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Councilmember Terry Ryan

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Criminal Justice sales tax on August ballot

While I was campaigning for this office, one of the largest and most consistent complaints from residents was they wanted additional deputies and more public safety.

Snohomish County is putting a Criminal Justice Sales tax measure on the ballot in August. The County Council voted 4 - 1 in favor of putting this measure on the ballot for our citizens to consider and hopefully support.

Here's why the additional revenue is needed- Currently 75% of the county's general fund goes to Law and Justice. The remaining 25% funds other county departments and services. Public Safety expenses are rising but we cannot take more of the general fund to pay for it.

Snohomish County Deputy Sheriffs are doing all they can, but they are short staffed. I have been in ride-a-longs with Deputies and have seen just how short staffed they are. We need additional revenue to add more deputies and staff in the criminal justice system.

I am supporting this measure because we need to increase our staffing to provide additional service to our residents.

Courthouse Update

The committee set up by the Executive's office has been reviewing several options to address the deficiencies of the existing courthouse. We have had several meetings and if a new more modest building is built, several options have been identified by the county staff. All of these options are less costly than the previous courthouse project.

Given the County's precarious financial situation, I believe we should also take another look at the feasibility of a remodel of the existing courthouse. In previous discussions over the last two years, we were told that it would be more efficient to build a new courthouse. The thought process was that any remodel project could have some surprises along the way which could affect the overall cost. Even so, it's in everyone's interests to review all options, which includes a remodel.

The committee is expected to narrow this list and the Executive will make a recommendation for Council consideration sometime in June.

NEW FEATURE

We want to honor our veterans and those currently serving our nation who live in or are connected to District 4. This is our first installment.

Semper Primus!

A big THANK YOU to 1st Lt. Nathan "Gnarly" Price, USAF. He is an F-16 Fighter Pilot with the 157th Fighter Squadron "Swamp Fox"

A special thank you to his wife Jen and daughter Harper for supporting Lt. Price in his service to our country.





If you have a child or relative serving our country and would like to share that with our District, please send me a picture and biographical information. Members of our Armed Forces deserve to be recognized for their service!

2016 Pacific Rim Gymnastics

The Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships were held in Everett April 8 - 10th. This competition featured world class gymnasts from 14 countries.

I was honored to be asked to deliver opening remarks on behalf of the County Council as 400 athletes were welcomed to our region.

The USA team earned 17 gold medals for women's, men's and rhythmic gymnastics. It was quite a show with so many great athletes competing and bringing their best.

How important are events like this to our local economy? This one three day event at Xfinity Arena resulted in over 2,000 overnight stays at local lodging facilities and \$2.5 million in economic impact to our community.



Ron Galimore, CEO of USA Gymnastics and Terry



Terry and Mel Sheldon, Chairman, Board of Directors, Tulalip Tribes

Jason Biermann is new DEM director

County Executive Dave Somers announced that the

Executive has appointed Jason Biermann as the new DEM Director. Jason has been the interim Director since January, having served as the Deputy Director since April 2014 and as department Program Manager from September 2009 to March 2014. He previously served as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Teton County (Wyoming) Emergency Management Department - a governor-appointed position with overall responsibility for all aspects of the department.

Hundreds Gather at Sound Transit Meeting to Condemn Delayed Light Rail Delivery - courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County

Over 300 people attended official Sound Transit Public Comment Meeting on April 25 following EASC's launch of Light Rail to Everett, an initiative to engage and educate the community and business leaders on the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) draft proposal. Sound Transit 3's Draft Plan had Light Rail being delivered to Downtown Everett via Paine Field in 2041. The majority of the 300-plus attendees made up of political, business and community leaders were there to let Sound Transit know that 2041 was not acceptable and that every plan leading up to the most recent had indicated that Light Rail to Everett was top priority. Sound Transit leadership and staff listened to public comments and provided four different options. The Sound Transit board plans to have a final proposal delivered in June and is preparing a November Ballot measure to pay for the plan. Go to <http://lightrailtoeverett.com> and the Facebook page for updates regarding ST3 and the Light Rail to Everett initiative.

