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King County Councilmember



# District 7 Summer 2025 Update



Dear Friends:

Summer is here!

As I reflect on the eventful Spring filled with legislative appointments and significant changes across various levels of government, one thing stands out: the unwavering resilience of our residents and the dedication of our selfless volunteers, who seem even more inspired to help those in need.

Amidst visits to farmers' markets and engagement in local events, I am truly impressed by our community's commitment to reflecting on the past and giving back.

Please take a moment to explore some of the highlights from the second quarter of 2025.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by 'von Reichbauer' in a cursive script.

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HAPPY  
*Independence Day*

July 4th



Freedom is not free.

## “Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting with Dr. Faisal Khan

I often say sports bring people together, and Dr. Faisal Khan used sports to emphasize that King County/Seattle Public Health are the Barca/Real Madrid of the public health world (Barcelona and Madrid are regarded by SOME [not Sounders fans] as the best soccer clubs in the world!). While some of Dr. Khan’s updates were stark, our group appreciated his informative remarks about how King County is working to face health challenges in our region. Thank you, Dr. Khan!



*With South King County mayors and councilmembers, and Dr. Faisal Khan*

## King County Council Appoints Shannon Braddock as Acting Executive

On April 1, Shannon Braddock was sworn in as the acting King County Executive following a unanimous vote by the County Council. King County voters will elect a new executive in November. Braddock is the first woman to serve as King County Executive. She previously served as Deputy County Executive and has 15 years of local government experience. [Read more here.](#)



*With acting King County Executive Shannon Braddock, Councilmembers Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay, Sarah Perry, Jorge Barón, De'Sean Quinn, Claudia Balducci, Teresa Mosqueda and Reagan Dunn*

## Vaisakhi Day & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Khmer Rouge Genocide

On April 15, the King County Council proclaimed April 13, 2025, as Vaisakhi Day in King County. The Council also recognized the 50th Anniversary of the Khmer Rouge Genocide.



*With my King County Council colleagues, Manmohan Singh Dhillon, Harjinder Singh Bains, Sodhi Singh, Gurdev Singh Mann, Ramdeep Mann, Gagandeep Singh, Jaskaran Singh Sarao and Chirag Veer Singh Sarao*



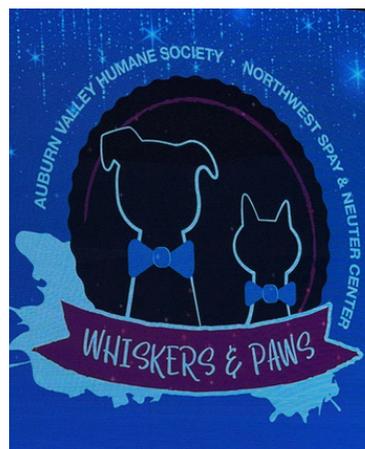
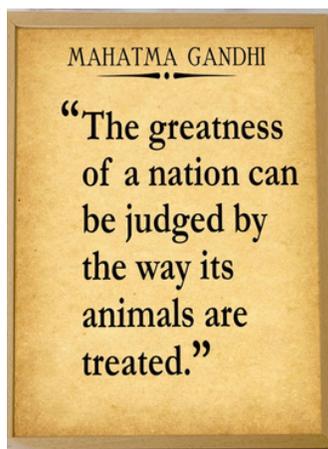
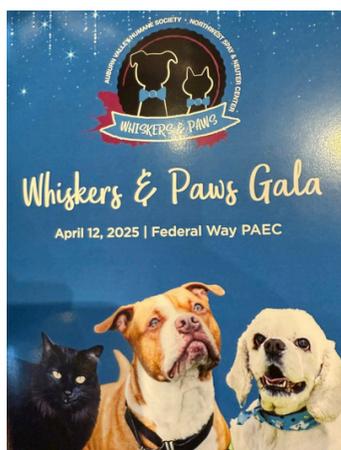
*With my colleagues and members of the Khmer Community*

## 2025 Whiskers and Paws

I joined hundreds of supporters of the Auburn Valley Humane Society’s Annual Whiskers and Paws fundraiser at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Event Center. Since 2013, over 15,304 animals have been adopted, 13,452 have been spayed or neutered and 2,843 animals have been reunited with their owners through AVHS. Thank you, Sharon LaVigne and staff!



