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Councilmember Ken Klein

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[Alessandra Durham](#), Legislative Aide

Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

Stilly Valley Youth Project - As mentioned in September's Newsletter, I have been working closely with community members and elected officials to bring forth a Capital Facilities Request to the Governor's Office and members of the Washington State Legislature. I submitted our request the last week of September and will be spending more time in Olympia once session begins to continue to advocate for this project. There is still time for you to help support this project if you'd like as well! Please consider sending letters of support to our elected officials in Olympia or even an editorial to the paper.

You can also support the Stilly Valley Youth Project by signing the petition or "liking" the project on Facebook! The links are below:

- * [Stilly Valley Youth Project Facebook Page](#)
- * [Petition for the Stilly Valley Youth Project](#)

Ten Percent Pay Increases - When I took office in January, I made it a priority to read and understand the Snohomish County Charter and Code. During this time, I discovered that the Charter & Code in addition to Washington State Law required that the County have a Finance Director appointed by

the Executive and confirmed by the Council. I sought the opinion of our prosecuting attorney's office to ensure that I clearly understood the law. I brought this to the attention of the Deputy Executive and Executive Lovick on at least three separate occasions. During this year it was also discovered that the Executive gave pay raises up to 10% to 16 of his highest paid department heads without the approval of Council while at the same time asking departments (including the departments of other elected officials) to take 6% cuts. The lack of a Finance Director and the doling out of large pay increases without approval by the Council are both illegal and I strongly believe the Executive and anyone else responsible for these actions must be held accountable. This is not just a matter of bad optics and poor business management, but most importantly it is against county code. As Council enters into our budget season, I will be carefully analyzing all aspects of the budget to insure that the County stays within our means while providing the essential services that citizens have come to expect.

You can find more information about the pay raises and Finance Director below:

- * [Snohomish County exec asks for property tax hike, raises for execs](#)
- * [Proposed 2015 county budget increases spending](#)

House Appointment to the 44th Legislative District - On July 24, 2014 Republican Representative Mike Hope resigned from his position. This created a vacancy in the 44th Legislative District. On Monday, September 15th the Snohomish County Council was charged with the responsibility of appointing a candidate brought forth by the Snohomish County Republican Party to fill this position. The Council failed to act and as a result the Council voted to forward the decision to Governor Inslee to fill the vacancy. I completely and adamantly supported appointing Mark Harmsworth to fill the vacancy. Unfortunately for the people of the 44th Legislative District, I was unable to secure three votes (the majority) for Mr. Harmsworth. This was surprising to me because it was apparent in his interview that he has a strong record of civic engagement and public service, support from the majority of voters as well as the vast majority of the Republican PCOs in the 44th Legislative District. I wrote a letter to Governor Inslee asking that he select Harmsworth citing the reasons I've discussed. I was disappointed to learn on September 26th that the Governor refused to appoint Mark to the position that he is most qualified to fill.

You can find more information on this at the following links;

- * [Snohomish County Council can't decide on a state House appointment](#)
- * [Retired Navy captain appointed to fill House seat](#)

Go, See, Do!

Arlington Arts Council's 12th Annual Fall into Art Auction

Please join the Arlington Arts Council for their 12th Annual Fall into Art Auction! This fundraiser celebrates art in Arlington with a little Parisian ring this year. There will be some gypsy jazz by Rondeau Swing (Ron Thordarson, Daniel Sloan and Jim Bassett) lots of great art for sale along with artistic adventures, experiences, and luxuries!

Date: Saturday, October 18th

Time: Doors open at 5:30pm

Location: Gleneagle Family Restaurant, 7619 Country Club Drive, Arlington, WA 98223

Cost: \$35.00. Tickets are available for purchase at Flowers by George, 335 N. Olympic or by phone at 360.435.5866

Contact: Jean Olson, 360.435.5866

Details: [Arlington Fall into Art Auction](#)

49th Annual Railroad and Reunion Days

Come join us as we commemorate Granite Falls' history, the great railroads, and the people with a community festival that includes a Children's Parade, Grade Parade, and Friday and Saturday! Don't miss the Seafair Pirates, Shriners, a 5K Run, BBQ sandwiches at the Fire Hall and many other types of vendor booths to shop and eat at!

Date: Friday, October 3rd - Saturday October 4th

Time: Please visit link for the times of each event, [Railroad Days Agenda](#)

Location: Events held at various locations throughout Granite Falls. The Grand Parade begins at 12:00pm on Saturday, October 4th at East Stanley turning south onto S. Granite

Cost: Parade is free. Other costs are dependent on activities.

Contact: 360.691.7733

Marysville Parks & Recreation Autumn Craft Show

Shop from over 20+ vendors for gifts, pets, kids, mom and garden, and don't forget yourself! Enjoy the new holiday relaxation café area for some tasty goodies, espresso drinks and pampering.

Date: Saturday, October 11th

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave Marysville, WA 98270

Cost: Free admission for shoppers

Contact: For vendor information please email Maryke Burgess at mburgess@marysvillewa.gov or call 360.363.8450

Darrington Harvest Festival

Come and enjoy old fashion fun at the Mansford Grange Harvest Festival! There will be local vendors with handcrafted foods and other fine items, recipe sharing and sampling and, lots of entertainment for children such as pumpkin carving and garden vegetable art! You can also see who wins this year's Giant Zucchini Hall of Fame Award!

Date: Saturday, October 11th

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: 1265 Railroad Avenue, Darrington, WA 98241

Contact: 360.436.1276

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,

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