



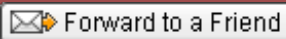
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Councilmember Terry Ryan

December, 2015



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Terry's December Newsletter

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Snohomish County Council



Holiday thank you!

Christmas is a time to cherish and give thanks to all those who bring so many blessings into our lives.

We have so many wonderful volunteers in our county, cities, churches, charitable organizations, youth leagues and senior centers who make Snohomish County a special place to live.

Our County is truly a better place to live because you chose to get involved and make a positive difference in others' lives. Please accept our sincere thanks for all your hard work!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Be safe, have fun, spend time with your family and friends. May God bless you and your families!

All my best,
Terry Ryan

County Budget passes

The County Council passed our 2016 Budget with a 4 - 1 vote.

Some Key Points:

- 1) The budget is balanced, increases our reserves and addresses the 2015 financial liabilities that were not addressed in the Executives proposed budget.
- 2) The Council did not raise the general property tax for 2016.
- 3) Money collected for the Courthouse project was set aside for safekeeping. The Council will work with the new Executive in January to determine a more affordable project.
- 4) Our Conservation Futures program will receive additional funding to purchase additional park land and open space areas. (Funded by a 1% increase in Conservation Futures Program that will cost the average homeowner about 27 cents per year).
- 5) I want to thank the council for supporting my proposal for a new Sidewalk program. We will have an additional \$600,000 per year to accelerate filling in the gaps in sidewalks within urban growth areas most affected by growth. (Funded by a 1% increase in the County Road Fund which will cost the average homeowner \$5.00 per year). This will also feature a late comer agreement where developers will reimburse the county for these sidewalks when their properties are developed.

Community Grants

The County Council included small capital facilities grants for the following projects:

- * Rhody Ridge Park: \$10,000 for drainage improvements
- * City of Brier/Terrace Brier Soccer Club: \$3,200 for drainage improvements
- * City of Mill Creek/Snohomish County Parks: \$6,652 signage for North Creek Trail
- * City of Lynnwood/Experience Momentum: \$6848 for Interurban
- * City of Arlington/Lions Club: \$10,000 for Terrace Park playground improvement
- * City of Mountlake Terrace/Forest Crest Playfield: \$10,000 for improvements
- * City of Arlington/Downtown Business Association: \$3,300 for Pedestrian Plaza improvements

Council Approves Agreement with Seattle for Jail Services

The Snohomish County Council approved a motion today for an agreement between the county and the City of Seattle for jail services. The agreement allows the Snohomish County jail to accept post-conviction misdemeanor inmates from Seattle (who meet booking restrictions and standards) for housing. Over \$3,000,000 per year in additional revenue will be generated by the agreement.

The agreement includes language that the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, which runs jail operations, will take steps to lessen the likelihood that contract inmates will end up homeless in Snohomish County. In addition, representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the City of Everett (where the jail is located) will meet 90 days after the

contract is implemented to review the impact the out-of-county contract has on homeless populations within the city.

In January 2014, the county canceled all out-of-county contracts in order to reduce the inmate population and implement several changes to improve safety for inmates and jail staff. Changes made at the jail since the end of 2013 include:

- * Addition of medical staff
- * Creation of a citizen's advisory board
- * Implementation of inmate screening at booking, including medical and mental health evaluations
- * Development of an inmate medical and/or mental health release plan

The Sheriff's Office has also launched several initiatives to address homelessness and untreated addiction and/or mental illness in the county:

* Sheriff Ty Trenary created the Office of Neighborhoods to connect with homeless and vulnerable populations by directing them to services, rather than incarceration. The unit is assisted by a Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker (LEESW) who helps navigate the social service network.

* Working with the City of Everett's "Safe Streets Initiative," jail staff and social services staff created "ChART" (the Chronic Utilizer Alternative Response Team) to address frequent utilizers of jail and social services.

