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Councilmember Ken Klein

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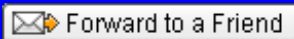
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Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter! It has been a productive month and I have great news to share with you.

Granite Falls Motocross - On Monday, March 2 Council voted 4-1 to affirm the Snohomish County Hearing Examiner's ruling that would allow for the construction of a motocross park in Granite Falls. This process has taken nearly nine years and was very contentious. I am excited to see new recreational activities and economic opportunities arriving in North Snohomish County! For more information on this, you can visit [Granite Falls motocross track gets council approval](#) published in the Everett Herald.

Commercial Air Service - I have additional thrilling news to report. Commercial air service is coming to Snohomish County! It has been a long road with much thought and consideration being put into this decision. After deliberations Councilmembers Somers and Ryan and I supported an option to lease that will provide an opportunity for commercial air service at Paine Field. I am thankful for the recommendation of approval from Executive Lovick on this project that we received in mid-February. I commend his staff on an excellent job during the negotiations. The agreement with Propeller Investments offers a 30-year lease with two optional 10-year extensions for a two gate terminal. This lease makes excellent

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economic sense because the financial risks will be taken on by Propeller and not by the County. Propeller Investments will build and operate the future terminal while paying the County for a ground lease in addition to a share of their revenue (2.5% for the first four years and 5% thereafter). This deal also provides greater security for our local businesses and economic growth in our County.

Courthouse - I recently came across a phrase that I feel describes the Courthouse Project fiasco best. "Moving the goal posts". This happens when previously agreed upon standards for deciding arguments are arbitrarily changed once they have been met in order to force decision makers into a preconceived conclusion. Councilmembers were originally sold a bill of goods and as time went on the cost of the project continued to rise. Bit by bit, by moving the goal posts, the Facilities Director at the direction of the Executive's Office convinced Council to continue to approve the costs of the project until they crept to the current \$162M.

Recently, I was made aware of negotiations between the County and the City of Everett that would increase the cost of the project again by an additional \$5M. A new parking agreement would be made where the county would pay \$250,000 per year for 20 years to the City of Everett to finance a new parking structure that the City would build. I am disappointed the project has been allowed to get to this point and have proposed that an independent architectural and engineering team provide cost estimates for alternatives. Council has received bids from outside firms that are able to provide new estimates for alternative plans. I am looking forward to receiving this information soon as each month that the County does not reach a resolution costs taxpayers \$193,000.

SR 530 Slide Anniversary - March 22nd of this month marks the one year anniversary of the SR 530 Slide. For many of us, it's still very fresh in our minds and will continue to be in the months and years ahead. My thoughts and prayers are continually with the victims, their families, and the community. Oso and Darrington welcome visitors and are open for business.

In remembrance of this tragic event and in the memory of those who lost their lives, WSDOT, Snohomish County, and the communities of Arlington, Oso and Darrington will be holding events along the roadway and in the community. More details will be available soon.

Go, See, Do!

Treasure Trove Antique Appraisal Show

Is it trash or treasure? Professional appraisers will be available to verbally evaluate your items. Pre-registration is strongly recommended with a limited amount of drop in space open. Assigned time frames will be given to those who register in advance to avoid waiting in line. Appraisers cannot accept furniture but will allow a picture if you include its measurements. Please no weapons, knives, coins, or money.

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Marysville City Hall, 1049 State Ave. Marysville 98270

Cost: \$10.00 for 1 item or \$20 for 2 items

Details: For more information please call 360-363-8450, email mburgess@marysvillewa.gov, or visit [Treasure Trove Antique Appraisal Show](#)

Arlington - MicClinchy Mile Oso Strong Ride

This year's Oso Strong Ride is a memorial to the people and the communities affected by the Oso Landslide. Routes will start in Arlington and travel along the Stillaguamish River through the landslide zone to Darrington. Route options of 35, 56 and 100 miles, most on State Route 530 with light traffic. Food stops, sag support and hot coffee included. Family riders can join us for a free ride on the Centennial Trail.

A portion of event proceeds will support tourism and economic development in the area by supporting the Whitehorse Trail. Improving the trail benefits recovery efforts, since tourism is key to the local economy. Plan a weekend in Snohomish County by coming on Saturday to ride the beautiful, paved Centennial Trail (30 miles one-way) or open sections of the unpaved Whitehorse Trail.

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: 600 E. First St., Arlington 98223

Cost: \$30.00. Preregistered riders get a commemorative coffee mug.

Details: For more information, please call 360-658-2462 or visit [B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County](#)

Tales to Tails

Read aloud to a caring canine partner to build reading skill and confidence. You also get to collect a special pawtograph!

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Stanwood Library, 9701 271st St NW Stanwood 98292

Cost: Free!

Details: Please call the Stanwood Library for more information at 360-629-3132

All the best,

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