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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Snohomish County Council



County Budget passes

The County Council passed our 2017 Budget on November 14th with a unanimous 5 - 0 vote. Some Highlights:

- 1) We were able to pass a fiscally responsible budget and avoid layoffs.
- 2) The budget is balanced and increases our reserves which improve our liquidity and the fiscal health of our county.
- 3) We were able to close a \$7 million deficit.
- 4) We reinvested \$1 million dollars to save several critical services to the Sheriff's department: The "Office of Neighborhoods" which is successfully making a difference in our communities and the "Violent Offenders Task Force" which partners with the US Marshals to track down violent offenders.
- 5) We started a new "Rainy Day Fund" and will try to add to this in future years.
- 6) The property tax levy was increased by 1-1/2 percent to help close the gap. The increase will cost a homeowner of a \$300,000 home about \$4.00 per year.
- 7) The Council worked collaboratively with the Executive's office to avoid pitfalls of the past. This has been a positive experience for all of us.

I want to thank the Council for agreeing to the budget

schedule that I developed with the help of our analysts and Chief of Staff. By sticking to this schedule, we were able to get all our work completed and pass the budget on Monday, November 14th. Several Department Directors have told me this is the earliest the County Council has ever approved a budget.

I worked hard to make sure this was an open and transparent process. All of the information that I asked for and received from our analysts was shared with every council member. Council also met with all the departments and elected officials to fully understand their requests and needs. I shared information with the Executive's office so they could see and comment on what we were trying to achieve.

The bottom line is this was a great process and a great outcome- Certainly a template for future Snohomish County budgets.

Thank you again to the County Council's analysts who worked diligently on the budget and provided accurate information which made all this possible. Thank you also to the County Council for choosing me as Chairman of the County Council this year. It has been an honor!

Holiday thank you!

Christmas is a time to cherish and give thanks to all those who bring so many blessings to our lives. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers in our county, cities, churches, charitable organizations, food banks and youth leagues who make Snohomish County a special place to live. 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 for those blessings this Christmas and throughout the New Year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Be safe, have fun, spend time with your family and friends. May God bless you and your families! All my best, Terry Ryan

Hallmark Christmas Movies

Update- the Hallmark Channel has new Christmas movies every Saturday and Sunday nights at 8:00 pm. from now through Christmas. Enjoy these well-made, family friendly movies. Cherish the time with your family!

Thank you for your service!



Captain Matt Darnell and his wife Sara in front of a T38 Trainer

This month, I would like to thank Captain Matt Darnell, USAF, for his service to our Country.

Matt is a 2006 graduate of Archbishop Murphy High School. He attended the University of Portland. Upon graduation, Matt was commissioned into the United States Air Force.

He earned his wings in 2012 upon completion of pilot training in Columbus, MS. Matt was assigned to a Surveillance, Intelligence and Reconnaissance squadron at Beale AFB in California. He deployed with his squadron for three tours of duty in Afghanistan (2013, 2014 and 2015).

Currently Matt is an instructor pilot. He is stationed at Vance AFB in Enid, OK where he lives with his wife Sara (also an Archbishop Murphy graduate) and their two children.

It's because of the dedication of young men and women like Matt Darnell that our Country remains free and safe. Thank you for your service!

Thank you Congresswoman DelBene!

Thank you to Congresswoman Suzan DelBene for visiting my district for Small Business Saturday. Shopping locally is a great way to find unique items and support our local businesses!



At the UW Bookstore on Small
Business Saturday



Be Prepared for Commuting in Bad Weather - courtesy of Community Transit

Fall and winter in the Pacific Northwest has arrived and we want to help you continue your use of public transit despite the arrival of dark early mornings, dark afternoons and the challenges of our seasonal wet and windy weather.

Please consider these suggestions as you continue to use public transportation this fall and winter:

- Sign up for Rider Alerts and check your email, texts and @MyCommTrans on Twitter in the morning to check on the commute.
- If it snows, we will send Rider Alerts and will post updates on our website starting at 5 a.m. (with updates every hour) on weekdays.
- Speaking of snow, we have snow routes published in our BusPlus book and on our website. We recommend getting acquainted with them so you are aware of our service during snow events.
- When at street-side stops in the dark, flash your cell phone or carry a small flashlight to signal the driver. Don't be shy—wave your arms and make sure you are seen! Our drivers do NOT want to pass you by.
- Consider wearing bright, reflective clothing so ALL drivers on the road can see you.
- Use BusFinder to track the whereabouts of your

Thanks for riding with us and using public transportation year-round!

Dr. Gary Cohn awarded 2017 Superintendent of the Year - courtesy of the EASC



Dr. Gary Cohn has been named 2017 Superintendent of the Year by Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). The award is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, front-line superintendents and pay tribute to those who lead our public schools.

Under Cohn's leadership, Everett Public Schools is a high performing district that is recognized statewide and nationally for student achievement. Despite increasing poverty and homelessness, Everett students continue to outperform the state on assessments in every subject and every grade, and in many cases, surpassing the state in double digits. The district's most recent four-year graduation rate is 90.2 percent and the five-year graduation rate is 94.5 percent. The district has the highest graduation rate for English language learners in the state.

