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District 7 Update January – June 2016



The first six months of 2016 have been very busy in South King County as I visit with and listen to constituents, work on many issues facing residents and honor those individuals and organizations that help make a difference in our quality of life. Please read on for some of the highlights.

Working on Behalf of South County Residents on Important Council Initiatives

February 15th – The chronic flooding of the White River Estates neighborhood in Pacific has displaced families and disrupted lives. Our urgent action in February allocated \$3 million for an expanded containment and barrier line to protect houses and property. By taking the steps we did, we are moving toward providing certainty and peace of mind for these residents. I want to thank the homeowners, many of whom I met at a May 3rd open house in Pacific, who took the time to make their case for a Flood District grant to assist them.



Photo from left to right: Flood District Executive Director Kjrj Lund, City of Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier and Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn



June 29th – As a Flood District Supervisor, I was proud to help kick off new levee work along the White River to reduce the flooding affecting hundreds of homes and thousands of people. I am grateful for the tremendous effort of all parties involved. The Countyline Levy Setback Project is the culmination of extensive public interest, and thousands of research hours by staff. This project will help to provide added safety and security for hundreds of residents along the White River for many years to come.



Photo from left to right: City of Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier and Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn

April 6th – Pine Tree Park -The Kent City Council voted to rescind the sale of Pine Tree Park to Kirkland-based developer, Oakpointe. The decision came after months of dialogue between concerned Kent residents and the Kent City Council. I commend the citizens of Kent for getting organized and bringing this issue to my attention, and thank the Kent City Council for acting on the concerns of their constituents by rescinding the sale of the park. This issue serves as a reminder of the importance of transparency at all levels of government.



May 2nd – Ballot Boxes - New election ballot drop boxes approved by the King County Council will make it easier for voters in South King County to cast their ballots in future elections. Ballot boxes can be found at the following locations: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/ballot-dropoff-locations.aspx>



March 22nd – The King County Council awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Distinguished Service Award for District 7 to Debbie Christian in recognition of her positive impact in the community addressing the reality that hunger touches us all. As a volunteer for various organizations and causes, Debbie helps to keep her community a great place to live and raise families. In its inaugural year, the MLK Medal gave each councilmember the opportunity to recognize a citizen from their district whose community service embodies Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?"

March 21st – The Council approved the transfer of surplus vanpool vans to various organizations throughout King County including the Boys and Girls Club, Multi-Service Center, Valley Cities Counseling and Auburn Food Bank in my district. I was pleased to present van keys to Robin Corak of the Federal Way Multi-Service Center.



April 4th and April 11th – King County Assessor John Arthur Wilson and I held Town Halls on property taxes at Green River College in Auburn and at Federal Way City Hall. We listened to great property tax questions from those who joined us at both meetings. Among the issues discussed were property tax affordability



for seniors and those families recovering from the challenging economy. Many were concerned about being taxed out of their homes. There were also questions about upcoming assessments, including proposed taxes for Sound Transit. Questions about



your property taxes? Call the Assessor's office at 206-296-7300 or the tax advisor in the King County Council Ombudsman Office at 206-477-1061. The video of one of the meetings is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAy88YBPCvs&feature=youtu.be>

June 9th – I hosted a Town Hall on addiction and recovery at Thomas Jefferson High School that included members of the Heroin and Opiates Task Force including King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg, King County Chief Deputy Jim Pugel, Harborview Chief Nursing Officer Darcy Jaffe and Co-Chair of the Task Force, Brad Finegood. Also providing the panelists with insight



before the town hall were student leaders from Auburn and Federal Way. This was an important step in coming together as a community to address the problems and solutions of addiction and recovery. Watch the town hall on King County TV or at: <http://bit.ly/28RIZ9O>



March 21st – King County recognized the 4A State Championship Basketball Team from Federal Way High School--for the second year in a row! I was pleased to present Coach Jerome Collins, assistant coaches and WIAA 4A Boys 2016 State Champion Basketball Team Federal Way High School Eagles with an official recognition for their back-to-back state championship.

Photo: Federal Way High School Basketball Team, Coach Jerome Collins, and assistant coaches



May 3rd – For all of the fans who want the Supersonics back, there are options other than Chris Hansen's SoDo location. The decision denying the street vacation creates opportunities to look at the other potential locations for an arena in the Puget Sound area. See my interview with Essex Porter of KIRO-TV at <http://kIRO.tv/28PpLvV>



June 23rd – Light Rail Update. I am committed to bringing light rail to South King County, as well as providing vital transportation alternatives throughout the greater Auburn and Federal Way areas. I look forward to receiving feedback from South King County citizens as the ST3 package is submitted to the voters on the November 2016 ballot.

April 19th – The methanol refinery project proposed for the Port of Tacoma was cancelled. While I support business and economic growth, the uncertainty surrounding environmental impacts to water consumption, energy consumption, pipeline safety and public health concerns, raised too many questions and I agree with this decision.



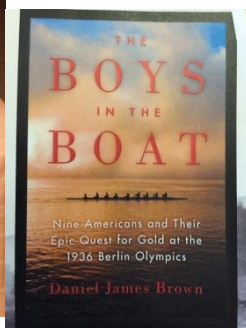
January 26th – I sponsored a resolution to recognize Mike Dunwiddie, Director of the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, for his 35 years of service to the people of King County.