*With Auburn Valley Humane Society Director Sharon LaVigne*



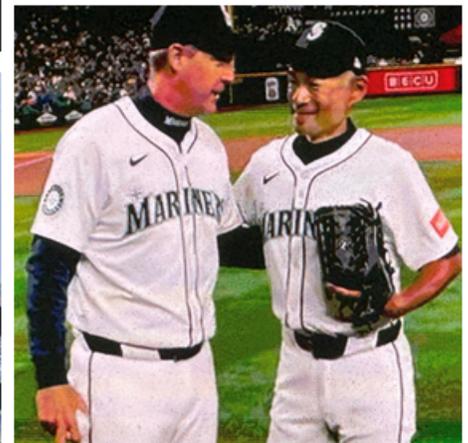
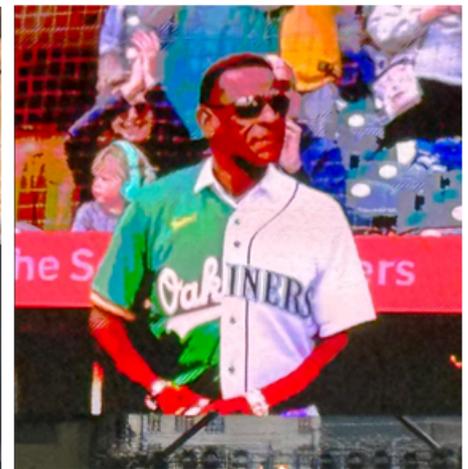
## A Visit to Olympia

I went to Olympia to see an “old” colleague. Although his title has changed, he remains the same. When elected to the King County Council, he was told they would buy new furniture for his office, but he ordered USED furniture instead. As Governor, they wanted him to replace the DECADES-old rug in his inner office with a \$90,000 one, and he said just clean it! Bob Ferguson’s title has changed, but not the Irish in him. Good Luck, Governor Ferguson!



### Mariners Opening

While most people identify Jim Zorn with football, as a father and grandfather, he is into all sports! March 27th marked the 10th Opening Day we have attended together, and it was great to spend time with President Kevin Martinez, who has done so much to shape the Mariners brand. No team captures the past, present and future quite like the M's do on Opening Day. Go M's!



### Ben's Fund

When John Schneider was named the General Manager of the Seahawks on January 18, 2010, Seattle welcomed a champion for families with autism with services and equipment through Ben's Fund. The Schneider family has so much to be proud of both on and off the field. It was great to see Head Coach Mike MacDonald, Doug Baldwin, and others unite in support of Ben, Traci, and John as we celebrated in the Lumen Field locker room.



### Korean School of Federal Way

Washington State is proud to host nearly 100,000 Korean Americans, making it an ideal place to exchange cultural, economic, and social ideas through initiatives like the Korean School of Federal Way. I had the pleasure of attending a dinner with Consul General Eun-ji Seo, Hon. Mike Park, and Mayors Nancy Backus and Jim Ferrell. Notably, Washington is home to the seventh largest Asian population in the United States.



## Comcast's Spring into Service Day at El Centro de la Raza

VIVA!!! Volunteerism took center stage at El Centro de la Raza, and I was privileged to spend time with founder Estela Ortega and our sponsor, Comcast. I would also like to express my gratitude to the amazing volunteers who came forward to assist those in need in South King County. While we may not be able to help everyone, each of us can make a difference for someone!



### Federal Way National Little League Jamboree

Sports bring people together, and I had the privilege of informing all of the families and players gathered at the Federal Way National Little League Jamboree that I successfully secured funding from King County to install new turf fields at their facility.

