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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Courthouse Update

Executive Dave Somers has assembled a committee to study courthouse options. I am on the committee along with representatives from the courts, prosecutor's office, sheriff's office, clerk's office and the city of Everett. The committee will meet twice a month until we have some recommendations for the council.

The need for a new courthouse still exists. In the current building, there are some safety issues, elevators that frequently breakdown, the roof leaks in heavy rain creating operational problems. There are some ADA issues that need to be addressed as well.

The committee will weigh the space needs vs. requests while being mindful of the smaller budget. In the end, the final building will be more modest in size and expense than the \$162 million courthouse that was recommended by the previous administration.

I am hopeful we can build a more modest building and build it on our existing campus. This will allow the county to continue using the tunnel to transport people between the jail and the courthouse. That is a safer way to transport people as opposed to purchasing special vans and transporting people on surface streets. This will also save the county millions of

dollars in operational costs through the years.

I will keep you apprised of the progress and the outcome of the committee's work in future columns.

Union Contract Settlement

After months of difficult negotiations, Snohomish County and our AFSME union have signed a four year labor contract. Our Council and Executive sincerely value our employees. On behalf of the Snohomish County Council, we congratulate AFSCME on their vote for the agreement. We appreciate all the hard work everyone put into these negotiations including the AFSCME representatives, County Executive's office and the County Council.

Council Approves Additional Prosecutors

On Wednesday, March 30, 2016 the Snohomish County Council passed two motions and an emergency ordinance four additional prosecutors and a legal assistant for the Prosecutor's Office.

Prosecuting Attorney Mark Roe asked that these proposals be considered by the council due to an ever increasing workload, as well as a significant backlog of cases including 1300 misdemeanors.

The prosecutor lacked the manpower to keep up with criminal filings. The council is taking action to add prosecutors to clear the backlog and protect the public. This is about sticking up for the victims and holding the guilty accountable.

Our action approved salary and benefits to cover the hiring of four new deputy prosecuting attorneys and one legal assistant, as well as transferring funds to pay for these hires, including \$125,000 from the Council budget to help cover these costs in year 2016.

U-Link Now Open



Me with King County Councilman Joe McDermott and Congresswoman Susan DelBene

I had the opportunity to preview the new U-Link rail between the UW and Capital Hill. It is a sleek four minute ride between two of the densest areas of Seattle. Attending were Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Patty Murray who was thanked for her help in getting federal funding, Congresswoman Susan DelBene, County Executive Dave Somers, King County Councilman Joe McDermott, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp and many others. Also present was former Mill Creek City Manager Joni Earl who left Mill Creek to become Deputy County Executive and later head of Sound Transit. I was honored to be invited to be one of the first riders.

Lodging Fund Invests in Tourism and Arts Facilities



I was recently honored to present a check for \$250,000 to the Everett Public Facilities District to help pay for a new scoreboard at Xfinity Arena. The total cost was estimated at \$800,000. It was needed to attract profitable major events to the Everett area.

These funds come from the lodging tax paid on overnight stays in Snohomish County. They are distributed to enhance and expand tourism and economic development in Snohomish County. They cannot be used for any purpose other than tourism.

A check for \$225,000 was also presented to the Edmonds Center for the Arts. An aging roof had caused water damage to the gymnasium of the historic facility causing it to remain closed as a result of significant water intrusion. The facility, which draws more than 65,000 visitors annually, will now get the repairs it needs to keep its tourism identity strong and growing.



I support using tourism tax dollars for improvements to the ECA and Xfinity Arena. It makes economic sense to reinvest in some of our greatest assets and sources of cultural pride. These capital grants will help to ensure the continued success of these facilities. We are well positioned to support them while maintaining a healthy budget balance in these funds.

My colleague and friend Stephanie Wright could not attend the ECA event due to a schedule conflict, I made certain that all ECA and EPFD Board members knew that Stephanie and I worked on this grant together. We have a good team on the Snohomish County Council. Stephanie and I have worked on several projects together. We work for the benefit of all Snohomish County, not just for our individual districts.

I also want to commend the Snohomish County Lodging Tax Committee (LTAC). We have four members Shawn Walker, Sarah Arney, Julie Horrigan and Fred Kruger. All four of these members volunteer considerable time, expertise and energy to get the small fund and large fund grants awarded. I chair the meetings and Jessica Voelker is our staff person.

Additional lodging funds will be available for capital expenses for up to \$250,000 for the improvement of Public Facilities Districts only. Funds are anticipated to be open once every other year or as needed. Applications for 2016 may be considered.

Sound Transit 3 Open House on April 25th

On Monday, April 25, Sound Transit is hosting an Open House at Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave. at 5:30 p.m., seeking input on the ST3 draft plan.

The current ST3 draft plan has Light Rail arriving in Everett in 2041. We need to hear your voice that this is not acceptable.

The community can provide take a survey online or contact the Sound Transit Board at its web site:
www.soundtransit.org.