Congratulations to Debbie Eco

The Clerk of the Council, Debbie Eco, has completed the Certified Municipal Clerk program provided by the IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks). At the November 30 County Council meeting, she was presented with her certificate and pin by Monica Martinez Simmons, the City clerk for the City of Seattle. Ms. Martinez Simmons is also the president of the IIMC.

The Certified Municipal Clerk program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning, as well as State / Provincial / National Associations. The CMC program has been assisting clerks to excel since 1970.

Debbie is pictured below with Ms. Martinez Simmons and County Council Chair Dave Somers receiving her plaque and pin.

Congratulations Debbie for a job well done and achieving this high professional standard.



Willis Tucker Park 2015 runnerup

Willis D. Tucker Community Park is the runner up for the Best Playground by the King5's 2015 Best of Western Washington voters.

Willis Tucker Park has finished in the top five playgrounds in Western Washington for the past four years. In 2014 and 2015 we were voted #2. Willis Tucker Park off leash area was #5 in Western Washington.

The 2015 winner was Point Defiance Park in Tacoma.

Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

You are cordially invited to this year's Pearl Harbor Day and World War II Veteran remembrance ceremony at Naval Station Everett on Monday, December 7th 2015.

Location: Naval Station Everett, Bldg. 1850, Grand Vista Ball room

Date/Time: Friday, December 7, 2015 at 10:45 a.m.

We are making a very big push to contact and invite as many Pearl Harbor & WWII survivors that we can find in the Snohomish County area, so if you know anyone that we can contact please let us know. We also would like to have more family members of survivors join us as well.

Program: The Year's program is sure to be something special as we are going to add more pieces to the ceremony. We will have a featured guest speakers, wreath dedication, historical background of "Sound the Alarm" and a special "Salute to our guests from Pearl Harbor and WWII" We will need to know those from this era who are attending so we can ensure they are seated for this honor.

Following the ceremony we will invite everyone to come and join us for lunch at the All American. Lunch is \$6.95 per person.

If you have not attended an event here previously please provide your Full name, Driver's license State/Number and date of birth if you do not have base access credentials, such as military I.D.

Please RSVP email troy.schulz@navy.mil or dacia.d.cooley@navy.mil no later than Sunday, December 6.

Military Uniform: Service Dress Blue (ceremony participants) or Uniform of the Day (military guests). For military retirees, Service Dress as appropriate/permitted. Civilians: Business attire.



Turkey Dinner 2015

Names of all the people in the picture (Left to right)

John Rouse - Firefighter/Paramedic, Dave Hanson - Firefighter/Paramedic, Dave LeDuc - Lieutenant, Darby Hepper - Driver/Operator, Terry Ryan, Eric Emerson - Firefighter.

The bottles on the table are sparkling cider.

I have been doing this as a way of thanking our firefighters/paramedics/EMTs for the outstanding service they provide for our community. The dinners began 18 years ago when the Mill Creek Station opened.

Snohomish County Labor Area Summary, October 2015

(information from Washington State Employment Security Department)

* In October 2015, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Snohomish County increased to 4.5 percent. This is up from 4.1 percent in September and down from 4.8 percent, observed 12 months ago.

* There were an estimated 283,500 jobs in Snohomish County as of October 2015. Nonfarm employment in Snohomish County expanded from September to October.

Gains were concentrated in government as faculty and staff in the education system returned to work. Private employment dropped by 600 over the month.

* Total nonfarm employment in October 2015 was 8,300 jobs above the level observed 12 months earlier. This represents a 3.0 percent increase in employment over the year.

* The largest monthly gains were observed in government (1,800) and retail trade (500). The largest losses were observed in manufacturing and leisure and hospitality (down 700 each).

* The largest annual gains were attributed to hiring in construction (1,900), government (1,400), retail trade (1,300) and education and health services (1,100).

