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King County Councilmember

District 7 Winter 2024 Update



Dear Friends:

Happy Winter!

The past year seems to have flown by. It has been almost four years since COVID-19 was first detected in King County, but we continue to confront the changes and disruptions the pandemic brought to our daily lives.

As King County works to address the challenges we face, including an impending budget shortfall, I remain hopeful that we will overcome these issues by working together and listening to the public, and make a positive impact on our region.

Please take time to check some of the highlights of events I attended both locally and throughout King County.

With best wishes,



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Seattle Sonics Legends Fund

The score of the pre-season game in October between the Clippers and the Jazz at Climate Pledge Arena was 103 to 98, but the best SCORERS were those who came together before the game to support Sandy Gregory, Tod Leiweke, and the Legends Fund. This fund helps former Seattle Sonic and Seahawk players who have fallen on hard times after the game is over and the cheering has stopped. Slick Watts, who is recovering from a stroke, was a special guest at the reception.



With former Seattle SuperSonics Coach, Player, and NBA Hall of Famer Lenny Wilkens

2023 Retired King County Metro Vanpool Van Allocations

The Auburn Food Bank is one of the recipients of 2023's allocation of retired King County Metro Vanpool vans in District 7. This program, which I sponsored in the 1990s when I was chair of the Budget Committee, is a partnership between the King County Council and King County Metro. The retired vans are allocated annually to qualified local non-profit and government organizations through an application process. To date, over 760 vans have been awarded to organizations who use them to continue the great work they do in our communities.

The Auburn School District (ASD) Newcomers and International Welcome Center also received a retired King County Metro Vanpool van. As part of their efforts to support multilingual families new to the country, the Welcome Center staff will be transporting families to ASD's testing center to provide initial screening and determine resources that are needed for the families, as well as connect them with community resources like The Auburn Food Bank or medical needs using these vans.



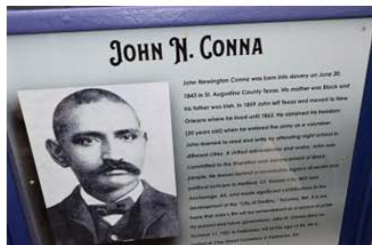
With The Auburn Food Bank Executive Director Debbie Christian



ASD Newcomers and International Welcome Center Intake Specialist Lisa O'Dell, Program Director Jason Hill, Testing Specialist Pilar Hunter, Auburn Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel, ASD Superintendent Dr. Alan Spicciati, and ASD Board Member Tracy Arnold

Honoring the Conna Family

Who were John and Mary Conna? If you visit the King County Metro bus stop on 320th St. in Federal Way, you will get a history lesson about these Black, Northwest pioneers who settled a 157-acre homestead in South King County. John was the first Black political appointee in Washington state and left a legacy of public service, transformation, and determination. Beverly Kelly and Ghana Thomas were just two of the proud relatives to attend the dedication.



King County Council Recognizes Dan Evans

98 years and counting! I was honored to co-sponsor a celebration of former Governor/US Senator/College President Dan Evans' commitment to serve others: it is not the number of years he has lived, but WHAT he has done in those 98 years! His wife Nancy is his partner in service! Visit The Seattle Times article [here](#).



With King County Councilmembers Joe McDermott, Claudia Balducci, co-sponsor Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay, Nancy Evans, former WA Governor/US Senator Dan Evans, Dan Evans Jr., King County Assessor John Wilson, King County Executive Dow Constantine, King County Prosecuting Attorney Leesa Manion, and King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski

MSC Helps Luncheon with Doug Baldwin

I first met Doug Baldwin the week he joined the Seahawks, and I recently caught up with him to help the Multi-Service Center raise money to fight hunger in South King County. Doug remains the committed idealist he was at Stanford, but now he and his wife have three young ones at home. We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone! Great seeing Sue and Bob Celski, as well as retiring MSC CEO Robin Corak at the *MSC Helps Luncheon* at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Event Center.



With Doug Baldwin, Bob and Sue Celski, and outgoing MSC CEO Robin Corak

New Ballot Drop Box at Star Lake Safeway in Federal Way

Voting is one way we can immediately impact our community. Elections Director Julie Wise has been committed to making voting safer and more accessible, and I was pleased to help Julie open a new ballot drop box at the Star Lake Safeway in Federal Way with Mayor Jim Ferrell.



