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Councilmember Ken Klein

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Thank you for
subscribing to my monthly newsletter.

Surface Water Management Fee Expansion:

Council voted 4-1 to approve expanding stormwater fees to areas including Darrington and south of Stanwood. I was the "no" vote because I wanted assurances about the surface water improvements property owners in North County could anticipate. Unfortunately, after multiple discussions with Surface Water Management (SWM) staff, I did not receive a list of projects for the area that gave me confidence these rate payers would receive services for the new fee. I also believe that it is unfair to impose fees without a guarantee of service to the most rural and impoverished areas of the County. While researching this issue, I learned that the County contracted in 2002 with DNR and spent \$13.9 million to create a comprehensive inventory of its stormwater infrastructure. In response, I created a budget note that will require SWM to provide options and/or different approaches for an asset management strategy and schedule for all stormwater assets based on useful life. This will hold SWM accountable to ensuring that projects are performed based on data and a plan

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rather than just being reactive. Council has requested that options be formally submitted by March 31, 2016.

For more information about the Surface Water Management fee expansion, please read [New stormwater fees set to address flooding, drain problems](#).

Homelessness:

Earlier this year, I toured the Mountain River Index Sites in Southeast Snohomish County. This tour brought to my attention the extent of the issue of homelessness in our County and the impacts on rural communities. Although homelessness is often thought of as an urban issue, we are seeing increased numbers of unsheltered people moving towards rural communities.

Last month, I received correspondence from constituents in a neighborhood north of Arlington where people had trespassed and set up an encampment. Trash had accumulated on the property, discarded vehicles were piling up, drug use was suspected, and neighboring property owners were growing increasingly concerned about their safety. Among the individuals that had taken over the private parcel was a young boy living with his father. The Snohomish County Gang and Drug Task Force has been successful in helping to clean up encampments as they are reported, but when an encampment is cleared at one location it will pop up at a location down the road.

I am actively working to pursue solutions for this issue and have had conversations with the City of Portland, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Seattle surrounding their recent state of emergency on homelessness declarations. I have also partnered with Snohomish County Human Services, Executive-Elect Dave Somers, Governor Jay Inslee's Office, our Federal delegation and local municipalities to determine our next steps in achieving results in Snohomish County. I look forward to continuing a serious dialogue and implementing policies that will help us to achieve success in reducing the numbers of unsheltered people living in our communities. Since we are in the early stages of planning, I am looking to you for suggestions. Please don't hesitate to call or email me.

GO, SEE, DO!

Stanwood - The Lights of Christmas

More than ONE MILLION Christmas lights will be displayed in December during a spectacle spread over 15 acres at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood! The Lights of Christmas is the largest holiday light display in the Pacific Northwest that combines live entertainment, children's activities, food, holiday shopping, and more. In addition, reservations can be made for overnight getaways in holiday-themed lodges and for Dinner Theater/Sunday Dessert Matinee.

Dates: December 3-6, December 10-13, December 17-23, and December 26-29

Time: 5:00pm - 10:00pm

Cost: Adults 13-59 - \$16, Military 13-59 \$12, Seniors 60+ - \$12, Kids 4-12 \$11, Kids 0-3 Free

Location: 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood 98292

Details: For additional information, please visit [Lights of Christmas](#) or call 360.652.7575

Arlington Hometown Country Holiday

Welcome Santa to town with the annual Santa Parade, Tree lighting, and visits with Santa! Gather after the Santa Parade at Legion Park for a Tree Lighting with the Mayor and Santa, a Festive Sweater Contest, caroling, and fun! Santa will be available for visits and photos (bring your camera), free cocoa and craft activities sponsored by Arlington Lifeway, fire pits and s'mores offered by the Arlington Scouts, and horse drawn wagon rides provided by the Downtown Arlington Business Association.

