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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Oso:

The sheer devastation of the slide is hard to grasp. Imagine five million cubic yards of dirt, going through a rural development, completely clogging a major river and continuing to overtake a state highway - all in 13 seconds.

I feel so bad for the affected families and communities. It's frustrating, tiring and emotionally draining for all of them as well as the rescue/recovery personnel.

I was at the Command Center almost every day and have visited the slide site. All of the staff and volunteers are impressive. Professional, well-trained people are working around the clock for the affected families, their neighbors and communities.

The County Council is ready to respond quickly to expedite the recovery of the Arlington/Oso/Darrington communities. On March 26, we passed a Debris Management Plan in two hours after receiving the request from FEMA. On April 10, County Councilman Ken Klein and I spoke to the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board to request \$5,000,000 in emergency funding to support Darrington vicinity economic recovery. The request passed unanimously and is being sent to the Executive Board for approval on April 24. Snohomish County will be represented there by Council Chair Dave Somers. In addition, we are working with other government agencies and elected officials for emergency funding and support.

The Oso slide is a tragedy. Through it all, I have seen the very best in people and humanity. Communities are coming together to help each other in their most difficult hour. This is truly the best of America. This is what makes our country so strong. It is very inspiring to witness and it makes me proud of what we can all be.

Please keep the affected families, rescue/recovery personnel and communities in your prayers.



Council passes Motion approving Debris Management Plan,
(Councilmember Brian Sullivan was out of town at time of vote)





Whitehorse Trail:

Heavy rains and swelling of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River have washed-out a chunk of the Whitehorse Trail approximately 2 miles west of the Town of Darrington (just west of 435th Ave NE). Due to unsafe conditions, this section of trail is closed. Crews are inspecting the area to determine possible detours and repair options. No re-opening date has been determined.

Current County Road Projects:

There will be numerous road projects throughout Snohomish County from early spring through late fall. For information on lane closures and project updates, visit <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/513/Current-Road-Projects>. Email alerts are available for specific projects. Plan for disruptions throughout the construction season.

Congratulations to the MLT Community Senior Center

The Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center held their open house and ribbon cutting event on Thursday, March 27. The center is located at the former Ballinger Golf Course Clubhouse, also known as the Mickey Corso Community Clubhouse, at 23000 Lakeview Drive.

The Mountlake Terrace City Council approved a five-year lease agreement with the Mountlake Terrace Seniors Group to operate the facility in November of 2013. The organization subsequently received a \$60,000 grant from the Verdant Health Commission that helped upgrade the kitchen, bathrooms, dining area, lobby reception and offices. Thousands of volunteer hours were contributed toward the move and remodel and the group's 300 plus members are enjoying their new home.

Council Recognizes Eagle Scout Aaron Cox

The Mountlake Terrace City Council recognized Eagle Scout candidate Aaron Cox at its April 7 meeting.

Aaron Cox completed his Eagle Scout project at Matt Hirvela/Bicentennial Park located at 4105 222nd St. SW. Cox enhanced the park by designing and building a mount for a memorial to Matt Hirvela and installing a bench and concrete pad. The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Subcommittee is creating a plaque for the memorial.

Featured Park:

Miner's Corner
22903 45th Ave. SE
Bothell, WA 98021-9010

Miner's Corner County Park is located at the corner of 228th Street Southeast and 45th Avenue Southeast in north Bothell. The 13 acre park has been designed and developed as Snohomish County's first universally accessible park.

A large fully accessible playground with sand and water play habitat is set into an existing woodland at the park core. The play space provides unique, universally accessible and safe play experiences for children of all ages and abilities. A 10 foot tall wheelchair accessible lookout tower (one of the tallest in the country) provides a unique experience and focal point for the playground and park as a whole.

ADA Accessible
Basketball Court
Picnic Areas
Picnic Shelters
Picnic Tables
Playground
Restrooms/Sanicans

For additional information on this or other County parks, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov .

Community Events:

The Lori Knight Mixed Media Exhibit Opens May 1

The Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory Commission presents the Lori Knight Mixed Media Exhibit at the Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Avenue West.

Lori Knight is the co-owner of Knight Visions Studio Gallery with her husband, Eric, in South Snohomish County and has been selling, promoting, marketing and framing art since opening in 1987. Knight received her Bachelor's of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Washington in 1984, "with distinction" and an emphasis in Physical Anthropology.

Knight is a contributing arts writer for MLTnews.com. She has displayed work in the 2012 Juried Art Gallery Committee in Bothell Live Arts, 40th Annual Show at Cascadia/University of Washington, Bothell; Patron of Mountlake Terrace, "Friends of the Arts"; and a past member of Americans for the Arts and Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory

The show runs through May 31 at the Mountlake Terrace Library, Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day at Evergreen Playfield April 26

In honor of Earth Day, the City of Mountlake Terrace is providing an opportunity for citizens to give back to their community. Families, friends and neighbors are invited to help tidy up Evergreen Playfield Complex on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Volunteers should meet at the Evergreen Playfield parking lot, 22205 56th Ave W, at 9 a.m. in comfortable work clothes, with gloves and tools in hand (no power equipment please), to get their assignment. This year's projects include painting (weather permitting), weed control, litter clean up, and debris removal.

Groups should contact Parks and Facilities Superintendent Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811 to register in advance. Following the work party, the City Council will host an appreciation lunch for the volunteers. Please come, celebrate the beginning of spring, and join the fun - rain or shine.

For more information about these events, please call Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811 or access the City's website at www.cityofmlt.com.

Mill Creek Seeking Applicants for Economic Development Committee

The Mill Creek City Council is seeking individuals interested in joining a new Mill Creek Economic Development Committee. This ad hoc committee will be responsible for developing and recommending ideas to the City Council to promote short- and long-term economic development in Mill Creek. For more information, visit the city web site at www.cityofmillcreek.com.

Mill Creek Garage Sale

The Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3rd. The Goodwill Trailers will be in the Mill Creek Community Association (MCCA) parking lot (15714 Country Club Dr.) to collect all unsold items and other donations Saturday noon to 6 PM and all day Sunday.

I hope you found this eNEWSLETTER informative and useful. You can make it even more valuable by suggesting topics and issues for future newsletters. Please contact me at 425-388-3494, or e-mail Terry.Ryan@snoco.org. If you would like to share this newsletter, select the **Forward email** link below.

Sincerely,

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