Interurban Trail War Memorial Ribbon-Cutting on Veterans Day

What do you get when a good person takes up a good idea? A GREAT project! Outgoing Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier reached out to public and private sector leaders for support to recognize those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, as well as to encourage more physical use of the Interurban Trail. With justifiable pride, Leanne cut the ribbon on the Interurban Trail War Memorial on Veterans Day.



With U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, Auburn School District Board Member Arlista Holman and Superintendent Dr. Alan Spicciati, outgoing Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, VFW 6785 and Department of Washington State Commander and Surgeon Craig Dougherty and Walter Tanimoto

The New Memorial Stadium in Federal Way

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS in Federal Way was wet and wild in the new Memorial Stadium, but there is nothing like the passion of bundled up parents, fresh off work, cheering their kids in a playoff game! I was pleased to attend the official ribbon cutting shortly after watching a game at this incredible new facility. Take the time to catch a local high school game near you...the passion is infectious!!



With Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Board Member Luckisha Phillips and the rest of the board members

A Visit to the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Seattle

In November, I had the opportunity to visit the Seattle office of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and meet with Consul General Eun-ji Seo, as well as her staff. Since being appointed in March 2022, Consul General Seo has worked tirelessly to strengthen the relationship between the Republic of Korea and the Puget Sound region. Because of commercial partnerships and agricultural products, the Republic of Korea is Washington's fourth largest trading partner, and we talked about economic cooperation and boosting cultural and economic ties between regions. I am pleased Councilmembers Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Sarah Perry were able to join me on this visit.



*With King County Councilmembers Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Sarah Perry,
Korean Consul General Eun-ji Seo and staff*

Arts Corps: Make Art Anyway

On November 16th, I joined Arts Corps Executive Director Shawn Roberts and Pearl Jam's Stone Gossard at an event with [Arts Corps](https://www.artscorps.org) to learn about free programming providing youth with opportunities for artistic engagement. Keeping our youth engaged in extracurricular activities, whether through sports or arts, is vital for the health of our communities.



“Good Eggs” Breakfast with UW Medicine CEO Dr. Tim Dellit

Congratulations to Dr. Tim Dellit! At the end of November, he was confirmed as the permanent CEO of UW Medicine and Dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine. That same week, he was the speaker at our November “Good Eggs” breakfast meeting.

In addition to its own campus programs, UW Medicine operates Harborview Medical Center, as well as the WWAMI program, which educates students in Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI). Dr. Dellit gave an update on the current flu season and spoke about emerging technologies changing healthcare today.



With South King County Mayors Dana Ralph, Leanne Guier, Troy Linnell, Jeff Wagner, Nancy Backus and Sean Kelly, South King Fire Interim Fire Chief Dave Van Valkenburg, and UW Medicine CEO Dr. Tim Dellit

“Good Eggs” Breakfast with King County Superior Court Judge Sean O’Donnell

“There are more bad mistakes than there are bad people” said Judge Sean O’Donnell, Chief Judge for King County’s Unified Family Court, at our monthly “Good Eggs” breakfast in December. In this meeting, Judge O’Donnell focused on victims, highlighting the fact that our criminal justice system does not place enough emphasis on making sure that justice is served for those who have endured crimes. Thank you, Judge O’Donnell, for shining a light on our judicial branch.



(Top) With Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, outgoing King County District Court Presiding Judge Matthew York, outgoing Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, King County Superior Court Judge Sean O’Donnell, Algona Mayor Troy Linnell, Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, and incoming King County District Court Presiding Judge Rebecca Robertson; (Bottom) The Auburn Food Bank Executive Director Debbie Christian, Windermere Managing Broker Nancy Colson, 47th LD Rep. Chris Stearns and Judge Sean O’Donnell

Kiwanian of the Year Award

While the holidays have come to an end, service to others remains more important than ever. Since 1955, the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way has focused on the mission of improving the world, one child at a time, through its sponsorship of youth and community programs throughout the city. As a life-long Kiwanian, one of the highlights of the past year was learning that Kiwanis Club of Federal Way renamed their Kiwanian of the Year award the Pete von Reichbauer Kiwanian of the Year Award. Congratulations to Beverly Triplett and Dick Hayek for being selected the 2023 Kiwanians of the Year!



