Welcome Hans Dunshee!

As a follow up to my last newsletter, our County Council appointed Hans Dunshee to fill the vacant County Council District 5 seat formerly held by Dave Somers.

Hans has many years of legislative experience and has served in leadership roles in Olympia including serving as the chair of the Capitol Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee. I have worked with Hans on local issues for many years and I believe he will be a great addition to our team here at Snohomish County.

The selection process calls for the Snohomish County Democrats to select three nominees for County Council consideration. The Council interviewed all three candidates on February 29th and voted to appoint Hans Dunshee as the representative for County Council District 5.

We had three qualified candidates to choose from. I want to thank Guy Palumbo and Mark Hintz for stepping up in this process. They are dedicated public servants who will continue to serve the citizens of Snohomish County.

Meetings with our Federal Delegation
While attending the National Association of Counties conference in Washington D.C., our council and executive were also able to meet individually with Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, Representatives DelBene and Larsen to discuss Snohomish County issues. These topics included transportation (US Highway 2 trestle replacement, Highway 9 widening from 176st SE to SR 96, SR 522 widening between Paradise Lake road and the Snohomish river and supporting appropriations for Community Transit), FAA re-authorization along with funds for capital projects at Paine Field and FEMA Individual Assistance grants.

Our Federal Delegation is dedicated to working for all of us. The Senators and Representatives personally meet with us and they work hard to advocate for our issues. We are well represented in Washington D.C..

**Catherine Stanford and Terry Ryan to lead Economic Development District Board -**

_Courtesy of the Puget Sound Regional Council_

Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford has been named President of the Economic Development District Board. Snohomish County Councilmember Terry Ryan has been named Vice President.

Stanford and Ryan will help lead the development of a new Regional Economic Strategy.

"I'm delighted to take on this leadership role at the EDD. We know times are good for many around the region with record job gains in recent years. The time is right to take stock and identify the actions needed to promote a strong economy for all of Snohomish County."
Deputy Mayor Stanford has served on the Lake Forest Park Council since 2008. Her professional background is in commercial real estate and she is owner of a Seattle-based consulting business.

Councilmember Ryan has served on the Snohomish County Council since 2013. Prior to his election to the Snohomish County Council, he served on the Mill Creek City Council for 17 years, including four terms as mayor. "I'm honored to be asked to help guide regional development efforts as Vice President of the EDD. I look forward to working together to build a strong economy and a great quality of life for communities all around the region," said Ryan.

City Recognizes County for Conservation Futures Grant - Courtesy of the City of Mountlake Terrace

At its February 1 meeting, the Mountlake Terrace City Council recognized the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program for providing grant funding of $270,000 for the purchase of a three-acre parcel of undeveloped land adjacent to Terrace Creek Park. The City Council recognized Snohomish County Councilmember Terry Ryan and Ann Boyce, both Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board members, who attended on behalf of the county.

"Snohomish County established the 'Conservation Futures Program' in 1988 to preserve open space, farmland,
agricultural land and timberland," said Mountlake Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz. "The program is funded through a levy on properties throughout the county."

An entry sign was presented that will be placed at the trailhead near the entry to Terrace Creek Park that acknowledges that a portion of the land was purchased with funds from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program.

The Harms Family owned the property for many years. Ken Harms was a former Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Director back in the 1960s. Jo Harms explained that it was the family's wish that the land, which contains second growth forest, would provide open space to the city and be protected from development.

Terrace Creek Park, also known as "Candy Cane Park" is a 60-acre park located along 48th Avenue, north of 236th Street S.W. to 221st Street. It is the largest park in Mountlake Terrace. Its amenities include paved and natural hiking trails, a large playground, a gazebo, picnic tables, barbecue grills and a grass field. It also features an 18-hole disc golf course.

Mill Creek swears in new Police Chief

At the March 1 council meeting, new Police Chief Greg Elwin was sworn into office. The standing room only audience included representatives of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement and members of his former department, the Thurston County Sheriff's Office where Chief Elwin was a Captain. I'd like to welcome Chief Greg Elwin to the greater Snohomish County law enforcement community!

Councilman Terry Ryan with Mill Creek Chief Greg Elwin.

SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS AT THE INSTITUTE OF FLIGHT
The Institute of Flight is getting ready for another exciting, STEAM-themed summer camp. Our first session, Science Camp, begins on July 4th and early registration for all five sessions is now available. We're currently transitioning to a new, more powerful registration system, so parents who would like to register now are asked to contact Gus Posey directly at 425-438-8100 x231 or Gus@futureofflight.org to ensure their spots are held.

