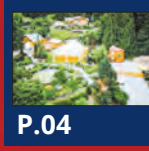


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By GERTI KATRO

MUKILTEO, Wash. – The weekend of May 21-23, fourteen future leaders with Leadership Launch performed random acts of kindness throughout Everett and Mukilteo for their 2021 Community Launch Projects.

The event this year consisted of high school students putting together a “LYLO & Link Challenge” to help

and get help involving the community they choose to participate. The Fourteen students worked over the weekend on eleven different projects challenging the community to join in with their own random acts of kindness and help with donations for a better community.

The event was organized and supervised with care from the Executive Director, Rachel Kittle and her

husband Dan Kittle, who together started the initiative back in 2014. “We usually organize one big project but this year was difficult with COVID going on,” said Rachel Kittle.

She added, “Last year we had to cancel and this year we thought it would not happen again but with the

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Rabbi Paltiel talks Jewish American Heritage Month



Councilmember Shirley Sutton (left) presenting Education & Sharing Day proclamation to John Lapham, Risha Paltiel and Chaya Paltiel, Rabbi Berel Paltiel, Len Werms, Todd Koslof and Vladimir Shepsis. Photo taken on April 16, 2019. Lynnwood Times / Mario Lotmore.

By ERIN FREEMAN

LYNNWOOD, Wash. – Chabad Jewish Center of Snohomish County Rabbi Berel Paltiel says Jewish American Heritage Month, celebrated through May, is a time to honor the Jewish American experience- past and present.

His mother, several generations American, and his father, born in the Soviet Union became a Polish refugee during World War 2.

“For every American Jew, I think there’s a very deep love for America and that’s because this country stands for freedom,” said Paltiel. “Our people were persecuted on and off for 2,000

years... but America welcomed Jewish existence. My mother’s family has been here for seven generations, and what that represents is true freedom.”

Paltiel was born in New York City and raised within the Crown Heights Jewish community, the world headquarters of Chabad Lubavitch and home of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, the most influential Jewish leader in the last century said Paltiel.

After World War 2, the Jewish community became scattered, explained Paltiel. To increase reconnection, Rabbin’ sought out communities to join

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June declared Snohomish County Farmers Market Month

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., – June has been declared Snohomish County Farmers Market Month by the Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive, encouraging all Snohomish County residents and businesses to support local farmers and Farmers Markets in their community this summer.

Snohomish County has a rich history of farming and agriculture since its founding in 1861 and Snohomish County farms and farmers markets have provided the community with locally grown, fresh, and healthy food such as fruits, veggies, eggs, meats baked goods, honey, and more.

The Resolution passed on Monday states that outdoor Farmers Markets in Snohomish County have played a pivotal role during the pandemic as community members are able to access fresh and nutritious food in the fresh air. Farmers Markets spur economic growth, giving farms and other small businesses the opportunity to market and grow their businesses.

Councilman Sam Low, District 5, who has attended the Snohomish Farmers Market with his family for many years, personally worked on crafting the Joint-Resolution after

the market’s manager, Sarah Dylan Jensen, announced a record-breaking 116 vendors on the weekend of the market’s 30th anniversary and opening day held Thursday, May 6.

“Her hard work and organizational skills were on full display that day,” Low said of Jensen’s management. This will be her tenth year managing the event.

Over the next week, Low worked with council staff and the Executives office to refine the Resolution before bringing it to the Council to vote.

“I have worked hard on many issues for our farmers and farmers markets during my time in office... I am elated that it was unanimously supported by the Council and the Executives to support the entire month of June as Farmer’s Market Month,” Low said.

Sarah Dylan-Jensen, manager of the Snohomish Farmers Market, and Janelle Drews, manager of the Monroe Farmers Market were invited to speak at the meeting prior to the council’s decision.

“As we all know, the last fifteen months of a global pandemic changed nearly every aspect of our lives. Thankfully, Farmers Markets were deemed essential business from the start as they provide food, access to

communities, and help farmers and small businesses alike. That’s not to say the last year wasn’t challenging for Farmers Markets. As market directors we put our blood, sweat, and tears into our weekly markets during a normal year but adding a global pandemic was utterly exhausting,” Dylan-Jensen said.

