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Councilmember Ken Klein

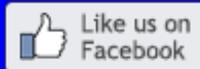
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## Ken Klein's eNewsletter

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Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

For the past year, I've been writing to you about what I felt was a project destined for failure. I spoke to employees involved with the project, the executive's directors, the media, my fellow councilmembers, and anyone else that was willing to listen. During that time, I received many encouraging emails and phone calls which I greatly appreciate.

Over the past month, the project has experienced its latest "hiccup" over an emergency parking ordinance voted into effect by the Everett City Council on December 24, 2014. The City of Everett and Executive Lovick's office have conflicting stories as to how this occurred. Frankly disagreements, miscommunications and backroom deals (either real or perceived) that cost taxpayers millions of dollars are completely unacceptable.

This issue has caused some on the Council to even consider scrapping the project in its entirety. Doing so would cost the taxpayers an additional \$16 million in interest since the county is unable to pay off the bonds until 2023. Add this to the \$4 million in interest that the County has already paid and we will have flushed \$20 million down the drain. We cannot be spending taxpayer dollars on interest for which there is no return.

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I have requested repeatedly that a good faith effort be undertaken to determine the cost of an expanded and remodeled facility that the public and County staff can visit and work in safely. This was the initial courthouse plan that was proposed by Councilmember Gossett and approved by Council for 2013 based on financial data provided by facilities staff, but had NEVER been analyzed. Due to the latest misstep in the current project, I am advocating that we reevaluate the current proposal, take an honest look at alternative plans, and move forward on a fiscally sound project utilizing the funding we already have in the bank.

Facilities will be presenting a recommendation on how the County can move forward to Council at 10:30 am on February 2nd. This is a public meeting and I encourage you to attend. If you cannot attend, I encourage you to email Executive Lovick at [John.Lovick@snoco.org](mailto:John.Lovick@snoco.org) and the County Council at [Contact.Council@snoco.org](mailto:Contact.Council@snoco.org) and express your opinion with the manner in which this project has been managed.

#### **Timeline of Current Courthouse Issues:**

- December 24, 2014 - [Everett moves to block courthouse work](#)
- January 5, 2015 - [County Council opens 2015 looking to solve courthouse conundrum](#)
- January 12, 2015 - [County courthouse construction plans stalled over parking gridlock](#)
- January 16, 2015 - [Everett, county in a standoff over parking at new courthouse](#)
- January 26, 2015 - [County may shelve plans for new courthouse](#)

**Go, See, Do!**

#### **Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival**

With winter comes the return of the eagles to the Stillaguamish River. To celebrate these special winter residents, Arlington hosts an annual Eagle Festival. We welcome you to visit and enjoy this event, which includes guided tours, art, photography, speakers, demonstrations, live music, wagon rides, and various other fun activities!

**Date:** February 6th & 7th

**Details:** For information on specific Festival events, please visit [Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival Events](#)

**Contact:** You can reach Arlington Parks & Recreation by phone at 360.403.3448 or by email at [Recreation@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:Recreation@arlingtonwa.gov)

#### **Business Roundtable with Councilmember Klein**

Please join me for a great breakfast and lively discussion with Representative Mark Harmsworth and Seattle Port Commissioner Bill Bryant. This will be my first Breakfast Roundtable for 2015. Generally, this event is geared towards members of the business community. However I'd love to see community members and new faces there as well. The \$25 charge covers the cost of the breakfast catered by Shawn O'Donnell's.

**Date:** Friday, February 13th

**Time:** 7:00am-8:30am

**Location:** Shawn O'Donnell's, 122 128th St SE, Everett, WA 98208

**Cost:** \$25 per person (includes breakfast)

**Contact:** Cindy Brengman, [kleinbrt@comcast.net](mailto:kleinbrt@comcast.net)

### **The Great Northwest Glass Quest**

You are invited to participate in the greatest treasure hunt in the Pacific Northwest! This is your opportunity to search for and find unique glass treasures hand-blown for Mark Ellinger, world-renowned glass artists!

**Date:** Friday, February 13th - Sunday, February 22nd

**Location:** From I-5, take Exit 121 and head west. Host businesses are listed in the Official Guide Book which can be downloaded from [The Great Northwest Glass Quest](#)

**Details/Instructions:** <http://www.thegreatnwglassquest.com/>

**Contact:** You can reach Gayle by phone at 425.359.7974 or Mark Ellinger's Glass Studio at 360.629.7005. Inquiries may also be submitted online at [Contact](#)

### **10th Annual Snow Goose and Birding Festival**

This is a celebration of the annual migration of snow geese. Experience the sights and sounds of large flocks of snow geese, trumpeter swans, a variety and number of ducks and shorebirds. Seminars, tours and hands on activities are available.

**Date:** Saturday, February 28th - Sunday, March 1st

**Location:** 27130 102nd Ave NW Stanwood, WA

Cost: Free!

**Details:** <http://www.snowgoosefest.org/>

**Contact:** 425.357.3674 or email [info@snowgoosefest.org](mailto:info@snowgoosefest.org)

### **Marysville Night at the Everett Silvertips**

The Everett Silvertips welcome the City of Marysville residents, families, and friends to Marysville Night when the Everett Silvertips face off with the Prince George Cougars. Tickets will go fast so don't get shut out on this great pricing. The deadline to buy the tickets is February 27th or while supplies last.

**Date:** Saturday February, 28th

**Time:** 7:05pm

**Location:** Xfinity Arena, 2000 Hewitt Ave Everett, WA 98201

**Cost:** Lower-level tickets are \$16 (\$7 off); upper-level tickets are \$12. The offer is only available online and tickets must be purchased from [www.everettsilvertips.com/marysville](http://www.everettsilvertips.com/marysville)

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**All the best,**

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**Sincerely,**

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