Turf will mean less cancelled games, more time on the field, better safety, and more opportunities for the league to open the field up for their Challenger program. The board members, participants, parents, and supporters are all united in their commitment to improving the playing conditions for our young athletes, and I was glad to be there.



## Federal Way High School Pre-Apprenticeship

YOU'RE HIRED!! I am committed to expanding job opportunities by supporting pre-apprenticeship programs in our public schools. I was pleased to collaborate with Federal Way School District's Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, former Councilmember and 30th LD Rep. Jesse Johnson, and former Seahawk (and apprenticeship advocate) Doug Baldwin at Federal Way High School's program. Jesse has been instrumental in developing apprenticeship programs in the State House, and this year, King County has allocated \$250,000 to support the initiative.



**In Memoriam**

Whether it was in Arizona during Spring Training, in my office at the courthouse in Seattle at 7 a.m. when his shift ended, or on the new baseball fields at Thomas Jefferson High School, there was never a more dedicated father or coach than Joseph Townsend. We lost this incredible 52-year-old, leaving thousands of players, parents, and coaches in shock. Coach Townsend was larger than life and full of life! He was cherished from Brooklyn to Federal Way for his unwavering commitment to baseball and the values he instilled in his players. Rest in peace, my friend.



**Seattle Mariners Honor Coach Joseph Townsend**

The only thing missing at T-Mobile Park was Coach Joseph Townsend’s smile as the Mariners honored this incredible father, friend and mentor from Thomas Jefferson High School. He did more in 52 years than most can do in 100 years. I am glad that his family heard through Dan Wilson’s words how much their father impacted so many. The man. The myth. The legend. Thank you, Coach Joe.



### Auburn Vietnam War Memorial

Our state has the third-largest Vietnamese population in the United States, following California and Texas. In commemoration of the 1975 fall of Saigon, I had the privilege of joining Lan Phan Jones and many South King County residents at Auburn’s Vietnam War Memorial for a moment of reflection and recognition of our progress since that divisive conflict. Governor Dan Evans notably extended a warm welcome to Vietnamese refugees, inviting them to make our state their home.



*With Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Councilmember Bob Baggett, Former Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, American Vietnamese War Memorial Alliance Co-President Lan Phan Jones and Auburn Noon Lions members*

## AANHPI Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month

The King County Council has officially proclaimed May 2025 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.



*With my King County Council colleagues and community leaders and representatives*

## William J. Wood Veterans House

I had the honor of presenting a grant aimed at supporting the William J. Wood Veterans House (WJW) in assisting veterans with their transition to independent living. In addition to offering various services, this grant will bolster social and wellness initiatives, such as the “Breakfast Club” designed to alleviate anxiety, along with recreational outings to ensure comprehensive support for veterans' immediate needs and long-term stability.



*With Multi-Service Center  
CEO Kirsten York, WJW  
Veterans House Services  
Coordinator Alan Clapper,  
and Community Manager  
LaFloura Estrada*

## Camp Kilworth's Grand Reopening

In May, I attended the Grand Reopening Ceremony of Camp Kilworth, which first opened in 1934 for the Tacoma Area Council of Boy Scouts. After its closure in 2016, the Kilworth Environmental Education Preserve was established to restore the camp's historic structures. The 25-acre site will now serve as a camp facility for the Greater Seattle YMCA starting this summer, providing a YMCA Day Camp and more outdoor education opportunities.



*With Federal Way Public Schools Board Member Luckisha Phillips*



## Federal Way Farmers Market

Rain or shine, the Federal Way Farmers Market kicked off its season, continuing the legacy of Rose Ehl under city management. Operating every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through October 25 at the Commons Mall (1701 S. 320th, Federal Way, WA 98003), the market features an array of music, flowers, and fresh vegetables, all set against a backdrop of handmade crafts available for purchase. It's a great opportunity to come together, socialize, and gather fresh produce for your family's table.