State of the Station - courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County

On Thursday, April 14, the EASC hosted the annual Stat of the Station where Capt. Lakamp present his first address as Naval Station Everett's commanding officer.

Capt. Lakamp provided an overview of the activities at the base as well as announcing that four new destroyers will be homeported in Everett over the next year. They will bring over 1,2000 new sailors as well as their families to Snohomish County.

Summer Swim Lesson Registration Now Open

Online, phone and walk-in registration for swim lessons at McCollum Park Pool are now open. Register early for the best dates and times. For more information visit: call 425-357-6036 <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1268/Swim-Lessons-Information-Details>

BOATING EDUCATION- Be Ready for Summer Fun

With warm weather we all start thinking about outdoor activities like going to our rivers or taking our boats to the nearest lake or to Puget Sound. The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office will be offering two "live training" boating courses in the near future so that boaters can earn their Washington State boater education cards. Pre-registration is required!

State law requires all Washington residents born after January 1, 1955 who operate powered watercraft 15 hp or greater to carry a Washington Boater Education Card. You must be at least 14 years-old to operate a personal watercraft.

The first session will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 between 9am and 3pm at Fire District 1 Headquarters (12425 Meridian Ave S, Everett). To pre-register contact:

Stacy Lashbrook
Stacy.lashbrook@snoco.org

The second session will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 between 8:30am and 5pm at the Sheriff's Office North Precinct (11500 40th Ave NE, Marysville). To pre-register

contact:

Deputy Bryson McGee
SSHB1M@snoco.org

At both locations, vessels from the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit will be on display for an interactive, hands-on experience. Kids and family members are welcome to attend.

Job Opportunities

Snohomish County currently has 26 job openings listed on its web site. This includes several internships, seasonal and part-time positions. Snohomish County is a great place to work. Visit the Snohomish County web site at www.snoco.org for more information.

2016 Evergreen State Fair Grandstand Concert Series Announced

It's not too early to begin thinking about taking the entire family to this year's Evergreen State Fair which runs August 25 - September 5. This year's theme is "Fun for the Whole Herd!"

Here is the concert series line up:

Monday, August 29: Pat Benatar & Neil "Spyder" Giraldo
Tuesday, August 30: Hunter Hayes
Wednesday, August 31: Theory of a Deadman
Thursday, September 1: LoCash and Old Dominion
Friday, September 2: Jeremy Camp and MercyMe.

All concert tickets include fair gate admission. For concert on-sale schedule information and to get tickets before they go on sale to the general public, visit www.EvergreenFair.org.

District Events

Bothell:

Bothell-Fuchsia & Dahlia Sale April 23 - April 24, 2016
10:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Two sales in one! The Sno-King Fuchsia Society and the Seattle Dahlia Society join forces to bring you a fabulous spring sale for your garden. You'll find hardy fuchsia plans for borders or taller choices that make outstanding shrubs, fuchsias for beautiful hanging baskets, and lots of planning tips. Get rare varieties and old favorites from the hundreds of dahlia tubers. Experts on hand to answer your questions.

The Dahlia Show will continue through Sunday from 11am-3pm. The Fuchsia show is Saturday only.

23718 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98201
425-483-2250

Join Bothell's First COMMUNITY HEALTH WALK!

When: Sunday, April 24

Time: Walks from 2-4pm; Event ends at 5pm

Where: Bothell Operations Center, 21233 20th Ave SE
(behind Red Robin)

Celebrate Arbor Day with the City of Bothell

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. in Stipek Park

All Ages are welcome to come and help plant trees and plants. Bring gloves and shovels if you have them. Groups of 10 or more please call 425-806-6760 so we can provide enough refreshments.

Mill Creek

Mill Creek Block Party

April 23, 10:00 am - 1 pm at City Hall Annex - Community Rooms

Join the City of Mill Creek & Community Transit as we celebrate Earth Week and making our community a great place to live during the first annual Mill Creek Block Party. During the event there will be fun and educational opportunities to learn about public transportation, healthy active lifestyles, and enjoy interactive activities for everyone. Activities include the Community Transit's Double Tall Bus, Guided Bicycle Trail Rides, Interactive Arts & Crafts, Games, Face Painting, Food Vendors, and Live Music. Plus a chance to win Great Prizes! For more information please call 425-921-5779.

Evergreen State Fairgrounds - Spring Carnival - on the Midway

Fri., April 22, 4-10 p.m.

Sat., April 23, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun., April 24, 11 a.m.-closing

Things to do:

Carnival Rides

Homespun Bazaar (Crafts, entertainment and kids activities)

Race car Simulator

Youth Trout Fishing Pond

Bee-utiful Qulits 2016 show

Evergreen Speedway Events

Monroe Swap & Shop

Western Heritage Center
WSRIA Spring National Jumper Horse Show
Evergreen Junior Dairy Cattle Show (Sat.)

Save \$8.00! Discounted carnival ride wristbands on sale
now through April 21.

www.EvergreenFair.org
Use promotion code: SPRING

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