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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Terry's November Newsletter

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County Budget passes:

The initial proposed budget would have used \$5 million of Courthouse money for other expenses. I opposed this because the previous council raised those taxes specifically for the new courthouse. I voted with the majority of the council in approving a balanced budget without using the courthouse money.

As you may have read, the Executive gave 10% pay raises to some of the highest paid county employees. This did not follow the process as required in the county code. I voted to roll back all of those increases and remove them from the budget. I believe it is important for all of us to follow the county code.

This budget is responsible and safeguards the taxpayer's money for its intended use.

Seattle Hill Road

I am pleased to announce the Seattle Hill Road Improvement project is now fully funded thanks to great work by Snohomish County Public Works Engineers and their grant writers. The County was just notified it had been awarded \$4,000,000 from the Transportation Improvement Board. With the \$4,000,000 in Federal dollars previously awarded by Surface Transportation Program from the Puget Sound

Regional Council and \$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000 in development fees and \$200,000 from the City of Mill Creek the project can now move forward with the purchase of right-of-way where needed.

Snohomish County plans to improve Seattle Hill Road between 132nd Street SE and 35th Avenue SE. The preliminary plan is to widen the roadway to three lanes and add a center turn lane. Bike lanes, curbs, and sidewalks are also planned along the road. The corridor is an important commuter route for Snohomish County residents, and has received intermittent improvements in the past as nearby residential developments have been built.

North Road Project

Although this project has been disruptive to area residents, the good news is that it is almost done. The paving/project will be completed by next summer.

North Road is a 1.8-mile north-south arterial located east of Interstate 5 and west of the Bothell-Everett Highway (SR 527). The two-lane corridor is under construction during 2014 and 2015 to add improvements that will benefit pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Sidewalks and bike lanes are being constructed along both sides of the corridor between Filbert Road and 164th Street Southwest, along with a continuous center turn lane.

Planting strips will be added in several locations where there is sufficient right-of-way. Storm water detention and water quality treatment systems will handle water runoff and retaining walls will help protect and preserve wetland areas.

During 2014 construction is taking place between Filbert Road and 174th Street SW. During 2015, construction will take place between 174th Street SW and 164th Street SW.

November 21 update: The road closure on 170th PI SW at the North Road intersection has been extended to December 24 due to weather-related delays. The road will remain closed to all but essential services - school buses, emergency vehicles, trash pickup and mail delivery - in order to enable completion of construction at the intersection.

Planning Commission to hold Public Hearing on Marijuana regulations:

Just a reminder to those interested in this issue, the Snohomish County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing December 16 on two marijuana related ordinances. The Planning Commission will meet at 5:30 pm at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201. For information please contact 425-388-3285 or www.snoco.org. The meeting agenda will be posted on Friday, December 5 and in the Herald as a legal notice on December 6. If you are unable to attend, you can submit your comments via email or in writing at the above address. Please participate and let your voice be heard.

Thank you to the Employee's Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound - *courtesy of Rich White, Government Operations*

Employees Community Fund trustees attended the Puget Sound Christian Clinic "Road to Hope" dinner on October 23, 2014. At the dinner, ECF President Kathleen Sneden-Cook spoke about ECF, and then announced the \$275,000 grant that will cover the costs for all the dental and medical equipment at their new clinic in Lynnwood. The new clinic will open in 2015.

Puget Sound Christian Clinic (PSCC) serves low-income adults and children and is the largest organization in the King-Snohomish county area that provides free primary and preventative health care to this population.

An offer of space at Northwest Church's new community center in Lynnwood will be transformed into a much needed, state-of-the-art dental facility. In this larger facility, with expanded staff and operations, PSCC will increase the number of dental patients served annually from 200 to 3,500 over the next three years. The \$275,000 ECF grant will ensure that PSCC has all the equipment and furnishings in which to meet the needs of this expanded number of patients.

New Shipper Coming to Everett

Beginning in December, Swire Shipping's West Coast North America (WCNA) Service will add a monthly, direct call linking Everett with Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. This opens up a new trade lane for the Port of Everett.

Swire Shipping is a leading provider of shipping services across Asia and the South Pacific. Swire will serve the Port of Everett every 35 days, carrying a wide range of general cargoes (including heavy and bulky project lifts), as well as general and refrigerated containers.

Swire Shipping offers a monthly direct service from Vancouver BC, Everett WA, Vancouver WA and Los Angeles, through to Suva, Brisbane, Port Kembla, Geelong and Tauranga, with onward connections across the South Pacific.

Shop Local:

Please remember to shop locally this holiday season. You can make a real difference in your community by spending locally. Local businesses hire local employees. Your dollars are recirculated through the local economy. Tax dollars remain in your community to help pay for local services.

Holiday thank you!

Christmas is a great time of year to give thanks and reflect on our blessings in life.

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who make Snohomish County special place to live. We are fortunate to have so many people who volunteer in our county, cities, churches, charitable organizations and youth leagues. Our county is truly a better place to live because you chose to get involved and make a positive difference in others' lives. Please accept our sincere thanks!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Be safe, have fun, spend time with family and friends. May God bless you and your families!

All my best, Terry Ryan

District Activities:

Tree Lighting Ceremonies:

Brier: Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 6 at Brier Park. Santa arrives at 6:00 p.m. Carols will be provided by the Brier Elementary Cantare Choir. Hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes provided. Please bring food for the Neighbors Food Bank

Mill Creek: Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. 3:45-4:30 voiced NW Chorus & Jackson High School Drumline followed by the JHS Jazz Band

4:30 - Arrival of Santa and Lighting of the Tree

4:45 - 6:00 pm: Photos with Santa (Don't forget your camera!) + Cookie Decorating with Elves

4:30-7:00 pm: Complimentary Carriage Rides begin at City Hall through Town Center

Mountlake Terrace: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 5, 6:30 pm, Evergreen Playfield, 22205 56th Avenue West

The Annual Mountlake Terrace Tree Lighting Ceremony features music, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Volunteers serve cocoa and cookies while children carol. The "tree" which can be seen from miles around, is a frame constructed with lights and sits atop the city's water tower. The city and Snohomish County Fire District 1 put on this festive event. Don't forget to dress warm and wear boots if the weather is wet.

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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