Photo from left to right: King County Councilmembers, Mike Dunwiddie, King County Parks Director Kevin Brown and members of the Federal Way Aquatic Center Staff

June 20th – At the King County Council meeting, we recognized Ron Crockett. Ron has never forgotten where he came from or the help that he received to get there. In turn, he has transformed the lives of countless individuals with his leadership, vision and dedication, his philanthropic work in the community and his efforts to keep horse racing viable and thriving in Washington State. That evening, Ron was also honored by the City of Auburn naming of "Ron Crockett Drive" at Emerald Downs.



April 19th – Annually, the King County Council travels to Washington DC to meet with our State's congressional delegation and other members of the federal government regarding county issues. I was able to meet with Minister Miguel Fraga at the Cuban Embassy, where we had a spirited discussion with Minister Miguel Fraga over evolving US/Cuban relations. There were no cigars!



May 2nd – Boys in the Boat author Daniel James Brown who chronicled the 1936 Olympic rowing team visited the King County Council. He was honored for his prose which highlighted the role of the University of Washington Crew Team. His New York Times best seller will soon be made into a movie.

Bringing Together Regional Leaders to Discuss Issues Impacting South King County

January 13th – Working together to build a strong economic region, our discussion with Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council Executive Director Dr. Steve Lerch focused on the state's economic and revenue outlook.

Photo from left to right: City of Federal Way Deputy Mayor Jeanne Burbidge, Executive Director Dr. Steve Lerch and City of Algona Mayor Dave Hill



February 3rd – State Attorney General Bob Ferguson outlined his proposals for consumer protection in the state.

Photo from left to right: Federal Way Schools Superintendent Tammy Campbell, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Attorney General Bob Ferguson

March 2nd – Patty Hayes, King County Public Health Director, gave an update on the Zika outbreak and the regional efforts to keep local communities healthy.

Photo from left to right: King County Public Health Director Patty Hayes, City of Federal Way Deputy Mayor Jeanne Burbidge and Valley Cities Counseling CEO Ken Taylor



April 6th – Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff discussed Sound Transit's future plans under the proposed \$50 billion ST3 plan and overall transit strategies.

Photo from left to right: Federal Way Deputy Mayor Jeanne Burbidge, Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell and City of Auburn Councilmember Yolanda Trout

May 25th – King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg provided details about the office's new approach to the evolving environment of crime in King County.

Photo from left to right: Pastor Casey Treat, King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg, Auburn Deputy Mayor Largo Wales, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell



June 22nd – Tom Messmer of Industrial Realty Group discussed future plans for the former Weyerhaeuser property in Federal Way, and heard from attendees about the range of potential options for the property, with the emphasis on creating more job opportunities.

Photo from left to right: Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, IRG Vice President of Special Projects Tom Messmer and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell



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April 14th – The 8th Annual Federal Way Lions Helen Keller Basketball Challenge featured the Federal Way police hitting the court against the firefighters. It was fun for all involved, with the real winners being the local charities for kids supported by the Lions Club.

April 24th – At the Korean Language School Dinner, it was noted that over 40% of the young people are non-Koreans learning Korean! The special relationship between the USA and the Republic of Korea continues with the next generation.



April 26th - Boys and Girls Club Breakfast. Jerry DiPoto, Seattle Mariners General Manager, spoke at the breakfast for the Boys and Girls Club and helped raise over \$50,000. We were pleased to be joined by many South County high school baseball teams.

Photo: Todd Beamer High School Baseball team and players with Jerry Dipoto

April 29th – Supporting our schools is paramount. At the Auburn “Gives Back Communities in Schools” dinner and auction we heard from two mothers of young children on how CIS helped their families. On May 20th the community came together for a breakfast to help fund Communities in Schools of Federal Way in an effort to support one of the most diverse school districts in the US! Approximately 112 languages and dialects are spoken in the Federal Way Schools.



June 21st – I sponsored the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce Business Insider luncheon featuring King County Sheriff John Urquhart. He provided an update of the King County Sheriff’s department and addressed current law enforcement strategies.



On the June 6th, 72nd anniversary of D-Day, I had the privilege of recognizing 101 year-old Arthur Jacobson for his extraordinary service at Pearl Harbor and throughout WWII, as well as his ongoing public service after the war.

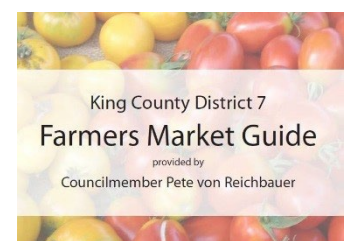
Photo from left to right: Arthur and Lois Jacobson

On June 11th, Art Schladerman, a D-Day hero who received the Silver Star and a Purple Heart for his heroism was recognized at our annual Flag Day ceremony. KVI radio star, John Carlson served as keynote speaker.

Photo from left to right: Art and Donna Schladerman, and John Carlson



Summer is here and we are blessed to live in a region filled with farms and farmers markets providing fresh products – fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Hope you visit a market soon and help support our local farmers. Please download our District 7 Market Guide at <http://1.usa.gov/28JJMcV>



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