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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Terry's September 2016 Newsletter

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Evergreen State Fair recap



Another year of success at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe!

We take great pride in our county fair and in all of the family friendly activities such as free entertainment at the Courtyard stage, livestock shows and competition, equestrian, rodeo, arts and crafts, rides, carnival, 4H presentations and competition, many food options (love those scones!) and fantastic concerts with Christian singers Mercy Me and Jeremy Camp, Country singer Hunter Hayes (Incredible concert!), 80's star Pat Benatar and others.

"2016 was a fantastic year for the Evergreen State Fair with



more than 328,000 happy fairgoers and several record breaking days of attendance and revenues," said Tom Teigen, Snohomish County Director of Parks and Recreation. "The Evergreen State Fair is a great family oriented event for our county."

Thank you to our Parks and Recreation Department and our Fair Advisory Board members- Vickie Andrew, Marshia Armstrong, Don Ballard, Elaine Johannsen, Tod Johnson, Anne Lowe, Mark Mahnkey, Rick Merrill, Jerry Smith and Kathleen Wright. Thank you for the hundreds of hours throughout the year to make sure our fair was a success!

Did you know?

- Our fair is the first fair in the nation to move toward a goal of zero waste. 96% of the usual "garbage" has been compostable and recyclable. Greenest fair in the nation!
- This year's fair included the first Youth Livestock show. These kids raised and sold their livestock. This event supports local agriculture businesses.
- The fairground provides a home for the largest 4H organization in the state with over 11,000 members.
- The fair averages a net income of \$800,000 per year. These funds are re-invested in building renovations and improvements.

Economic Alliance Snohomish County

One of the boards I am honored to serve on is Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) which is at the forefront of economic development in our county. We are fortunate to have EASC working for us to bring more businesses and family wage jobs to Snohomish County.

EASC is led by President and CEO Patrick Pierce and his experienced, highly capable staff. EASC's mission- Economic Alliance Snohomish County exists to be a catalyst for economic vitality resulting in stronger communities, increased job creation, expanded educational opportunities, and improved infrastructure. The Board of Trustees includes over 50 leaders in business and industry.

All of us are working for the betterment of Snohomish County. We have worked together to bring more jobs to Snohomish County. John Monroe of EASC set up 27 meetings for us at the Farnborough Air Show to work on business retention, expansion and recruitment. Patrick Pierce personally attended the air show with us to help with this effort. Thank you EASC for your dedication to Snohomish County!



**Snohomish County economic update:
Unemployment at 4.8% and home construction
booming - courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish
County**

The July jobless rate for Snohomish County was 4.8%, down from 5% observed in July 2015. The statewide rate in July was 5.7%, and the U.S. rate was 4.9%. Year over year, Snohomish County added 5,900 jobs, a growth of 2.1%. Combined with King County, whose jobs grew by 4.5%, the Seattle-Bellevue-Everett area's jobs grew by 3.9% in July, 3rd best in the nation.

A big part of this growth is the home construction boom. WA Employment Security Dept. reports "Employment levels in the construction industries increased by 700 from June to July. Year-to-year, employment in construction was up 1,200. This is a 5.9 percent increase over last year's observed employment level."

An EASC analysis of residential building permits shows the need for construction workers. Year over year, July building permits are up by 79%. Total permits for 2016 are up by 29%. Growth is for both single family houses, as well as multi-family buildings. Year to date, permits for 100 multifamily structures have been issued, compared to 28 in 2015. For apartment buildings (5 or more units per structure) there were 11 through July in 2015 compared with 29 thus far in 2016.



**Second Snohomish County BRT line on track
to open in early 2019 - courtesy of Community Transit**

Community Transit unveiled the names of its first two Bus Rapid Transit lines - the *Swift Blue Line* and the *Swift Green Line*.

The *Swift Blue Line* has been in operation since 2009 on Highway 99 between Everett and Shoreline. It is Community Transit's highest ridership route, serving 1.6 million passengers in 2015. The *Swift Green Line* is proposed to open in early 2019, operating between the county's largest job centers at Canyon Park in Bothell and Boeing/Paine Field in

Everett.

The *Swift* Green Line will connect portions of Congressman Rick Larsen's 2nd Congressional District and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene's 1st Congressional District.



Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and Terry at Swift announcement

The *Swift* Green Line will begin service in early 2019. It will take that long to complete several component projects within the larger project. Construction on the 34 *Swift* stations and the Seaway Transit Center - the *Swift* Green Line's northern terminal outside Boeing's main gate - will start in summer 2017. New lane projects on the Bothell-Everett Highway and near the I-5 overpass at 128th Street will take place in 2017 and 2018. Fifteen new 60-foot BRT buses will arrive in late 2018. Those buses will be branded the same as existing *Swift* buses and will be used interchangeably on both *Swift* lines.

