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Councilmember Ken Klein

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Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

Marysville-Pilchuck High School Tragedy - My thoughts and prayers have continuously been with the victims, families, students, parents, staff, and the entire Marysville-Tulalip community since learning of the tragic shooting that took place at Marysville-Pilchuck High School on Friday, October 24th. In the aftermath of the SR 530 Slide I saw those in the Stillaguamish Valley rally around the ones impacted to comfort and provide for them in the wake of this incredible tragedy. In the same way I've seen the people of Marysville-Tulalip rally around one another to console, provide, protect and try to make sense of such a horrific event. I am proud of the manner in which cities and neighborhoods in North Snohomish County come together to take care of one another in trying times. I am deeply saddened and stand in solidarity with the city of Marysville, the Marysville School District and the Tulalip Tribe. If there is anything that I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me. Below are resources that are available to help:

- Victim Support Services, 800.346.7555 or www.victimsupportservices.org
- Disaster Distress Helpline, 800.985.5990 (immediate multi-lingual counseling. This is also available via text at 66746. The service is confidential.)
- [Helping Your Child Cope with Media Coverage of Disasters](#)

Budget Update - This past month our staff has worked tirelessly at reviewing the budget, drafting amendments and meeting with each department in the County. They have done an excellent job with answering our questions and ensuring that the Council has been well informed throughout the process. I wish I was able to report to you that I believe that Snohomish County's financial position is strong. However, I do not believe that to be the case. My concern for the County is that due to a combination of systematic issues with county budgets in Washington State, the devastating impact on the SR 530 Slide, and the County's use of property tax increases to fund the new courthouse, the current revenues are not sufficient to maintain County services at their current levels. Furthermore, the executive's proposed budget compounds the systematic problems by utilizing one time revenues to patch the holes. The proposed budget assumes that for the second year in a row that the bonds for the expanded courthouse will not be sold. That means that there will be over \$8 million in taxes over the last two years that will have not gone to its intended purpose. Fortunately, there is room in this budget to change from a short-term approach to the beginning of a long-term strategy of fiscal accountability and sustainability. I believe that there are solutions and I look forward to working with the other councilmembers to implement the necessary changes. I will keep you updated in the coming month, but I'd also encourage you to become active in the process by attending our meetings. You can find our schedule at the link provided below;

- [Snohomish County Council Meetings](#)

Trade Mission to China - I was incredibly fortunate to have been given to opportunity to visit China on the Washington State Life Sciences Business & Investment Mission to China with the Seattle Trade Alliance. This experience allowed for me to gain a better understanding of the biotech market in Beijing and Shanghai and new ideas for how Snohomish County can have a bigger role in the global marketplace. I believe in order for the economy in Snohomish County to remain strong and to continue to see growth, we must be open to diversification and vibrancy. During our mission, I learned that there is an overwhelming demand for American made medical devices in China. This is because many medical professionals and individuals believe this is an area where we provide a superior product than Chinese manufactures. This was reassuring to learn because it demonstrates that American manufacturing still has a strong position in the global market place and I believe we have the talent and resources in Snohomish County to help fill the demand. I will continue working on building relationships with the contacts I made while in China and encouraging these businesses to come see what Snohomish County has to offer.

Go, See, Do!

Marysville Holiday Bazaar

Windsor Square Retirement Apartments hosts a Holiday Bazaar. With arts, crafts, baked goods, and a food bar, sometime is sure to please you!

Date: Saturday, November 1st

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Windsor Square Retirement Apartments, 9912 48th Dr. NE Marysville, WA 98272

Contact: Call 360.653.1717 or visit [Windsor Living](#)

Darrington Community Dance

Come kick your heels up at the Darrington Community Dance to the Atlas String Band at the Mansford Grange! If you've been to one before, you know this will be fun for the entire family! All the proceeds go to the band, caller, and sound.

Date: Saturday, November 1st

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm

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

Contact: 206.402.8646

Arlington Holiday Shoppe 2014

Jumpstart your holiday shopping and help the Arlington HS Art Club too. There will be local vendors selling handmade items, commercial vendors, and food vendors too! There will also be music from local musicians and school groups for you to enjoy.

Date: Saturday, November 8th

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

Location: 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223

Contact: 360.618.6200

Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Here's your chance to be a part of a Thanksgiving tradition that will warm your heart, give food to the deserving families in our community, and put a smile on everyone's face! There are many job positions to be filled (56 spots). You do not need any special skills - we will "train" you when you arrive. Dress in layers to stay warm/cool enough.

Date: Saturday, November 22nd

Time: Food Bank is open from 10:00am - 4:00pm for clients, volunteer shifts are available between 8:30am and 5:00pm

Location: Stanwood-Camano Food Bank Services,

Cost: Free!

Contact: Call Wendy Foster at 360-629-2789 or call/text her cell phone at 240-315-3055.

Details: You can learn more about this opportunity as well as general information about Stanwood-Camano Food Bank by visiting [Stanwood-Camano Food Bank](#)

Light Up Your Holidays in Stanwood

Avoid the mall and create a new holiday tradition in Stanwood! Visit Stanwood throughout November and December and Light Up Your Holidays this season with dozens of unique, one-of-a-kind shops and festive events for adults and kids alike. Join us in kicking off this Christmas season at the annual tree-lighting ceremony in the Viking Village Shopping Center.

Date: Saturday, November 29th

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Viking Village Shopping Center, Located at the corner of State Route 532 and 88th Avenue

Cost: Free!

Details: You can find updates with all of the events, including dates, times and details at [City of Stanwood](#).

81st Annual Fall Turkey Shoot

Please join the Granite Falls Sportsman Club for the 81st Annual Turkey Shoot! You can show off your prowess with a shotgun or try your luck at Bingo and raffles with chances to win turkey or bacon for your Thanksgiving feast. The Club also collects donations for the Granite Falls Food Bank at this event, so please consider bringing non-perishable food items to help spread holiday cheer to those in need.

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Time: 10:00am

Location: Granite Falls Sportsman Club, 20319 Gun Club Rd., Granite Falls

Cost: Shotgun games are \$4.00 each or five games for \$22.00 with a guaranteed prize. Bingo and raffles start at \$1.00

Contact: info@gfscclub.com

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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Sincerely,

Ken Klein
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