Washington State University Wins CleanTech Alliance Achievement Award

CleanTech Alliance the nation's largest state-level clean technology industry association, named Washington State University winner of the coveted CleanTech Achievement Award for 2015. The award, sponsored by [Perkins Coie](#), was presented at the CleanTech Alliance Fourth Annual Meeting on November 17 in front of more than 300 business executives, investors and policymakers along with multiple international delegations.



The CleanTech Achievement Award honors a business or organization for making significant contributions in Washington State's cleantech industry.

An independent panel of judges consisting of CleanTech Alliance members screened each application to select the three finalists and overall winner.

North Creek Boardwalk

Repairs to the boardwalk at North Creek County Park have been completed and is now fully open to the public.

The original floats were failing and the boardwalk wasn't floating in many sections. Over the past five years we have worked our way through the boardwalk replacing the floats, decking and bull-rails. All of the old floats have been replaced and the boardwalk has been resurfaced.



Arson damage last June completely destroyed two sections of the south dogleg of the boardwalk. Those sections have not been rebuilt yet but they should be done by mid-November.

Voucher Program Approved for Disposal of Material Damaged in Recent Floods

To aid Snohomish County residents, the Solid Waste Division of the Snohomish County Public Works Department will provide free disposal of flood damaged household materials.

* The program is for residential households only and does not include flood damaged material or spoiled food from commercial businesses.

* Affected property must be located in Snohomish County.

* A voucher must be presented for free disposal.

* Vouchers can be obtained through local Red Cross offices and the Sheriff's Office.

* Material accepted includes flood damaged items such as, carpets, mattresses, clothes, furniture, water-soaked plasterboard, flood damaged food, and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers).

Vouchers can also be used for disposal of food spoiled because of power outages.

Free disposal does not include wood waste, yard debris, concrete, demolition debris, rock, or soil. Large animal carcasses are not accepted at any Solid Waste Division Facility at anytime.

* The program will begin Wednesday, November 25, 2015 and end on Friday, April 1, 2016.

* Flood damaged materials will be accepted at all solid waste disposal facilities during normal hours of operations.

* Oil based paint and small amounts of household hazardous wastes will be accepted at most solid waste disposal facilities during normal hours of operations.

* Households with large amounts of flood damaged material may obtain multiple vouchers. Households may use their voucher(s), if they choose, to cover the disposal fee for a large roll-off box from a hauler.

The household will be responsible for paying any charges or fees for the delivery and transport of the roll-off by the hauler.

* Division staff will work with the Communications group to notify resident through press releases and by other means.

District Events

Bothell

Holiday Toy Collection: Donate, Pick up, or Both!

Instead of buying new this season, participate in The Recology Store Toy Collection! From November 1 - December 4, drop of your giftable used toy at The Recology Store. (No stuffed animals, please). Then, on December 5, come choose from the collection for a new-to-you toy!

Join the fun at The Recology Store!

Holiday Toy Collection

Donate. Pick Up. ...or Both!


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Drop & Donate
Nov. 7 – Dec. 4


Drop off your giftable used toys at The Recology Store near you.
(No stuffed animals please.)

Pick & Choose
December 5th

Instead of buying new this season, come choose from the collection for a new-to-you toy!



Highline :: One Corners Shopping Center
13028 1st Avenue S, #4100 :: Huron
206.206.5607
Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 3pm
facebook.com/RecologyStoreHighline



Bothell :: Canyon Park Place
22855 Bothell Everett Hwy #111 :: Bothell
025.578.4612
Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 3pm
facebook.com/RecologyStoreBothell

Santa Arrival and Tree Lighting



December 5th 10:00AM - 8:00PM

It's a holiday wonderland at Country Village with live reindeer, caroling by local choirs all day long, whimsical gingerbread house display, surprise visit by the Grinch, and 40 local shops and restaurants all decked out in their best with thousands of twinkling lights. An animated light display featuring a 40' sea serpent, fiddling pig, giant dragonfly, marching ducks and more!