“One of the greatest shifts that came from such an ugly pandemic was the realization of our local food system and the benefits of shopping locally with farmers markets and food makers. As grocery stores experience food shortages, contaminations, and recalls, Farmers Markets provided fresh, and local goods that in many cases traveled less than a few miles to reach the end customer.

“Farmers Markets provided safer, outdoor environments that also allow for high-risk shoppers and the public to feel more at ease. Add to that the growing knowledge of major food chain systems and just how much our food is handled before it reaches us, whereas Farmers Markets generally only have one direct course from farm to table with minimal in-between handling,” Dylan-Jensen continued.

“If you ever need an advocate in your corner, Sarah is definitely the person you want. She is just so dedicated to this and she fought for her vendors and

I think it really shows in the success of all of our farmer’s markets. I just want to thank her for being such an incredible advocate in our community,” said councilwoman Megan Dunn, District 2.

The Joint-Resolution, No. 21-022, passed unanimously at an administrative meeting held May 24. It also recognized the Everett Farmers Market and other farmers markets throughout the county for their long-standing commitment to the community.

“The Monroe Farmers Market has strengthened food access for people of all incomes and brought a true sense of community when you literally get to know where your food comes from,” Drews said.

“Our Monroe market has an average of sixty to seventy vendors this year and it just continues to keep growing. Something I’m so excited about this year is we’re introducing SNAP, EBT and WIC for the first time so that’s just going to continue to help our low-income families and increase our sales for the farmer’s market. I can’t imagine our community without the thriving farms and the vibrant farmer’s market that we’ve been able to establish here in Monroe.”

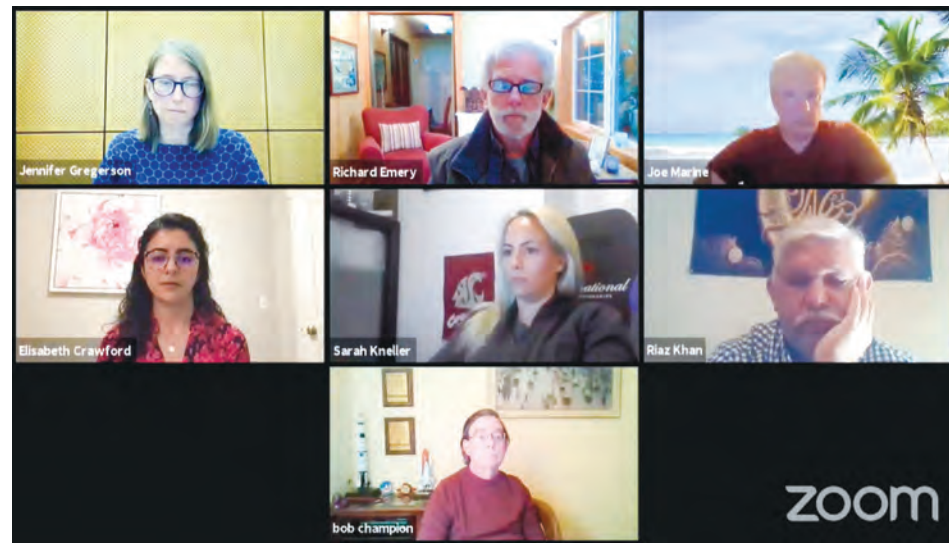
Mukilteo residents speak out against adopting a Housing Action Plan

By KIENAN BRISCOE

MUKILTIO, Wash – Residents of Mukilteo spoke out against the adoption of a Housing Action Plan, almost unanimously, during a public hearing on May 17.

Out of around 20 public comments, one was in favor while the others shared concerns about their cherished city threatened by the potential of “high-density living.”

“People choose to live in Mukilteo because of the community that it is. Mukilteo does not want to become Seattle. As the city council looks to adopt the HAP...city council needs to recognize that you are messing with people’s net worth. This affects the value of people’s homes. Mukilteo is not a social experiment. It is not a right to live here. You have been voted in to represent the people of Mukilteo, you have not been voted in to represent who may want to live in Mukilteo or play with a social experiment. And the people are watching to see if you are



listening to us,” Paul Ellis, longtime Mukilteo resident said.

Mukilteo enters its last few weeks before the council votes on the adoption of the Housing Action Plan resolution on June 7, which aims to encourage construction of a greater variety of housing types at prices accessible to a greater variety of incomes.

