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Councilmember Ken Klein

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[Alessandra Durham](#), Legislative Aide

Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

Budget:

For the last several months I have been sharing my concerns with you in regards to the financial health of Snohomish County. There have been many areas of concern that have ranged from large salary increases for upper level management, proposed 6% cuts across departments, and a recommended 1% increase in property taxes. I am excited to report to you that on Monday, November 24th Council passed a balanced budget that;

- Did not include a 1% property tax increase to the general fund
- Set aside the revenue raised for the Courthouse to be actually used for the Courthouse project.
- Rolled back the 10% raises that were given to some of the Executive's highest paid staff
- Increased Planning Department positions to reduce permitting times
- Removes redundant positions in the Executive's department
- Restored funding to the Stillaguamish Clean Water District
- Included \$200,000 for the Stilly Valley Youth Project ([SVYP Facebook](#))

I cannot begin to express my appreciation for the Council's staff. Our analysts and clerks worked long hours, often on weekends, to ensure that the budget was thoroughly reviewed and that we were provided with the information needed to pass a sustainable budget. My concerns regarding the financial health of Snohomish County still exist. However, I believe this budget will help to guide us in the right direction in 2015. I appreciate all of the feedback I have received from you over these last several months and I hope that all of you are satisfied with this budget as well.

You can find more information about the budget process below;

- [Snohomish County Exec asks for property tax hike, raises for execs, September 30, 2014](#)
- [Proposed 2015 county budget increases spending, October 1, 2014](#)
- [County Council irons out differences, passes 2015 budget, November 25, 2014](#)

Go, See, Do!

The Warm Beach Lights of Christmas

Northwest holiday tradition, The Lights of Christmas features over one million lights in a creative display plus entertainment and activities for the entire family! Located in Stanwood at Warm Beach Camp, this one-of-a-kind holiday extravaganza stretches across approximately 15 acres, with seven uniquely themed areas. Features include brilliant light displays with over one million lights and counting, stunning larger-than-life nativity, five performance stages featuring theater and music, activities for kids including pony rides, train rides, petting farm, crafts, and more, dinner and snack options, and overnight getaway packages that include holiday-themed accommodations, festival admission, and breakfast!

Date: December 4th - 7th, 11th - 14th, 18th - 23rd, 26th - 30th

Time: 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Cost:

* Adults 13-59: \$15.00

* Military: \$12.00

* Seniors 60+: \$12.00

* Children 4-12: \$10.00

* Children 0-3: FREE

* AAA Members: \$2.00 off

* Various other options for group rates, Dessert Matinees, and Dinner Theater. Please visit [The Lights of Christmas](#) for more information

Pay What You Can Nights (December 4, 11, 29, 30): Can't afford the full price of admission? On Pay What You Can Nights do just that! On December 4th, 11, 29th, and 30th general festival admission is open for any price depending on what you feel you can afford. When you go to buy tickets

Location: Warm Beach Camp, 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292

Contact: 1.800.228.6724 or email registration@warmbeach.com

Arlington's Hometown Holidays

Come and enjoy an old fashion Christmas! Santa arrives at the annual parade at 12:00 pm. Meet in Legion Park and sing along to everyone's Christmas favorites or just enjoy the tree lighting, participate in the festive sweater contest and meet Santa! You can also take a horse drawn wagon ride through town and get you're shopping started with a 10% discount at most stores for Super Saturday.

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: The Santa Parade begins at 12:00pm on Olympic Avenue. Please visit; [Arlington's Hometown Holidays](#) for the times and locations of all the day's festivities

Location: Many events throughout Arlington

Contact: City of Arlington, 360.403.3448

Darrington Community Dance

Come kick your heels to the Old-Time Contra/Square/Family Dances at the Mansford Grange! Or just tap your toes and enjoy the music. Enjoy an evening of music and dance and feel free to bring your whole family. Amy Carroll graciously calls the dance and Whitehorse Musician's Guild provides the sound. All proceeds go to the band (Northern Contraband), caller, and sound.

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Location: Mansford Grange; 1265 Railroad Avenue, Darrington, WA 98241

Cost: Suggested donation of \$7.00

Contact: 206.402.8646

Granite Falls Winterfest

Are you excited for the holiday season? Throughout the last week of November and the first week of December, plan on seeing signs of Christmas in Granite Falls. The 2nd Annual Winterfest, with all of its festive lights and decorations, is on its way. Complete with a tree lighting, kid's craft fair, Santa pictures, carolers, Jingle Bell 5k Run, and horse and carriage rides. This year is going to be the best yet! Keep an eye out for flyers and maps which will be distributed around Granite Falls for more information.

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: Jingle Bell 5k 2014 starts at 9:00am and events continue throughout the day. Please visit, <http://gfwinterfest.com/> for additional information.

Location: Granite Avenue, Granite Falls, WA 98252

Website: [Granite Falls Winterfest](#)

Contact: 425.563.3801

Merrysville for the Holidays

Wintery wonderland lights and sounds are never more magical in Marysville than during the Merrysville for the Holidays community celebration. Get in the holiday spirit by joining Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Marysville Parks and Recreation for the 2014 Merrysville for

the Holidays Electric Lights Parade. This year's parade starts at 6:30pm. The celebration continues in Comeford Park with a family outdoor concert at 7:00pm, the Watertower lighting, food vendors, and a holiday bonfire.

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 2:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Comeford Park, 514 Delta Ave. Marysville, WA 98270

Contact: 360.363.8400

Stanwood's 15 Annual Old Fashioned Christmas

Free Santa pictures, gift bags, crafts, treats, and entertainment featuring live music by the Stanwood Foursquare Church! Brought to our community by the Stanwood Chamber of Commerce and the Stanwood Historical Society.

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Floyed Norgaard Cultural Center; 27130 102nd Ave NW Stanwood 98292

Contact: 360.629.0562

Cedarcrest Golf Course Holiday Tour of Lights

Hop aboard the Merrysville Express Rotary Train as it whisks you and your family on a journey along winding cart paths. Along the way you'll be treated to 30 enchanting light displays "sure to give people something to smile about this holiday season," Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew says. The 20 minute ride on tractor pulled trains sponsored by the Marysville Rotary Club will take guests through rolling hills on the west side of the course and around the pond, passing through penguin village, polar bear forest, Santa's workshop, and other unique displays that include animated golfers, a rocket ship, and gingerbread people playing soccer. The event also features a bonfire, s'mores, and hot chocolate for warming up after the train ride, visits from Santa, holiday music to get you in the spirit, and a special menu during weekends in Bleachers Grill and Cedarcrest.

Dates: December 11th - 13th, December 18th - 20th, December 26th - 27th

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Cost: Free! However, they do accept donations. Suggested donation is \$5/adult and \$3/youth or \$20/family

Location: Cedarcrest Golf Course; 6810 84th St. NE Marysville, WA 98270

Contact: 360.363.8400

Opportunity for Involvement

The Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRC) is seeking 1-2 motivated members to serve as citizen advisors on a committee that addresses local marine issues and recommends action to the County Executive and Council. Interested parties are expected to have a willingness to learn about marine conservation, participate in research projects, and collaborate on marine issues over a three-year term that runs from 2015-2017. The MRC meets in Everett the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30pm. Members volunteer at least 15 hours per month for MRC project planning and implementation.

The deadline for applications is December 19, 2014 or until filled. For more information about the MRC or to apply, please visit www.snocomrc.org or contact Kathleen Hermann, Snohomish County Marine Resources Steward at Kathleen.Hermann@snoco.org

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!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

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Sincerely,

Ken Klein
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