*With Federal Way Councilmember Jack Dovey, Former Councilmember and 30th LD Rep. Jesse Johnson, Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, East India Grill Owner Kabal Gill, Sound Transit Community Engagement Specialist Jan Glasper, and Federal Way Farmers Market Founder Rose Ehl*

### Federal Way Community Caregiving Network

The Federal Way Community Caregiving Network demonstrates that everyone can make a difference by providing food bank supplies, vouchers, rent assistance, and emergency services. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers: Carol Robinson, Nancy Weber, Pat Rainey, Joan Gott, Tony Robinson, and Howard Stolz for their inspiring leadership. If anyone wants to do good and feel better, volunteer!



## “Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting with King County Executive Shannon Braddock

Shannon Braddock has made history as our first female County Executive, having been unanimously elected by the King County Council to complete Dow Constantine's term until the certification of this year's election. Shannon is highly regarded by officials across all levels of government, and most importantly, she is trusted by local municipal leaders as a collaborative partner in regional governance. Thank you, Shannon, for joining us in Auburn for our “Good Eggs” meeting!

[Click here](#) to view the Executive’s 200-day plan.



*With King County Executive Shannon Braddock, Council Chair Girmay Zahilay, Mayors Dana Ralph (Kent), Traci Buxton (Des Moines), Jim Ferrell (Federal Way), Sean Kelly (Maple Valley), Jan Molinaro (Enumclaw), Troy Linnell (Algona), Dave Olson (Edgewood), Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz (Des Moines), Vice Chair John Daniels Jr. (Muckleshoot Tribal Council), Council President Satwinder Kaur (Kent), Councilmembers Ed Prince (Renton), David White (Algona), Clinton Taylor (Auburn), Hanan Amer (Auburn), Kate Baldwin (Auburn), and Zandria Michaud (Kent)*

## FWPS Celebrates Pre-Apprenticeship Program for High School Seniors

I had the honor of joining Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, former Councilmember and 30<sup>th</sup> LD Rep. Jesse Johnson, trade instructors, and FWPS high school seniors at the Pre-Apprenticeship Program Senior Celebration held at Federal Way High School.

Our youth NEED pathwayS (plural!) to success, whether white collar, blue collar, or no collar, and I am pleased to promote and support pre-apprenticeship programs in local high schools. The students I saw graduated with life skills that will serve them regardless of the path they pursue.



## Auburn Noon Lions Eyeglasses Donation

As someone who wears glasses, I appreciate how expensive they are! The Glasses Donation Program I began with King County Metro is still working to recycle glasses for those that need them, and I recently handed over hundreds of unclaimed glasses left on buses to the Auburn Noon Lions.

Present were the Auburn Noon Lions, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and Parks Director Julie Krueger. The eyeglasses will be sent to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Lacey for examination, sorting, and distribution to individuals (like me) who aren't blessed with 20/20 vision.



## “Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting with Anthony Anton

At the June “Good Eggs” Breakfast, we had the opportunity to hear from Anthony Anton, President & CEO of the Washington Hospitality Association. He provided valuable insights into the current state of the hospitality industry, addressing how the state's business model in this sector has consistently posed challenges for local businesses from the pandemic to the present day. Thank you, Anthony!



### STATUS TODAY

**~1.5% MARGIN**



*With Auburn Councilmembers Lisa Stirgus & Kate Baldwin, Kent Councilmember Toni Troutner, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, Pacific Mayor Vic Kave, Washington Hospitality Association President & CEO Anthony Anton, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Algona Mayor Troy Linnell, Auburn Councilmember Hanan Amer, Algona Councilmember Tim Fairley, Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton, Federal Way Councilmember Jack Walsh, Edgewood Mayor Dave Olson, Algona Councilmember David White, Enumclaw Mayor Jan Molinaro, and Auburn Chamber President & CEO Kacie Bray*

## Catholic Community Services

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Catholic Community Services team to present a grant from King County. This funding will support their ongoing efforts to assist our most vulnerable populations in South King County, especially at the Federal Way Day Center.