In 2019, House Bill 1923 authorized

grant funding for cities to develop a HAP which Mayor Jennifer Gregerson applied for and was awarded.

The Mukilteo City Council voted in favor of moving forward with the HAP in 2020, accepting the grant and approving a contract with BERK consulting to draft a plan, despite many resident’s disagreement.

“I whole heartedly object the HAP. I hoped the city council would listen to the residents and stop. But that is not happening. You guys are disregarding the voices of Mukilteo residents. No one on the city council seems to be listening. Things are going downhill

for Mukilteo and this will definitely push it over the edge,” said Zanna White, Mukilteo local.

“Mukilteo means a lot to the people that live here. Really good schools, crime is low. It’s a nice place to live. It still is but it used to be a lot nicer. I like a small town and we’re really going away from that. You can’t just keep adding people and people and people. The Growth Management Act is a flawed idea. I hope that you guys say no to it,” said Ray Boyer, Mukilteo local.

Adopting the HAP does not implement the selected strategies; rather, it sets a work plan to study them. Public meetings, public hearings and other processes required by law will occur before most of the strategies identified in the HAP can even be implemented. The one exception would be internal permit processing improvements, which can be implemented by staff, according to the HAP summary.

“It’s a low-density community. We had many options when deciding to move to Mukilteo. If we wanted high-density, we would have chosen Seattle. The comments were overwhelmingly

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Lynnwood Police Department K9 Car wash event at Mr. Kleen 76



Officer Sam Zacharia with K9 Rico at the Mr. Kleen 76 Station LPD K9 fundraiser on May 15, 2021 with Carol Dungan. Lynnwood Times/Gerti Katro.

By **GERTI KATRO**

LYNNWOOD, Wash. – This weekend Mr. Kleen 76 Stations teamed up with the Lynnwood Police Department (LPD) for a K9 unit car wash fundrais-

ing event. A portion of every car wash at Mr. Kleen’s two Lynnwood locations went to support the LPD’s K9 unit. A k-9 stuffed toy was given to those that gave an additional donation of at least \$15.

“With COVID-19 and everything that came after, this is the first event in a year that we do and that’s why it is so special, along with the fundraising aspect for the K9 unit. The response and participation has been incredible. People will get the toy puppies and donate more than the actual price”, said Carol Dungan, Marketing and Events Coordinator for Mr. Kleen 76 Stations.

Sam Zacharia.

“He is my best friend. I spend more time with him than with my wife. He is with me at work and I take him home after my shift. When I had to go through something stressful during my day at work he’s the one I talk to on my way back. And he is a good listener,” added Zacharia

The public had the opportunity visit the K9 officers and speak with their human partners. The four German shepherds – Kiro, Rico, Chase and Cannon – got all the attention of course!

The four officers assigned to a K9 are: Sgt. Jake Shorthill, and Officers Sam Zacharia, Josh Magnuseen, and Warren Creech.

We had the chance to meet with K9 Officer Rico who has gone through at least 400 hours of training before joining the unit. “It is a constant training period with them. We go through a 400 hours initial training but after that they have to go almost every week to different training constantly”, said officer

The fundraiser collected nearly \$3,000 from the sale of stuffies and car wash contributions. Mr Kleen 76 plans to have similar events in the future to financially assist the four-legged heroes of Lynnwood.

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Patrick Decker appointed to fill Lynnwood City Council vacancy

By **MARIO LOTMORE**



LYNNWOOD Wash. – Tonight the Lynnwood City Council voted 5-1 to appoint Patrick Decker to fill the Position 2 vacancy left by the resignation of Councilman Ian Cotton in April of this year. He will be sworn in June 1, 2021. Councilwoman Christine Frizzell broke away from her colleagues to vote for Nick Coelho.

Decker lives with his wife and their three kids; and in his personal life, mentors youth as a Scoutmaster and Varsity Scout Coach.

Other candidates vying for the position were: Nick Coelho, Christine Eck, Nicole Guenther, Michael Miller, Nazanin Lashgari, Neil Weiss, and Michael Wojack.

Patrick Decker will be facing Naz Lashgari and Don Gough in the primary election for the Lynnwood City Council Position 2 seat. Although Decker was appointed to the Council, he still has to run for his seat in the General Election.

Decker, a 30-year resident of Lynnwood and former Chair of the city’s Planning Commission and current member of the Civil Service Commission has been actively engaged in shaping the community for years.

