

NEWS from Councilmember Ken Klein

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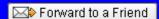
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Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

Last month I wrote to you regarding several issues that I felt were of great importance and encouraged you to engage with the issues as well by writing/calling your elected officials, attending public meetings and giving testimony or even just by talking to your friends and family. The same major issues that faced the Council last month are still being discussed.

The proposed courthouse continues to be a major concern of mine. Just this past week the Council voted 3-1 to change architects. (County Changes Architects on Courthouse Project). The budget that the council has set for the new courthouse is \$162 million, but I have serious doubts that the budget will or even can be met in the proposed location. I am in agreement that there are multiple issues with our current courthouse that need to be addressed and that our judges, clerk, prosecuting attorney, staff and public must be able to work and/or visit a safe and effective facility. There should be an open discussion as to how to approach the issue and a good faith effort should be made to see if a remodel and expansion at the existing location is the better choice. In my conversations within and without the county I've heard significant opposition to the project as it currently exists and my responsibility is to advocate for my constituents. I will continue to speak up on the issue and encourage others to reevaluate how we are going about the project before it is too

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late to reconsider.

Before I was elected to represent you, I made sure that I read and understood the documents that govern our county. Also before I was elected I was apprehensive because the Executive's office had made the decision to not hire a Director for the Finance Department. I found in reading the Charter and the County Code that a Finance Director was not only needed just for good business sense, but also required by our governing documents. I brought this to the Executive's attention and as a result, I am glad to say that he has temporarily appointed Executive Director Lenda Crawford to take on the role of Finance Director in addition to her existing duties. See the article, "County Finance Director Needed, Councilman Says" for more history about this issue. A proposed motion for the Council to confirm her in this position will be on the agenda shortly. This position is required to be permanently filled within six months.

As you know, I've been advocating for commercial air service at Paine Field long before I was elected to the Council in January and I'm excited to say that I believe we are getting closer and closer to seeing this become a reality. I've spoken to many individuals and business owners from various areas of Snohomish County and continue to hear positive feedback about the opportunities this will provide for local businesses and the convenience this will add for individuals looking to travel. Look for more information being made available on this within the coming months!

Go, See, Do

84th Annual Stanwood-Camano Community Fair

The Stanwood-Camano Community Fair is the 'Best Lil Fair in the West'! Bring your friends and family for a fun day (or weekend) or carnival rides, exhibits, food, shopping, dancing, music and more!

Date: Friday, August 1st to Sunday, August 3rd

Time: Fair Schedule

Location: 6431 Pioneer Hwy Stanwood 98292

Cost: Adults \$10, Seniors and Children \$7, Under 5; Free and Season Passes \$20. Presale

tickets for a carnival one-day pass \$22 or \$30 during the fair.

Details: For more information, to purchase tickets or to order apparel please visit

Stanwood-Camano Community Fair

34th Annual Show N' Shine Car Show

Join us for the 34th annual Show 'n' Shine and admire the over 100 participating cars,

trucks and motorcycles. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the many vendors providing food, crafts, etc. This family friendly community event is sure to offer a full day of fun for the whole family. Admission is FREE to the public. Visit the IGA Texas BBQ and KidsFest for Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Bounce House and the TECO Dunk Tank.

Date: Saturday, August 2nd **Time:** 8:00am - 3:00pm

Location: S. Granite Avenue Granite Falls, 98252

Cost: Free to attend! Contact: 360-691-260

Details: Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce

Snohomish County - National Night Out Against Crime

Join your fellow Snohomish County citizens and learn the latest in crime prevention during this year's National Night Out Against Crime event. Enjoy free corn on the cob, snow cones and hot dogs. Be sure to attend and learn how to prevent crime in your neighborhood and hear what local law enforcement is doing to reduce crime and protect families.

Date: Tuesday, August 5th **Time:** 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Willis Tucker Park, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish 98296

Cost: Free!

Details: National Night Out Against Crime

Mayor's Ice Cream and Coffee Klatch

The City of Marysville invites community members to meet with Mayor Jon Nehring for a special summer evening coffee klatch with ice cream and light refreshments. The Mayor hosts these periodical coffee klatches as a chance to meet with residences in an informal setting. Citizens who attend are free to discuss a wide array of issues about their communities and city of Marysville. Since the City's Music in the Park series also occurs on Thursdays, you'll have an opportunity to catch the last half of the beach funk band Headshine in the Lions Centennial Pavilion.

Date: Thursday, August 7th **Time:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: 6915 Armar Road Marysville, 98270

Cost: Free!

RSVP: Please RSVP to Leah Ingram at 360-363-8091 or by email at

lingram@marysvillewa.gov

Details: Mayor's Ice Cream and Coffee Klatch

Summer Meltdown Festival

Join us for the 14th annual Summer Meltdown Festival! The festival will be returning to its stunning grounds at the Whitehorse Mountain Amphitheater, with an inspiring view of

snowcapped peaks that give the festival its slogan - "Where the music meets the mountain." This year, the vendor village will return with food, crafts and a beer garden, a yoga tent to warm up your dancing muscles, a kid's village, shaded campgrounds and the beautiful Stillaguamish River!

Date: Thursday, August 7th - Sunday August 10th **Time:** Gates open at 12:00pm on Thursday, August 7th

Location: 42501 SR 530 NE Darrington, 98241

Cost: For tickets, please visit <u>Summer Meltdown Tickets</u>

Contact: <u>Summer Meltdown Contact Information</u>

Festival of the River and Pow Wow

Join us for the 25th annual Stillaguamish Festival of the River and Pow Wow at River Meadows Park. This is a family and pet friendly event at a beautiful setting along the Stillaguamish River. Parking is only \$5.00 before 3:00pm so come early and enjoy music, pow wow, circus, kids fun zone, salmon bake, storytelling, education booths, craft vendors and much more!

Date: Saturday, August 9th and Sunday, August 10th

Time: 11:00am - 10:00pm both days

Location: River Meadows Park, 20416 Jordan Rd Arlington, 98223

Cost: Free!

Contact: Tamara Neuffer@tneuffer@stillaguamish.com

Details: For scheduled events and more information, please visit <u>Festival of the River</u>

Art & Music in the Park

Join us along with our community partners Lincoln Hill High School, Stanwood Police Department, City of Stanwood, Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center and Davis Place as we take back our park, enjoy an afternoon of music and art and unveil our new mural in the park.

Date: Saturday, August 16th **Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: Stanwood Church Creek Park, 272nd St NW Stanwood 98292

Cost: Free!

I enjoy receiving feedback from constituents as to what you would like to see in our community. Please feel free to connect with me to share any ideas, comments, concerns or questions!

All the best, Ken Klein

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Ken Klein Snohomish County Council