Science Camp:
Week 1 (July 4 - 8)
Technology Camp:
Week 2 (July 11 - 15)
Engineering Camp:
Week 3 (July 18 - 22)
Arts Camp:
Week 4 (July 25 - 29)
Math Camp:
Week 5 (August 1 - 5)

Vital Snohomish County Road Projects Included in Senate and House Budgets -
Courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County

In great news for Snohomish County, both the House and Senate transportation committees included, and passed, supplemental transportation budgets that included much needed projects and fixes that were not included in last year's transportation package. The budget bills, which still need approval by both the full House and Senate, would provide planning money for the US 2 trestle, partial funding to finish the widening of SR 522 near Maltby (not included in the Senate bill), as well as allow the I-5 peak-use lanes project across the Snohomish River delta to be combined with the SR 529 interchange project in Marysville, which will save taxpayers money in terms of efficiency.

It's important to our local and regional economy that all three projects are included in the final budget, and urge you to contact your local legislators expressing your support.

The Zika Virus: What We Know -
courtesy of the Snohomish Health District

This has been in the news a lot lately, and it can certainly sound frightening. While Washington does not have the type of mosquito known to transmit the virus, women who are, or plan to become, pregnant should avoid travel to the affected areas in South America. More information can be found on our website at www.snohd.org.

Zika is another reminder that biology continues to evolve,
diseases can be only a flight away, and we need a strong infrastructure to respond to emerging health threats.

**District Events**

**Bothell**

March 9  5 - 7 pm  
Open House: Multiway Boulevard, East Side  
City Hall, Room 107/108  
18415 101st Ave NE, Bothell

March 12 9 am - 1 pm  
Blyth Park Work Party  
Blyth Park, Bothell

March 16  6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Public Meeting: Penn Park Reservoir Replacement  
City Hall, Room 107/108  
18415 101st Ave NE, Bothell

March 19  
8 - 10 pm  
Earth Hour  
Glow in the Dark BINGO!  
Bothell Operations Center  
21233 20th Ave SE, Bothell  
Must Reserve Your Ticket

March 21 7 pm

Too High and Too Steep:  
Reshaping Seattle's Topography  
Bothell Library Program  
18215 98th Ave NE, Bothell  
No registration required.

March 31  5:30 - 7 pm

Open House #1: Capital Facilities Plan Update  
City Hall, Room 107/108  
18415 101st Ave NE, Bothell

**Mill Creek**

Flashlight Egg Hunt: Teens

March 18 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Locations: Heatherwood Middle School

Get ready for the Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt hosted by Mill Creek Facilities, Parks & Recreation, Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board members and sponsors. Local students in grades 6th through 12th are encouraged to get their
flashlights and goodie bag ready for this event to collect lots of candy and win prizes. Signed Waiver & School I.D. required to participate in event.

'Eggstravaganza’ Egg Hunt in Mill Creek

March 26, 10:30 am - noon
Location: Heatherwood Middle School

Join Mill Creek Parks & Recreation and Community Event Sponsors for the Annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt - Rain or Shine on the Heatherwood Middle School Track & Field. The event includes face painting and balloon animals, bounce houses followed by and a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Bring the camera to add photos to your family memories. Each age-appropriate egg-hunt will have special prizes hidden throughout the multitude of eggs, as well as lots and lots of candy.

Festivities begin at 10:30 AM Egg Hunts for 1 year through 4 years- begin promptly at 11:00 AM Egg Hunts for K through 5th Grades- begin promptly at 11:30 AM

Mountlake Terrace

Mountlake Terrace - SJHA Fred Chomos Memorial Tournament March 18 - 20, 2016

Tournament is open to Squirt/Atom/12U teams registered with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada.

Tournament is limited to a total of 16 teams. Divisions may be unbalanced depending on relative skill level of registered teams.

Each team will receive at least four games and a maximum of 6 games.

All games will be played at one of the following rinks:
Olympicview Ice Arena
Lynnwood Ice Center

All teams are required to stay at designated SJHA Host Hotels.

All teams will be required to provide official roster.
Entry fees are non-refundable.

All games will be governed by USA Hockey rules and regulations.

One ice scrape will be allotted for each game.

Locker room facilities will be provided.
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,

Terry Ryan, Snohomish County Council