



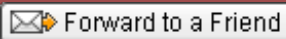
# Snohomish County Council News

Councilmember Terry Ryan

September, 2015



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## Terry's September Newsletter

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## County Courthouse Update

Over a month ago, the County Council decided to put the courthouse project on hold and asked County staff to provide options other than building a new courthouse across the street from the existing courthouse. This came on the heels of the County Council being pressured to approve \$7,000,000.00 to begin excavation for the new building. Like most situations, when you are rushed, it's usually not to your advantage.

I can no longer support a new \$162,000,000.00 building across the street as originally proposed by the Executive. There are too many unanswered questions and the Council is not getting all the project information we need in order to make good decisions.

Here are a few examples:

- When I first arrived on the Council in 2014, I asked questions about why the county was not building a tunnel (or extending the existing tunnel from the jail) to the new courthouse? I asked for a copy of the economic analysis of the cost of a new tunnel versus the cost of buying two special vans with equipment and additional labor costs to transport the prisoners on surface streets over a 10 and 20 year period. I found out they never did an economic analysis. It's hard to

understand an analysis was not done.

- Last fall, the Executive proposed using \$5,000,000.00 of Courthouse money for other expenses. The Council held the line and thankfully for our taxpayers, the Council prevailed. The \$5,000,000.00 was safeguarded for the courthouse.
- We have been told bond interest rates are going up. If so, the bond payments will be higher than the revenue raised for the courthouse by the previous council.
- 2015: The latest example has to do with parking for the new courthouse. This issue was between the Executive and the City of Everett. The Council was unaware of this and there is still no resolution.

For these reasons (and many others), along with the precarious financial situation the County is facing, we need to find a more modest alternative. One possibility is renovating the existing building and adding a smaller building on our existing campus. I will keep you posted.

## **County Financial Concerns**

Snohomish County is facing some serious financial obstacles in the years ahead:

- The possible loss of \$6.8 million in sales tax revenue generated at Quil Ceda Village.
- Revenues already far below projections in several key areas.
- Lower than normal reserves, affecting liquidity and possible debt service.

The County Council is waiting for the latest revenue forecast and will weigh that with the requests from each department. I will keep you updated on this as we work through the process.

## **Arts Commission Appointment**

Congratulations to Danielle Foushee of Mill Creek. She was unanimously appointed by the county council to the Snohomish County Arts Commission

Danielle has been involved in the arts for many years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Design from North Carolina State University. She has a Masters in Fine Art from Cranbrook Academy of Art and is working on a second MFA at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She is currently a faculty member at Seattle Central Creative Academy and Everett Community College.

Thank you Danielle for volunteering to serve on our Snohomish County Arts Commission.

## **Ryan Reappointed to the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee 2015- 2016**

NACo steering committee members play a critical role in advancing legislative and policy priorities important to the nation's counties. The Transportation Steering Committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government, including highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, airport development and service, passenger and freight railroads, ports and waterways, freight movement, and research and development of new modes of transportation. There are two national conferences in addition to regular monthly conference calls to discuss information relevant to the committee's work, including updates on federal legislation and developments that impact counties.

I am honored to be reappointed to this board. I love my work on transportation issues and the benefits I can help bring to Snohomish County.

## **District 4 Drainage Improvements**

Project Location: Drainage Improvements near 24000 Carter Rd

Project Description: The project replaces a failing 18-inch diameter metal storm sewer pipe on the east side of Carter Road. The project consists of installing 450 LF of 18-inch diameter HDPE (high density polyethylene) pipe and catch basin. The work will be done within road right-of-way and Forsgren Park Property.

Construction by: Snohomish County Road Maintenance

Construction Schedule: Construction is scheduled to start on 8/31/15 and expected to last approximately 4 weeks

SWM Contact: Giti Aslani, P.E., 425-388-3464, extension 4567

Estimated Construction Cost: \$209,000

Traffic Control/Project Notification: Signage and traffic control will be provided to route traffic around the construction site. No full road closure is anticipated.

## **WSU to Start Construction on University Center facility** - Courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County

Everett - The Herald Business Journal [reported](#) that groundbreaking for the WSU's new University Center will begin later this month after the WA State Legislature approved \$54.6 Million to construct the four-story 95,000 sq ft. facility across from Everett Community College at the former College Plaza shopping center.

Funding of the new facility had been a major priority for EASC, and was included in the Regional Legislative Agenda.

The facility, scheduled to open in 2017, will have a STEM focus - science, technology, engineering and math and will contain lab space and advanced technology equipment and tools.

## **Boeing's Seattle Seahawks-themed 747 is back for an encore**

For the second time in as many years, the jet maker has painted one of its 747-8 Freighters in the colors of the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks.

Boeing's first Seahawks 747 rolled out in January 2014 to help celebrate the team's National Football Conference Championship and appearance in Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seahawks logo has since been removed from that aircraft. The 2015 livery appears on a different 747.

Boeing is a sponsor of the team and has partnered with the team on local programs for more than a decade.

The paint scheme features the Seahawks logo as well as a "12" on the tail, a tip of the hat to the imposing home fans that turn the Seahawks' stadium into a "twelfth man" on game days.

