meadows and playgrounds. Project is currently under permit review

Wenberg Park Waterfront Improvements: Redesign to upgrade the day use area that includes the boat launch, dock, swimming and adjacent day use areas.

Kayak Point Golf Course Tenant Improvements: Projects include Pro Shop structural work, deck replacement, and restroom improvements.

McCollum Pool Improvements: Remove and replace pool liner, install new gutter Design and specifications are complete; project out to bid March 2015.

Meadowdale Park Feasibility Study: Investigation of design alternatives to address operation, maintenance, public access, and fish barrier issues associated with on-going gravel deposition at culvert/pedestrian underpass to beach.

North Creek Park Boardwalk Repair - Phase 4: Final, phase of repairs to remaining boardwalk sections is planned for 2015. Anticipate the project going out to bid in March 2015 and construction to begin in late spring.

Twin Rivers ADA Improvements: Paving, grading and interior restroom modifications to improve ADA accessibility.

Whitehorse Trail: Improvements to the 27-mile long Whitehorse Trail will include bridge decking, surfacing improvements, bank stabilization and road crossings.

Willis Tucker Phase 3B: Continued east side development including 200-stall parking lot, water service to off-leash park, playground and group shelter (also including four volleyball courts and two picnic shelters as bid additives). March 2015 with bid opening and award April 2015.

Job Opportunities

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for McCollum Park Pool staff.

Pool positions available include pool manager, lifeguards, swim instructors, swim team coach, assistant coach, pool maintenance and lessons coordinator.

We will also be accepting applications for Seasonal Park Aides starting the week of April 13. Openings will be throughout the County Parks System.

The park aide season will be June 21 to Sept. 12.

Applications are available on the [County Employment Page](#)

District Events:

Bothell:

Can Do 5k Walk/Run



April 25 | 8:30 AM Race Starts

The Can Do 5K Run and Walk is organized by Northwest Special Families (previously Northshore Special Families) to bring awareness to what kids with special needs Can Do. NSF is partnering with the Northshore YMCA to bring this inspirational race for all abilities to our community. Proceeds from the race will be used cover the cost of NSF programming and to create inclusive and adaptive programming at the Northshore YMCA. The funds will also be used for the YMCA Partners in Youth Program.

The Can Do 5K offers:

- * Team category
- * Team awards
- * 5K Walk, 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk
- * Technical Fabric T-Shirts

For more information, visit www.cando5k.org

Mill Creek

Run of the Mill: Save the date for this year's 30th annual Run of the Mill on Saturday, July 11th, 2015. Over the past 8 years, the Run of the Mill 5K has donated over \$244,000 to cancer charities, scholarships, and local high school running and swim teams. Registration for this popular event is open now and closes early each year. For more information please visit www.mcrunofthemill.com.

Mountlake Terrace

Earth Day Community Clean Up

Saturday, April 25, 9am-1pm, Ballinger Park, 23000 Lakeview Drive
Join us for the Annual Earth Day Community Clean Up from 9am to 1pm. Individuals, families and organizations are invited to help spruce up our city parks and facilities. We ask that groups please call Parks and Facilities Superintendent Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811 in advance, so we can plan accordingly. Once you have worked up an appetite, your City Council will fire up the grill and treat you to a barbecue lunch in appreciation of your service. Come on out and meet your neighbors, the City Council, and staff.

I hope you found this eNEWSLETTER 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 Terry.Ryan@sno.co.org. If you would like to share this newsletter, select the **Forward email** link below.

Sincerely,

Terry Ryan, Snohomish County Council