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Viewing area will be available from 3rd Street to Legion Park in Arlington. Tree lighting and Santa visits will take place at Legion Park (114 N Olympic Ave., Arlington)

Details: To submit a parade application, please visit [Arlington's County Holiday](#) site to download the form

Contact: Arlington Parks and Recreation, 360.403.3448

Arlington Runners Club Toys for Tots Christmas Run

Please join the local chapter of Toys for Tots and the Arlington Runners Club for their 10th Annual Christmas Run. If you register online with www.active.com before November 21st you can save \$5.00 on the entry fee. The race registration fees are donated to the local chapter of Toys for Tots to help them put toys in the hands of local kids this year.

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Location: 4417 172nd Street NE, Arlington, WA 98223

Cost: \$20.00 prior to November 21st. \$25.00 after November 21st.

Details: For additional information, please visit www.arlingtonrunnersclub.org

Merrysville for the Holidays and Electric Lights Parade

Step into a winter wonderland with holiday family fun, food, music, and a parade of Christmas lights! The festival kicks off at 6:30pm with the Electric Lights Parade featuring a flotilla of vehicles, floats and walking groups decked out in glistening holiday lights that will make their way along State Avenue Starting at the Municipal Court, and arriving at the center of all the holiday action in Comeford Park! After the Parade, at about 7:00pm, the lighting of the water tower will officially welcome the start of the holiday season in Marysville. Live music will entertain the crowds with the sounds of the season in the Rotary Pavilion from 7-7:30pm. Be sure to bring a camera for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped gifts for the Marysville Community Food Bank will be accepted at the event. Donations will be distributed to families in need prior to the Christmas holiday.

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm, Parade starts at 6:30pm

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

Cost: FREE!!!

Details: For additional information please visit [Merrysville for the Holidays and Electric Lights Parade](#), call 360.363.8000, or email Andrea Kingsford at akingsford@marysvillewa.gov

Merrysville for the Holidays Craft & Gift Show

It's time for the Merrysville for the Holidays Craft and Gift Show! The event runs from 5-8pm in conjunction with other Merrysville for the Holidays activities. Marysville is looking for food vendors, fine hand-crafter artisans, wreath sales, and a few commercial vendors too! Vendor booths will be outside and must be lighted for the festivities.

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

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

Details: For more information, please call 360.363.8451 or email mburgess@marysvillewa.gov

Cedarcrest Golf Course Holiday Tour of Lights

All aboard and welcome to the 5th Annual Cedarcrest Golf Course Holiday Tour of Lights! Make this event a family tradition as you board the Marysville Noon Rotary Train for an enchanting 20-minute ride through the many lighted holiday displays, and perhaps even catch a glimpse of Santa or his elves along the way. Relax on the deck and sip hot chocolate to holiday music while roasting marshmallows for a complimentary s'more. Or make a night of it and join Cedarcrest's Bleachers Restaurant for a delicious dinner.

Dates: Thursday - Sunday, December 10th - 12th, December 17th - 19th, concluding Monday - Saturday, December 21st - 26th (excluding December 25th)

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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

Cost: This is a FREE event. Donations accepted, \$5 per adult, \$3 per youth, \$20 per family

Contact: 360.363.8400

Darrington Potluck and Community Dance

Come kick up your heels to Contra, Square, and Family Dances at the Mansford Grange! There is a potluck before the dance begins too!

Date: Saturday, December 12th

Time: Potluck, 5:30pm (or so), Old-Time Dance begins at 7:00pm

Location: Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington 98241

Contact: 360.436.2107

Ultimate Basketball Camp

Ultimate Basketball Camp is designed to help develop a young athlete's fundamentals and individual skills needed for basketball. Fundamentals are taught with a variety of drills and skill-oriented games. Techniques covered during the camp are ball handling, shooting, passing, free throws, rebounding, individual/team defense, triple threat and sportsmanship. Participants registering after December 4, 2015 will not receive a shirt.

Date: December 29th - December 30th

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm (each day)

Location: Cedarcrest Middle School, 6400 88th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270

Cost: \$50.00

Contact: 360.363.8403 or email Dave Hall at dhall@marysvillewa.gov

All the best,

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Sincerely,

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