Paine Field Aviation Day Saturday, May 21 @ 10:00 AM

Join the Airport on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM for a wonderful spring day full of Aviation Activities to entertain the entire family. The entrance fee is \$10 per individual and free for children under 17. Your entrance allows you access into Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Collection (FHC) and the Historic Flight Foundation (HFF) with plenty of historic and specialty aircraft to see. In addition there will be:

- * unique and General Aviation aircraft parked on the ramps
- * free introductory flights for kids between 8 and 17 with Young Eagles
- * kick off with a Aviation Day 5k run
- * the Firefighter's Pancake Charity Breakfast
- * flight demonstrations from FHC, HFF and Cascade Warbirds between 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM

Tourism is Economic Development - courtesy of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau

The Snohomish County Tourism Bureau has announced that Snohomish County ranked fourth out of 39 Washington State counties in 2015 visitor spending after King, Pierce and Spokane counties. The data comes from a report by Dean Runyan Associates. The report for 1991-2015 found that travel spending in Snohomish County topped \$1 billion in 2015 - a year-over-year increase of 2.1%. Tourism is Snohomish County's third largest industry. Direct tourism-related jobs employ 10,750 people in the county, contributing \$273.9 million in payroll, \$33.1 million in local taxes and \$66.2 million in state taxes. The Top Five categories for visitor spend are Restaurants (\$308 million), Transportation and Fuel (\$146 million), Accommodations (\$141 million), Retail (\$139 million) and Recreation/Entertainment (\$136 million).

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Snohomish County Economic Update

Washington Employment Security Department (ESD) reports that the March 2016 unemployment rate in Snohomish County was 5.2%. This is down from 5.3% in February and up from 4.7% observed 12 months ago. As noted previously, this higher rate is not a cause for concern; rather it is a positive reflection of a growing labor force in the region.

Total non-farm employment in March 2016 was 6,200 jobs, 2.2%, above the level observed a year earlier. The largest annual gains were attributed to hiring in Construction (1,400), Retail Trade, and Education and Health Services (1,200 each).

Other economic data to report includes - residential building permits in March have doubled from a year previous; most is attributed to increased apartment construction. Retail sales in Q4 2015 were also up by 7.7% from 2014.

Road Closures

Road closures will occur on/off as needed. You can always check the "Roads Central" web page at www.snoco.org.

The longest road closure this spring/summer will likely be 196th St SE, between SR 527 and 22nd Ave SE. There will be a FULL ROAD closure from 7am, Apr 11 - 5pm Sept 16. Coluccio Construction - installing new pipe and connecting utilities for Alderwood Water District Olympus Meadows Trunk Sewer project. The detour route is via 180th St SE and 35th Ave SE and will be posted during the duration of the project.

Another extended closure will be at 3rd Ave SE, Clover Rd and Gravenstein, north of North Rd Single lane closures May 6 - July 15, 8am - 4pm. Universal Land Inc - utility, sewer and storm installation for the Normandie Woods project.

SnoCoSqueeze: Weekday drive improves this week on I-5 near Marysville -

courtesy of WSDOT

Relief for commuters on northbound Interstate 5 in Snohomish County is in sight, after crews installed six new expansion joints last weekend on the Ebey Slough Bridge near Marysville. That relief comes in the form of a return to regular commute patterns and one fewer weekend of lane reductions.

Drivers endured backups of up to 12 miles during the evening commute while the State Route 529 on-ramp was temporarily reconfigured as a direct-merge lane rather than a dedicated lane onto northbound I-5.

Project now ahead of schedule. With crews working both day and night to replace the aging expansion joints, they have made significant progress and are now ahead of schedule to complete the project. Crews will now complete the project with seven weekends of lane reductions, rather than the eight for which they originally planned.