*With Program Director Sekeenya Newsome and Family Therapist/Clinician Jennifer Williams*



## Auburn Area Connect Spotlight Awards & Multi-Service Center Spring Into Action

What a great weekend in Auburn! From the Multi-Service Center's annual Spring Into Action dinner to Auburn Area Connect Spotlight Awards, I had the honor of presenting Green River College's George Frasier with the Bill Kyle Leadership Award!



*With Leanne Guier, former Councilmember & 30th LD Rep. Jesse Johnson, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Paras Malik, Harborview Board President Steffanie Fain, David Malik*



*With Green River College President Dr. Suzanne Johnson, VP for College Advancement & Foundation Executive Director George Frasier, and King County Council Chair Girmay Zahilay*

## Hanwoori Garden Grand Opening

There are over 100,000 Korean Americans in our region, and many of them were at the Hanwoori Garden dedication on June 10. South King County is the melting pot of the world and the collaboration between Donghae, South Korea and Federal Way has established a high bar with their unique pagoda and garden located near the Aquatic Center. As we enter the century of the Pacific Ocean, we must build cultural bridges within the Pacific Rim.

Visit the Hanwoori Garden located at 550 S.W. Campus Dr. next to the Panther Lake trail head.



*With 30th LD Rep. Kristine Reeves, Republic of Korea Consul General Eun-Ji Seo, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell & Councilmembers, former Federal Way Mayors Mike Park & Jeanne Burbidge, Jim Burbidge, and Wes & Bev Stock*

## U.S. Army

My part of the 250 years started with KP (Kitchen Patrol) as an ROTC cadet at Fort Bragg, NC (yes, we peeled potatoes). My duty tours took me to Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, Fort Benning, GA, overseas in Hokkaido, Japan and Camp Murray. For the majority of its 250 years the US Army was a true melting pot of our country, and I am the better for having served with so many people from so many divergent backgrounds. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, U.S. ARMY! Please thank anyone you see in uniform for their service.



## 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. often asked the question, “What are you doing for others?” Each year, as a member of the King County Council, I take the opportunity to recognize an individual who exemplifies this spirit through exceptional and selfless service in the South King County community with the MLK Medal of Distinguished Service Award. This year’s District 7 awardee is Estela Ortega.



As the Co-Founder and Executive Director of El Centro de la Raza, The Center for People of All Races, Estela Ortega has responded to Dr. MLK Jr.’s question through her unwavering commitment over five decades to bringing people together and creating spaces where they can celebrate their unique backgrounds. Viva y Gracias, Estela!



*With Estela Ortega, El Centro de la Raza staff, and her family*

Seattle Mariners and Seattle Sounders Schedules

**MARINERS SCHEDULE 2025**

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**SEPTEMBER**

HOME AWAY MARINERS VALUE GAMES

[MARINERS.COM/TICKETS](http://MARINERS.COM/TICKETS)

[Click here for the Mariners Schedule](#)

**2025 SCHEDULE**

HOME AWAY

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FEBRUARY	2.22	7:30 PM PT	HOME
MARCH	3.1	1:30 PM PT	AWAY
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MARCH	3.15	5:30 PM PT	AWAY
MARCH	3.22	7:30 PM PT	HOME
MARCH	3.29	7:30 PM PT	AWAY
APRIL	4.5	7:30 PM PT	AWAY
APRIL	4.12	5:30 PM PT	AWAY
APRIL	4.19	4:30 PM PT	HOME
APRIL	4.26	6:30 PM PT	AWAY
MAY	5.3	7:30 PM PT	HOME
MAY	5.10	5:30 PM PT	AWAY
MAY	5.14	7:30 PM PT	AWAY
MAY	5.17	6:30 PM PT	AWAY
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JUNE	6.1	3:00 PM PT	HOME
JUNE	6.8	6:00 PM PT	AWAY
JUNE	6.28	7:30 PM PT	HOME
JULY	7.6	2:00 PM PT	HOME
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JULY	7.19	5:30 PM PT	HOME
JULY	7.26	4:30 PM PT	AWAY
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OCTOBER	10.18	3:00 PM PT	AWAY

[Click here for the Sounders Schedule](#)

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