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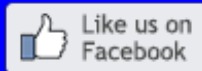
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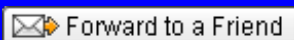
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Ken Klein's eNewsletter

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Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter!

Snohomish County Health District:

On Monday, October 26th I introduced a motion supporting the Snohomish Board of Health's Development of a transition plan regarding the District becoming part of County government. This motion states that, "...the County Council supports and will partner with the Snohomish Health District Board of Health in its efforts to analyze the feasibility, fiscal impacts, structural options and the impact on the public's health of transitioning the Health District's assets, employees, programs and functions to Snohomish County and, pending subsequent action by the Board, and approval of the County Council, supports the development of an executable implementation plan transitioning public health services to within the Snohomish County government structure". The motion passed unanimously.

I believe that the study will show that through absorbing the Health District into Snohomish County efficiencies will be created, duplication of efforts will decrease, customer service will be improved and taxpayers will be afforded greater accountability. I am supportive of an effort that will provide the

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greatest level of service to tax payers while ensuring that the transition be done deliberately, efficiently, with consideration for employees and most importantly in a way that delivers the services and the value you deserve.

If you would like additional information, please see [County Council to study acquisition of Snohomish Health District](#).

Focus on Farming:

I have been carefully reviewing the budget along with staff during Council's budget process. Recently, I was shocked to see that Executive Lovick is proposing cutting \$14,769 from the Agricultural portion of the Economic Development Department budget. According to the Executive's proposal this, "eliminates most support resources for Focus on Farming, Focus on Forestry, ag initiatives at State Fair, etc." It also "eliminates funding for publications for Economic Development programs." According to the exact same page of this proposal, "Focus on Farming is the largest agriculture event of its kind in Western Washington and is the county's signature agriculture initiative." This proposal is coming at the same time that Snohomish County has committed to expand the Focus on Farming conference to include the Forestry industry.

This is concerning to me because the Snohomish County Council allocated this funding towards agricultural programs because we believe that farming is a critical component of our local economy. It is a tremendous contradiction to state that Snohomish County supports local farming while simultaneously cutting funding for one of the County's most successful agricultural programs. Farming in our County is something that impacts each one of us and is supported by a wide variety of advocacy groups. Farming has had a significant role in Snohomish County's past and hopefully our future. When agriculture is supported and allowed to flourish we as consumers benefit from having access to local produce and local business owners are able to continue to work in a field that they are passionate about.

I will be working with my fellow councilmembers during the remainder of the budget process to ensure that funding is restored.

Go, See, Do!

Stanwood Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

The much anticipated Annual Holiday Bazaar is back at Warm Beach Senior Community for two days! There will be hundreds of new and handcrafted arts, crafts, and food items to peruse, including: books, baked and canned goodies, new boxed gifts, ceramics, toys, Christmas decorations and more. This event is open to the public. Be sure to check it out and see what treasures and bargains you may find!

Date: Friday, November 6 - Saturday, November 7

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: 20420 Marine Dr., Stanwood, WA 98292

Contact: 360.652.2645

Vendors: To register please visit Stanwood Holiday Bazaar, call Terri Riffle at 360.629.7403 Ext. 114, or email her at t.riffle@stanwoodseniocenter.org

Marysville Holiday Bazaar

Come join us at Windsor Square Retirement Apartments for their annual Holiday Bazaar. There will be arts, crafts, baked goods, and a food bar!

Date: Saturday, November 7

Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Location: Windsor Square Retirement Apartments (behind Fred Meyers), 9912 48th Dr. NE Marysville

Contact: For additional information, please call 360.653.1717

Order Up Gift Show

Come join us at this fun little show featuring commercial gifts from independent consultants. All of your favorites: Miche, Origami Owl, Initials Inc., Paparazzi and Pampered Chef, will be there and some new ones too. Stop by and order up for the holidays!

Date: Saturday, November 14

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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

Contact: Call Maryke Burgess at 360.363.8451 or you can also email her at mburgess@marysvillewa.gov for more information.

Stilly Center Harvest and Holiday Bazaar

Please join us for the 2015 Harvest at Holiday Bazaar! This is a great time to view and purchase a variety of holiday gifts (or maybe even something for you) from local artisans. There will be free coffee and lunch available (while it lasts)!

Date: Saturday, November 14th

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Stillaguamish Senior Center, 18308 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA

Contact: For additional information please visit Stilly Center or call 360.653.4551

Vendor Information: Tables are \$30 and electricity is \$5 (limited offering). You can download an application at Stilly Center Harvest & Holiday Bazaar Registration

Legends of the Blues III - Walter 'Wolfman' Washington & the Roadmasters

Please join the Arlington Arts Council for a family friendly evening with Walter 'Wolfman' Washington & the Roadmasters straight from New Orleans! This is the issue we received from Barb:

Date: Saturday, November 21st

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: \$15.00 at BrownPaperTickets.com or at Flowers by George. Youth 12 and under are free!

Location: Brynes Performing Arts Center, 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223

Details: For more information, please visit www.arlingtonartscouncil.com

It's a Wonderful Life

"It's a Wonderful Life", Frank Capra's film masterpiece, is adapted for the stage by James W. Rogers, bringing George Bailey and the town of Bedford Fall's to glorious life just in time for the Christmas holiday. This is a treasured event for the whole family.

Date: Friday, November 27 - Sunday, December 13

Time: Friday and Saturday Shows at 8:00pm and Sunday matinees are at 2:00pm

Location: Red Curtain Foundation, 1410 Grove St., Marysville, WA

Details: For additional information, please visit [Red Curtain Foundation for the Arts](#)

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All the best,

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Sincerely,

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