2024 Seattle Mariners Schedule



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEBRUARY / MARCH						FEBRUARY 24 CWS
25 CLE 12:10	26 CIN	27 SF	28 KC 12:10	29 CWS 12:10	MARCH 1 COL	2 OAK 12:10
3 SD 12:10	4	5 TEX 12:10 CWS	6 KC	7 LAA 12:10	8 CHI	9 MIL
10 SF 1:10	11 SD 1:10	12 OAK	13 LAD	14 MIL 1:10	15 *SD 1:10 LAA	16 CWS 1:10 CIN
17 AZ 1:10	18 TEX	19 COL 1:10	20	21 CIN 6:40	22 MIL 1:10 AZ	23 *SD 1:10 CWS
24 CHI 1:10	25 at Petco Park SD	26 at Petco Park SD	27	28 Opening Day at T-Mobile Park vs. Red Sox	29	30

■ Home ■ Road ■ At Peoria, San Diego is Home Team

SS Split Squad

Schedule subject to change

All times Pacific

*March 15 and 23 games vs. Padres are Futures games featuring top prospects.

Spring Training 24

2024 SEATTLE MARINERS SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MARCH/APRIL				MARCH 28 BOS 7:10	29 BOS 6:40	30 BOS 6:40
31 BOS 1:10	APRIL 1 CLE 6:40	2 CLE 6:40	3 CLE 1:10	4	5 MIL 6:40	6 MIL 6:40
7 MIL	8 TOR	9 TOR	10 TOR	11	12 CHC 6:40	13 CHC 6:40
14 CHC 1:10	15 CIN 6:42	16 CIN 6:40	17 CIN 1:10	18	19 COL	20 COL
21 COL	22	23 TEX	24 TEX	25 TEX	26 AZ 6:40	27 AZ 6:40
28 AZ 1:10	29 ATL 6:40	30 ATL 6:40				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY			1 ATL 12:40	2	3 HOU	4 HOU
5 HOU	6 MIN	7 MIN	8 MIN	9 MIN	10 OAK 6:40	11 OAK 6:40
12 OAK 1:10	13 KC 6:40	14 KC 6:40	15 KC 1:10	16	17 BAL	18 BAL
19 BAL	20 NYY	21 NYY	22 NYY	23 NYY	24 WSH	25 WSH
26 WSH	27 HOU 6:40	28 HOU 6:40	29 HOU 6:40	30 HOU 1:10	31 LAA 7:10	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE						1 LAA 4:15
2 LAA 1:10	3	4 OAK	5 OAK	6 OAK	7 KC	8 KC
9 KC	10 CWS 6:40	11 CWS 6:40	12 CWS 6:40	13 CWS 6:40	14 TEX 7:10	15 TEX 4:15
16 TEX 1:10	17	18 CLE	19 CLE	20 CLE	21 MIA	22 MIA
23 MIA	24 TB	25 TB	26 TB	27	28 MIN 6:40	29 MIN 7:10
30 MIN 1:10						

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 BAL 6:40	3 BAL 7:10	4 BAL 1:10	5 TOR 6:40	6 TOR 1:10
7 TOR 1:10	8	9 SD	10 SD	11 LAA	12 LAA	13 LAA
14 LAA	15	16 ALL-STAR GAME AT TEXAS	17	18	19 HOU 7:10	20 HOU 6:40
21 HOU 1:10	22 LAA 6:40	23 LAA 6:40	24 LAA 12:40	25	26 CWS	27 CWS
28 CWS	29 BOS	30 BOS	31 BOS	JULY		

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AUGUST				1	2 PHI 6:40	3 PHI 6:40
4 PHI 1:10	5	6 DET 6:40	7 DET 6:40	8 DET 6:40	9 NYM 7:10	10 NYM 6:40
11 NYM 1:10	12	13 DET	14 DET	15 DET	16 PIT	17 PIT
18 PIT	19 LAD	20 LAD	21 LAD	22	23 SF 7:10	24 SF 1:10
25 SF 1:10	26 TB 6:40	27 TB 6:40	28 TB 1:10	29	30 LAA	31 LAA

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 LAA	2 OAK	3 OAK	4 OAK	5 OAK	6 STL	7 STL
8 STL	9	10 SD 6:40	11 SD 6:40	12 TEX 6:40	13 TEX 7:10	14 TEX 6:40
15 TEX 1:10	16	17 NYY 6:40	18 NYY 6:40	19 NYY 1:10	20 TEX	21 TEX
22 TEX	23 HOU	24 HOU	25 HOU	26	27 OAK 7:10	28 OAK 6:40
29 OAK 12:10	30	SEPTEMBER				

■ HOME □ ROAD

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Link: <https://www.mlb.com/mariners/schedule/printable-schedule>

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