As the state's Superintendent of the Year, Cohn will be a candidate for the 2017 American Association of School Administrators' (AASA) National Superintendent of the Year Award. The national award will be announced in March at the AASA National Conference on Education in New Orleans, LA.

Did You Know? The Silver Tsunami is upon us! - courtesy of Workforce Snohomish

- In the next 10 years, nearly 25% of the workforce will be age 55 or older.
- For the first time in U.S. history, there are four distinct generations in our workforce.
- About 10,000 baby boomers in the United States will turn 65 every day until about the year 2030.

In Snohomish County there are nearly 90,000 workers who are at least 55 years old and approximately 3,800 more are looking for work.

District Events

BOTHELL

Holiday Toy Boutique

When: December 10 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Bothell Operations Center
21233 20th Avenue SE
Bothell, WA 98021

This event will feature the ability to pick up gently used (loved) toys and books for children, infants to eleven years old, The event will also include holiday craft activities, holiday waste reduction tips and light refreshments.

Live Reindeer & Santa Arrival November 25 - December 24, 2016

It's a holiday wonderland at Country Village with live reindeer. 12/3/16 be sure to visit Santa's Workshop featuring on the spot Santa Photos by Arthur & Associates. Complimentary hot roasted chestnuts begin at 4 pm 'til they last. Our own Town Crier will herald the arrival of Santa at 7 pm on his dazzling Christmas float followed by a traditional tree lighting. Everyone will get a chance to greet Santa and receive a candy cane.

- 23718 Bothell Everett Hwy., Bothell, WA 98021
- 425-483-2250



Emerald Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker December 10 and 11, 2016 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Emerald Ballet Theatre is proud to present its tenth annual production of The Nutcracker, featuring brand-new sets, gorgeous costumes, talented professional and youth performers, and the rousing Rainier Symphony Ballet Orchestra. Takes place at the Northshore Performing Arts Center on the Bothell High School campus.

December 10, and 11, 2016 at 2pm. Tickets are \$20-\$38.



Cookies with Mrs. Claus December 10, 2016 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Experience the enchantment of the season with Mrs. Claus! She will be giving out cookies to children at The Chic Boatique from noon to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. Parents and kids alike will love collecting annual cookie recipes from participating shops to add to their collection. This is a free event for children of all ages! View live reindeer and our 4th annual Gingerbread House display. Be sure to visit Santa's Workshop featuring Santa Photos by Arthur & Associates. It's a magical wonderland

For more information, please call 425-483-2250 or visit our website at www.countryvillagebothell.com. Country Village is located just two miles north of Bothell or one mile south of Canyon Park, on the Bothell-Everett Highway, or take exit #26 off I-405 and go south one mile.



Bothell - Geoffrey Castle's Celtic Christmas December 17, 2016 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Celtic Christmas is a wonderful new Northwest holiday tradition at the Northshore Performing Arts Center on the Bothell High School campus. This high energy stage show will bring the joy and magic of the holidays to NPAC.

Sponsored by Northshore Theatre Guild

December 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$22.50 for seniors, and \$15 for students.



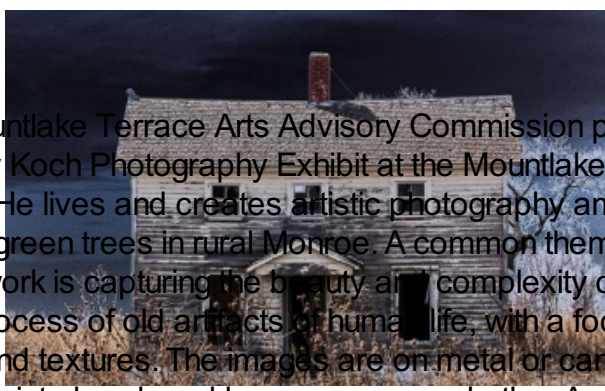
**Fun with Frosty December 17 - December 18, 2016
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Meet Frosty the Snowman and his friend, Hippiity Hop the rabbit from noon to 3pm both Saturday and Sunday at Bothell's Country Village. Enjoy a magic show at noon, participate in fun & games at 1 pm and make a winter craft project with Frosty at 2 pm. This is a free event for children of all ages! Visit Santa's Workshop featuring Santa photos by Arthur & Associates. Live reindeer on site during the magical holiday season.



Mountlake Terrace

Cory Koch Photography Exhibit December 1-31, 2016



The Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory Commission presents the Cory Koch Photography Exhibit at the Mountlake Terrace Library. He lives and creates artistic photography among the tall evergreen trees in rural Monroe. A common theme of his recent work is capturing the beauty and complexity of the aging process of old artifacts of human life, with a focus on colors and textures. The images are on metal or canvas, and often depict abandoned houses, cars, and other Americana. Koch prefers metal and canvas substrates because of how the material interacts with the colors as well as additional textures they add to the work. His artistic photography has been shown at several art exhibitions in King and Snohomish counties, and an image was jury accepted into the 2015 "Arts of the Terrace" art show, Mountlake Terrace. More information can be found at his website, www.corykoch.com.

The show runs December 1-31 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.

- 23300 58th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

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Sincerely,

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