More information can be found at www.communitytransit.org/Swift.



Terry, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Congressman Rick Larsen and Community Transit CEO Emmett Heath

**Terry discussing Snohomish County needs
with other leaders:**



Terry and former County Executive Bob Drewel
at Boeing event



Sally Jewel, US Secretary of the Interior

District events

Bothell



Farmers market runs from September 9th through September 30th on Fridays 12-6pm. Stop by the market each week to pick up everything you need for those summer weekends! Our market offers a large variety of in-season, locally grown produce, straight from the farm! Pick up fresh cut flower bouquets, locally grown berries, homemade baked goods, fresh bread, eggs, organic fruits & veggies, infused oil & vinegar, honey, coffee, jams, & even fish & chips! We sell handmade items from local artisans including jewelry, candles, & more. Each week, local musicians including will entertain you with an eclectic variety of family friendly music. Visitors will enjoy the beautiful grounds of Country Village while stocking up on the best Northwest flavors and ingredients. There are over forty locally owned shops & restaurants in

addition to fun kids activities for all ages. Join us for Fresh Fridays!

**Bothell Pirate Day at Country Village
PIRATE DAY AT COUNTRY VILLAGE**



Aye....All hands on deck! Come in yer best pirate garb from 12pm-4pm and follow the clues on the treasure map to solve the mystery & enter to win. Put on your Pirate Day souvenir t-shirt (\$3) and plunge through the Country Village shops. Meet fer some fun, grub, and even a special visit from the Pirates of Treasure Island (Noon-3pm). The pirate ship has set sail from the back of the Village to the center courtyard area.

For more information, please call 425-483-2250 or visit our website at www.countryvillagebothell.com. Country Village is located just two miles north of Bothell or one mile south of Canyon Park, on the Bothell-Everett Highway, or take exit #26 off I-405 and go south one mile.

Mill Creek



Run with Heart 5K and 5 miler race

Beneficiaries

The Run With Heart 5k and 5 miler will be donating event proceeds to the Ironheart Foundation and Colton's Army.

Event Date:

Saturday, Sept. 10th 2016

Location:

McCullum Park 600 128th Street SE Everett, WA 98204

Race Day Schedule:

7:30 am - Day of Registration opens

8:30 am - Registration closes

8:45 am - Kids Dash Begins

9:00 am - 5k and 5 mile Races begin

9:45 am - 5k Awards ceremony begins

10:15 am - 5 mile Awards ceremony begins

Race Questions:

Contact Race Director Bobby Sorensen
at bobbys@columbiaathletic.com

Ironheart Foundation

It is Ironheart's mission to support healthy heart living through sport. The goal of the Ironheart Foundation is to inspire others and motivate individuals, organizations and communities to live a heart healthy life. Along the way, we recognize the most common birth defect- Congenital Heart Defects and the #1 cause of death in both men and women, heart disease.

Colton's Army

After almost 7 years of fighting cancer and now 5 blessed remissions, we decided the time is 'right' to give back to the hospital and doctors who have been essential in helping to save our hero's life more times than we can count. In April 2016, our guild will be born. Colton's Army Guild will support Seattle Children's Hospital uncompensated care and the cutting edge immunotherapy cancer research "Strong Against Cancer." Colton's Army Guild is a non-profit with funds directly impacting the medical care of children and accelerating the pace of the necessary research to fund a cure to childhood cancer.

Colton's Army is a movement of prayer warriors and supporters who LOVE a 15-year old HERO who has been called to battle cancer (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) 5 times in the past 7 years. Through this journey, Colton has endured 2 bone marrow transplants, 1 stem cell transplant & one revolutionary T-cell therapy trial to beat this...Colton has wanted to create 'something' — he is beyond excited to have this opportunity to create a GUILD inspired by his journey.

Mountlake Terrace



Mountlake Terrace-Annual Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show September 24 - October 9, 2016

Enjoy paintings, prints, calligraphy, drawings, miniatures, photography, 3-dimensional and artisans' works by top local and regional artists. This is one of the best art shows in the region and attracts over 200 guests each year. The Mountlake Terrace Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts sponsor the Arts of the Terrace.

Last year's show incorporated nearly 180 artists submitting over 370 art entries, which marked the highest number of artists and art entries in the show's history.

As a juried art show, artists compete for more than \$4,000 in cash awards and art merchandise and the quality and caliber of art submissions has increased the competition for being accepted into the show.

The show is free and open to the public Monday-Thursday, 12-to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturdays, 12-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

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Sincerely,

Terry Ryan, Snohomish County Council