One weekend off before work resumes May 20-23
There is no weekend work scheduled the weekend of May 14-15, giving drivers a break from the weekend lane reductions. Work resumes Friday night, May 20, until Monday morning, May 23, when crews will:

- * Open two narrow lanes and shift them to the left.
- * Reduce the speed limit to 45 mph.
- * Close the SR 529 on-ramp.

Drivers should plan ahead for travel delays during the weekend lane reductions.

North County Recycling Center closed for three days

We will be closing the North County Recycling and Transfer Station (NCRTS) in Arlington on May 31, June 1, and June 2 for the final placement of the new scales into their permanent location as part of the construction project. We will reopen the site on June 3. During this closure, self-haul customers will be directed to one of our other facilities.

In an effort to reduce traffic and lines at other facilities from the large garbage collection companies during this closure, we will be operating our temporary transfer station located at the Cathcart Public Works Operations Center, off of Cathcart Way. This station will be open for the three day closure only, and will operate from 7am-4:30pm. The facility will not be open to the general public.

Sundquist Movies in the Park back in July!

Admission is Free but donations are gladly accepted to benefit the Snohomish County Parks Department.

7:30pm for open seating -Seating is on the grass, so bring low-back lawn chairs and blankets for comfort.

Starting times are approximate, depending on the daylight.

Snacks are available for purchase from the Mill Creek Lions Club, and support various community projects such as the Parks Department Youth Sponsorship Program.

Pre-movie entertainment is provided by BridgeCity Church, the Sno-Isle Library, NorthEnd Jazz, and Community Transit!



Summer Swim Lesson Registration Now Open

Online, phone and walk-in registration for swim lessons at McCollum Park Pool are now open. Register early for the best dates and times. For more information visit: call 425-357-6036 <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1268/Swim-Lessons-Information-Details>



2016 Evergreen State Fair Grandstand Concert Series Announced

It's not too early to begin thinking about taking the entire family to this year's Evergreen State Fair which runs August 25 - September 5. This year's theme is "Fun for the Whole Herd!"



Here is the concert series line up:

Monday, August 29: Pat Benatar & Neil "Spyder" Giraldo

Tuesday, August 30: Hunter Hayes

Wednesday, August 31: Theory of a Deadman

Thursday, September 1: LoCash and Old Dominion

Friday, September 2: Jeremy Camp and MercyMe.

All concert tickets include fair gate admission. For concert on-sale schedule information and to get tickets before they go on sale to the general public, visit www.EvergreenFair.org.

District Events

Bothell:

Free Concert: **Saturday, May 14** 3:30 p.m.

Concert on Bothell City Hall Plaza with the Lynnwood Community Band. Bring a chair and if it's sunny, your sunglasses and a hat!

Bothell City Hall Plaza 18415 101st Ave. NE Call: 425.806-6751 for more info.

Farmers Market: [Bothell-Farmers Market Opening Day at Country Village](#)

June 3, 2016 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Opening day at the Bothell Farmers Market at Country Village. Fresh Fridays are here! Joins us every Friday.



Mill Creek

Memorial Day Events in Mill Creek

Memorial Day is an opportunity for our community to remember those who died in active military service. The City of Mill Creek will be holding two events on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016. The events will include a Veteran's Monument Gathering beginning at 9:00 am at Library Park. A parade in the Mill Creek Town Center will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please come show support and appreciation for our Veterans.

Mountlake Terrace



Ice Fest Skating Competition June 2 - 5. 8:00 am - 7 pm
Seattle Skating Club hosts this annual figure skating competition at Olympic View Ice Arena. Ice Fest Skating Competition is open to current registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club. A variety of levels compete

over the four day competition. The levels are Basic Skills Free Skate, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Showcase, Dance, Pairs, Adult, Ensembles, Synchro, and Solo Dance. The competition is open to the general public to come and watch.

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Sincerely,

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