Boeing says the 2015 aircraft will take part in "Seahawk-related activities" during the year. And even though the NFL regular season doesn't start until September, Boeing says it unveiled the Seahawks livery early so it can take part in a flyover during the Boeing Seafair Air Show over Lake Washington on Aug. 2.



## Regional Emergency Planning

The Snohomish Health District was approached by the State to expand its regional role by leading coordination with the healthcare community in emergencies. With additional grant funding, our Public Health Emergency Preparedness and response program will now be the lead for coordinating response with hospitals, clinics, EMS and such within Region 1 (Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan County).

## Snohomish County Career Fair set for September 10th

We would like to highlight a large and impactful upcoming Snohomish County Career Fair at Tulalip Resort and Casino, September 10th, 2015, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is a great chance for job seekers in Snohomish County to meet companies searching for new hires.

## I-405 Toll Lanes open Sunday, September 27

WSDOT Secretary Lynn Peterson announced that the new I-405 Bellevue to Lynnwood express toll lanes **will open on Sunday, September 27.**

With just over a month on the countdown clock, it's time for Interstate 405 drivers to get Good To Go! Starting on Sunday, September 27, drivers will have a choice to get home faster in the new I-405 express toll lanes. Drivers will be able to pay a toll to travel at 45 mph or faster in the new lanes. Transit, vanpools, qualifying carpools and motorcyclists will benefit from a more reliable trip toll free with a Good to Go! pass. WSDOT is working to get the word out and encourage drivers to get ready.

I have met with the I-405 Corridor Advisory Group to discuss progress on the Master Plan, planning for ST3 and I-405 bus rapid transit, and the upcoming launch of express toll lanes. With the Legislature's recent passage of the Connecting Washington transportation funding package, over \$1.3 billion of new investments is coming to the I-405/SR 167 corridor including full funding for the I-405/SR 167 direct connector and Renton to Bellevue widening and express toll lanes project. With this next phase of work, WSDOT will reengage with the Executive Advisory Group to share updates on toll commencement, partner on future planning around I-405 bus rapid transit, and identify future priority projects in the corridor.

## **STEM project provides exposure to real-world engineering - courtesy of Dan Raley, Boeing**

The assignment: Build a wing join part.  
High school students from Mountlake Terrace, Wash., rather than Boeing engineers, were asked to perform this task. The end result: They might want to do this for a living.

From an unusual partnership between Boeing and Mountlake Terrace High School, the classroom project evolved into a factory tour. This one was different from most because it offered riveting training and more, followed by Boeing leaders visiting the school to inspect final prototypes.

Out of this exchange, Mountlake Terrace students were urged to consider careers in aerospace - and to dream big in any line of work they pursue. Boeing, on the other hand, might have encountered earnest machinists and engineers in the making, certainly individuals already with a keen eye to future possibilities.

## **District Events:**

### **Bothell**

#### **Senior Day: Healthy Aging Fair at the Bothell Farmers Market**

Friday, September 11, Noon-4pm Held at Country Village, 23718 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98021. Catch the Bothell Library booth at Senior Day at Country Village. Learn about library resources and services for seniors. Category: Arts & Entertainment. Audience: Kids. Families.

*Friday, September 11, 2015, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Bothell Library 18215 98th Ave. NE Bothell, 98011 425.486.7811.*

#### **Thursday, September 17 Council Candidate Forum 6 to 8 p.m.**

Municipal Court Building 10116 NE 183rd St., Bothell

Hosted by [Greater Bothell Chamber of Commerce](#)

### **Mill Creek**

## **FREE Community Shredding Event**

September 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at City Hall Parking Lot

IT'S BACK!!!! Free Community Shredding Event Back by popular demand, Mill Creek's FREE personal document shredding event brought to you the by City of Mill Creek. The event is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2015, 10am to 2pm at Mill Creek City Hall 15728 Main Street Mill Creek, WA 98012. Complimentary on-site document destruction services provided by Shred-It.

Also, the Mill Creek food bank will be on hand taking voluntary donations of non-perishable food items. EVERYONE is welcome. It is NOT necessary to remove staples, paperclips, fasteners, etc. Any personal documents will get shredded on site FREE up to 4 boxes.

## **Mountlake Terrace**

### **Coffee with the City**

**Wednesday, September 9, 6-7pm**

**Recreation Pavilion Jungle Room 5303 228th Street SW**

Get to know Mountlake Terrace City Officials and learn more about the city in a casual setting. Enjoy some coffee, hear what's going on in the city, provide input about city services and events, and ask questions.

### **Volunteer Park Clean Up Day**

**Saturday, September 12, 9am-1pm,**

**Ballinger Park, 23000 Lakeview Drive**

In remembrance of 9/11, the city invites you to attend the Annual Fall Clean Up from 9am to 1pm. Individuals, families and organizations are welcome to help spruce up our city parks and facilities. We ask that groups please call Parks and Facilities Superintendent Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811 in advance, so we can plan accordingly.

### **The 37th Annual Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show**

**Saturday, September 26 through Sunday, October 10**

**Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Avenue West**

Enjoy paintings, prints, drawings, miniatures, photography, 3-dimensional works and artisan works by top local and regional artists. Arts of the Terrace is one of the major juried art shows held in the Pacific Northwest and attracts top artists from throughout the region.

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