Be sure to visit Santa's Workshop featuring on the spot Santa Photos by Arthur & Associates. Complimentary hot roasted chestnuts begin at 4 pm 'til they last. Our own Town Crier will herald the arrival of Santa at 7 pm on his dazzling Christmas float followed by a traditional tree lighting. Everyone will get a chance to greet Santa and

receive a candy cane.

The Gingerbread House Contest winners will be announced just before Santa arrives. Pony and train rides (weather permitting) are open for a nominal fee. This event is free and open to the public.



December 8: **Main Street Enhancement**

News & Project Updates

The City is holding a community meeting on December 8 for Main Street businesses. We'll talk about the planned improvements to Main Street and ideas to help mitigate impacts to businesses during construction.

[Main Street Construction Impacts](#)



Tuesday, Dec. 8 | 8:30 - 11:30 am

Town Hall (at the new City Hall)

18415 101st Ave NE Bothell, WA 98011

SR 522 Multi-Modal Corridor Stage 3 Improvements

News & Project Updates

The City is holding a second open house on December 10 to answer your questions about the purpose of this project and what elements it will include. We hope you'll join us!

SR 522 Stage 3 Open House



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Dec. 10 | 5 - 7 pm

Town Hall (at the new City Hall)

18415 101st Ave NE

Cookies with Mrs. Claus



December 12th to December 13th
12:00PM
3:00PM

Experience the enchantment of the season! As the Village glows under thousands of twinkling lights, Mrs. Claus will be giving out cookies to children at **The Chic Boatique** from noon to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. Parents and kids alike will love collecting annual cookie recipes from participating shops to add to their collection. This is a free event for children of all ages!

View live reindeer and our 3rd annual Gingerbread House display. Be sure to visit Santa's Workshop featuring Santa Photos by Arthur & Associates.

Pony and train rides (weather permitting) are open for a nominal fee.

Fun with Frosty



December 19th to December 20th
12:00PM
3:00PM

Meet Frosty the Snowman and his friend, Hippity Hop the rabbit from noon to 3 pm both Saturday and Sunday at Country Village. Enjoy a magic show at noon, participate in fun & games at 1 pm and make a winter craft project with Frosty at 2 pm. This is a free event for children of all ages! Visit Santa's Workshop featuring Santa photos by Arthur & Associates. Live reindeer on site, pony and train rides (weather permitting) are open for a nominal fee, Christmas tree sales by local Boy Scout Troop 420.

Brier



BRIER ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Saturday - December 5

Brier Park

Santa arrives at 6:00 pm

Join us for some carols with The Brier Elementary Choir

Hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes provided

The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus

The lighting of our Community holiday tree

Food Drive for Concern for Neighbors Food Bank

Mill Creek



Annual Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

The City of Mill Creek is pleased to announce the following holiday community events for this Saturday, December 5, 2015:

Santa Parade and Town Center Festivities

The Santa Parade is returning! This year the parade will be held at 3:30 p.m. hosted by Mill Creek Town Center Merchants. The parade will begin at LA Fitness and travel

south on Main Street in Town Center. Various merchants in Town Center will provide holiday activities from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Road Closure Notification: Main Street will be closed from 151st to the south entrance of Central Market next to Run 26 from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Tree Lighting and Complimentary Carriage Rides

Please join the City of Mill Creek for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting at 4:30 pm at City Hall. Mayor Pam Pruitt and Santa will help to light the tree in front of City Hall.

Immediately following the Tree Lighting will be the Mill Creek Chorale followed by the Jackson High School Jazz Band. Complimentary Carriage Rides through Town Center will be offered beginning in the parking lot at the City Hall Annex Building from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Rides are co-sponsored by Mill Creek Rotary and the Mill Creek Business Association.

Photos with Santa will follow the Tree Lighting from 4:30 - 7:00 pm in the Large Community Room in the City Hall Annex Building.

Please bring your families and enjoy some special holiday shopping, activities, entertainment and join us for the annual tree lighting and holiday cheer in Mill Creek.

