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NEWS from
Councilmember Ken Klein

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Ken Klein's eNewsletter

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[Alessandra Durham](#), Legislative Aide

Thank you for subscribing to my monthly newsletter! I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Homelessness:

In mid-December staff I met with staff members from the offices of Governor Jay Inslee, Congresswoman DelBene, Congressman Rick Larsen, Senator Maria Cantwell and Senator Patty Murray. We discussed the scope and contributing factors to chronic homelessness, barriers Snohomish County has encountered using federal dollars to build affordable housing, projects that we are currently working on, a strategy for strengthening and expanding on our existing partnerships and likely pathways forward. Two issues that could be fixed rather quickly is the fact that the Federal deadlines for using resources doesn't link up with how long the process takes for actually putting up a building. The other is that the Federal guidelines are very prescriptive about what kind of housing must be provided. If flexibility is allowed in both of these areas the cost of building new structures would be greatly reduced. The issue of chronic homelessness throughout Snohomish County is complex, but I believe that a solution is within reach. I appreciate the amount of time and attention our partners have given to the issue and I look

forward to continuing the dialogue while pursuing solutions.

Snohomish County has set aside \$1M in the 2016 budget in order to continue to pursue solutions. The Council had a robust discussion on ensuring that there were dollars allocated in the 2016 for housing that would be compatible with the "Housing First" model. Utah has been successful in reducing their chronic homeless rate by 91% by implementing this model. Chronic homelessness, mental illness and addiction touch all corners of our County. Before resources are expended the County must do a comprehensive study to determine where is the greatest need is. I will continue to update you as we make progress. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Go, See, Do!

Stanwood Electronic Recycling Events

Do you have electronics such as TVs, computers and monitors that you need to get rid of, but aren't sure where to take? You can bring them to the Stanwood Camano Kiwanis Aktion Club's monthly recycling event. This is a great way to properly dispose of your items while supporting the Aktion Club's fundraising efforts!

Date: Saturday, January 2nd

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 27001 94th Drive NW, Stanwood

Marysville Father - Daughter Dance Registration Begins

Marysville Parks and Recreation invites fathers and daughters of all ages to enjoy the 2016 Father - Daughter Valentines Dance on February 6th or February 20th. Make this a special night creating lasting memories as you dance with your daughter. Enjoy refreshments and receive a 5x7 photo to commemorate your evening! Registration begins on January 5th. Pre-registration is required for this event; no paper tickets will be distributed.

Date: Registration begins on Tuesday, January 5th. Dances are on Saturday, February 6th and Saturday, February 20th.

Cost: \$25.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional daughter attending the same dance

Contact: For additional information.....

Darrington Potluck and Community Dance

Come kick up you heels to Contra/Square/Family Dances at the Mansford Grange!

Date: Saturday, January 9th

Time: Potluck at 5:30 pm and Dancing begins at 7:00 pm

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

Darrington Bluegrass Jam Session

Are you looking for a jam? There is a meet-up every second Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

Date: Sunday, January 10th

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Darrington Community Center, 570 Sauk Ave., Darrington, WA 98241

Cost: Free!

The History of Flight presents The History of Trans World Airlines

Join Barry Latter as he presents the fourth installment in the Historic Flight Foundation's Airline History Series. Learn about the end of the Hughes era and transformation of TWA to become the first U.S. Airline to operate an all-jet fleet!

Date: January 13th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 PM

Location: Historic Flight Foundation, 10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Everett, WA 98204

Cost: Adults - \$15, Senior (65+)/Military - \$12, Youth (11-17 years old) - \$10, Kids 10 and under free

Details: For more information please call 425.348.3200, visit <http://www.historicflight.org/> or email visitorservices@historicflight.org

Neighborhood Crime Watch with the Chief

Join the Granite Falls Sheriff's Office at the Granite Falls Fire Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of every month to learn about what is going on with local activity and to share your experiences.

Date: Wednesday, January 20th

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Granite Falls Fire Station, 116 S. Granite Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252

Contact: Suzi Quillen by phone at 425.273.5563

All the best,

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Sincerely,

Ken Klein
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