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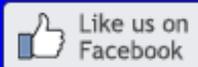
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Ken Klein's eNewsletter

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Happy Spring!

Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter.

Courthouse Update: As you may have read, Snohomish County reached an agreement with the City of Everett in which the County has agreed to pay \$5.5M for a parking facility at an undisclosed location. I am opposed to the project in its current form and strongly opposed the idea of adding the unnecessary parking garage. Although, I have voiced legitimate concerns for the past year, the County has decided to push ahead. I will continue to monitor the courthouse project closely and will bring issues to light as they will inevitably arise. We must be vigilant on the long term health of the county's finances. This week I have found out that the county ended 2014 with reserves of 7.4%. This is far below the County's stated policy of 11%. With the County's finances still in a degraded position the County should avoid any further added costs for the project. While I am disappointed, I promise to continue to monitor the project and provide you with updates as I receive them.

To learn more about the agreement, please see [County would pay \\$5.5M for parking slots](#).

Stilly Valley Youth Project (SYVP): After the release of the State House Capital Budget, I was disappointed to find that the House left the SYVP out of their budget. Fortunately, \$2.242M has been included in the Senate's capital budget. This of course leaves a gap from the original request, but I am confident that we can work with our partners to ensure all

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critical components of the project receive the necessary level of funding.

At this time, it is critical that we reach out to the "decision makers" during the final stages of the budget process. Senator Keiser, Representative Dunshee, Representative DeBolt, and Senator Honeyford will be the key players in the negotiations that will lead up to the final budget. Please contact these budget leaders and urge them to fully fund the SVYP in the final budget. Their contact information is below:

- **Senator Karen Keiser**- Call 360.786.7664 or email karen.keiser@leg.wa.gov and copy TaraJo.Heinecke@leg.wa.gov
- **Representative Richard DeBolt**- Call 360.786.7896 or email Richard.Debolt@leg.wa.gov and copy Catherine.Word@leg.wa.gov
- **Senator Jim Honeyford**- Call 360.786.7684 or email Jim.Honeyford@leg.wa.gov and copy Penelope.Mcwain@leg.wa.gov
- **Representative Hans Dunshee**- Call 360.786.7804 or email Hans.Dunshee@leg.wa.gov and copy Josie.Regan@leg.wa.gov

Go, See, Do!

Darrington-Kids Fishing Derby

Bring your kids the Darrington Firefighters Association's annual Kids Fishing Derby! The contest is open to all kids age 14 and under. Prizes are awarded. Kids should bring their own gear to the event. Families may register ahead of time, but pre-registering is not required.

Date: Saturday, April 25th

Time: 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Fortson Ponds. From Exit 208 on I-5 (Arlington) travel east on SR 530 for 25.2 miles turning left onto Fortson Mill Road (near milepost 42). Continue .2 miles to a large parking lot.

Cost: Free!

Silent Auction & Wine Tasting to benefit Stanwood's American Legion Charities

Enjoy wine sampling provided by Dusty Cellars Winery from Camano Island and our delicious Italian dinner. Funds raised go to Stanwood's American Legion charities that support veterans, their families, and local scholarships. Tickets may be pre-paid or purchased at the door. You may also reserve a table for six for your family or business organization.

Date: Saturday, April 25th

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Stanwood American Legion, 26291 88th Ave NW Stanwood

Cost: \$15.00 per person or a table of six for \$80.00

Additional Information: Visit [American Legion Silent Auction & Wine Tasting](#) or call 360.629.2851

All the best,

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Sincerely,

Ken Klein
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