For more information please visit www.cityofmillcreek.com or www.millcreektowncenter.biz. Attached is a complete schedule of events.



Mill Creek Chorale Holiday Concert

The Mill Creek Chorale is a newly established, 50-member, adult community choir based in Mill Creek under the direction of Sean Berg.

Their 2014 debut season was a great success. As they begin their 2nd season, this holiday themed concert will put you into the spirit of the season with a whole host of Holiday favorites, including classics like the Silent Night, Mary, Did You Know, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, Deck the Hall, and Jingle Bells

No matter what your tastes, this program will surely entertain even the biggest Scrooge! There's something for everyone! Featuring some very Special Guests!

Saturday, December 12

3:00pm - The Lynnwood Community Band and the Gateway Middle School Choir

7:00pm - The Lynnwood Community Band

Tickets are available at <http://millcreekchorale.brownpapertickets.com> or at the door.

Advent Lutheran Church, 4306 132nd St SE, Mill Creek

More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/MillCreekChorale/>

Mountlake Terrace

Mountlake Terrace-Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 4, 2015 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



City of Mountlake Terrace Christmas Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony beginning at 6:30pm, features music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tour de Terrace volunteers serve cocoa and cookies while children carol. The "Tree," which can be seen for miles around, sits on top of the city's water tower. Dress warm and wear boots if the weather is wet.

* Evergreen Playfield, 22205 56th Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace, WA



Mountlake Terrace - SJHA Ladies of Winter Tournament December 11 - 13
Tournament is open to Bantam/14U and Midget 16U Girls teams registered with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada.

Mountlake Terrace - SJHA Holiday Classic Tournament December 26 - 29
Tournament is open to Bantam/14U teams registered with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada.

Mountlake Terrace - SJHA New Year's Classic January 1 - January 3, 2016
Tournament is open to Midget/18U teams registered with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada.

- * Tournament is limited to a total of 16 teams. Multiple divisions within each age group may be formed based on registered teams and/or relative skill level.
- * Each team will receive at least four games and a maximum of 6 games.
- * All games will be played at one of the following rinks:
 - * Olympicview Ice Arena
 - * Lynnwood Ice Center
- * All teams are required to stay at designated SJHA Host Hotels.
- * All teams will be required to provide official roster.
- * Entry fees are non-refundable.
- * All games will be governed by USA Hockey rules and regulations.
- * One ice scrape will be allotted for each game.
- * Locker room facilities will be provided.

PAINE FIELD
Paine Field Annual Open House
December 9



Another year is nearly over and the Airport staff want to thank you for being a part of what makes Paine Field the "Airport of Choice". Please join us for our annual Open House. Staff will be available to answer questions and present information on Airport 2015 accomplishments and projects.

When: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Where: Future of Flight Café
8415 Paine Field Blvd
Mukilteo, WA

Your donations of Toys for Snohomish County Christmas House are welcome.

10th Anniversary Celebration December 17

How often do you get a chance to meet the "father" of the iconic Boeing 747, a NASA astronaut and a grandchild of Charles Lindberg in one evening? As a Board member of the Future of Flight Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to promote the upcoming "Magic of the Future of Flight" - a business casual event to celebrate the Foundation's 10 year anniversary. The Airport built the Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour Facility 10 years ago and it's been a great partnership!

Planes will be on display from each decade between 1920 and the present. Additionally, amazing aviation collectibles will be available as part of a silent auction. All proceeds go to the Future of Flight Foundation's education programs, exhibits, and mission, including the new endowment.

Event Details:
December 17, 2015
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Future of Flight Aviation Center
8415 Paine Field Blvd
Mukilteo, WA 98275

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit
<http://www.futureofflight.org/10-year-celebration>

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@snoco.org. If you would like to share this newsletter, select the **Forward email** link below.

Sincerely,

Terry Ryan, Snohomish County Council