Chris Eck and Nick Coelho, filed to run for the Lynnwood City Council Position 1 against former city councilwoman Shirley Sutton as Councilwoman Ruth Ross is not seeking re-election.

“Wise decision making today will create an environment that offers a wide variety of opportunities for business and citizens alike, driving for progress and solving issues, while ensuring the highest quality of life for those of us who live and work here,” wrote Decker in his application.

Only races with more than two candidates for a position will be on the ballot in the Primary Election held on August 3. The top two candidates from the Primary Election and those races with two candidates or less by May 24 will be on the ballot in the General Election scheduled for November 2.

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SPONSOR FEATURE By REN CUMMINS

Jeanette Ordoñez and Forest Baker from Green Lake found each other in the way so many new couples nowadays find each other – with a mutual right swipe. As time went on, their mutual affection grew and deepened, and before long they both knew that their lives were bound to transform from their respective individual lives into a shared path of respect and love.

As perhaps a living symbol of this romantic elevation, Forest took the knee at the top of Blackcomb Mountain, inviting Jeanette to share her life with his. And to their mutual joy, she said yes. They celebrated this moment with their friends and family – thank you, technology – and all that was left to do was to celebrate their official union as husband and wife.

With that one decision, the newly engaged couple went from a single question to many. When? Where? How? The answer to each question would only include additional questions, by the handful or truckful.

The past year and change have seen enormous changes and challenges to our society, impacting us all in ways few ever imagined. But for Jeanette and Forest, this included their marriage ceremony and reception. How do two people plan for such an event under these conditions?

In their case, they made a choice that

helped them respond to all the other choices: they hired a marriage planner.

One of humanity’s most enduring traditions - dating back more than four thousand years – marriage continues to rest at the center of many of our conventions and social constructs. Whereas it was more commonly seen as a means of joining two families together or creating social and political alliances, it is now most generally used as a legal agreement to bonding couples into family units.

Love is alive and well, with couples excited to tie the knot in whatever way feels best for honoring and celebrating their unions. And personalization has never been more broadly available – or, in fact, expected.

The greatest challenge – other than those caused by the need for social distancing – has been finding one’s way through the maze of options and decisions in order to prepare all the details needed for a complete and stress-free celebration.

Over the centuries, preparing for a wedding has become a substantial ordeal, requiring an attention to detail only made worse by the increased emotional stress of being the two people actually getting married.

As even a gentle browsing of YouTube can attest, the weeks leading up to one’s nuptials can drive even the most battle-hardened spouses-to-be to the breaking point. And the more extravagant the

celebration, the more challenging and complex – as well as expensive - the preparations are likely to be.

The most straight-forward approach to solving many of the associated concerns with wedding planning, is, of course, hiring a wedding planner.

Some of the most common benefits of turning over the planning to a professional includes many of the intangibles, as a planner will dedicate themselves to the stressful aspects of scheduling, vendor coordination and ensuring that the wedding guests (and the bride and groom as well) will be able to simply enjoy the event itself. And from a small intimate gathering to a larger spectacle, the planner will be able to take on the many complications leading up to the big day as well as managing any of the countless surprises that might occur along the way.

Additionally, wedding planners enjoy many industry connections, allowing them to accommodate uncommon requests or manage discounts not ordinarily available to the public, and tap into modern trends or unique points of view to provide a truly special celebration.

To consider it another way, for most brides and grooms, their ceremony is likely to be their first time, but wedding planners bring years of experience and the knowledge of how to resolve any manner of unexpected hiccup, quite often without the wedding guests even noticing. As Rebecca Grant, owner of

Twin Willow Gardens explained, “If we’re doing our job, nobody will even notice we’re there.”

This is not to say any part of the wedding should otherwise be invisible. Recording the special day requires a keen and attentive eye - and a good camera in the hands of a qualified photographer.

When considering a photographer, couples should consider several factors. For example, consider the desired tone and flavor in the photographs: polished and refined like the pages of a fashion magazine, or candid and personalized to the newlyweds themselves?

Joanna Monger, professional photographer, had this to say about wedding photography: “Aside from your memories and your spouse, the only thing that you really have left after your wedding day are your photographs. For that reason, I think many people really value having the best photographs that they can afford.”

Monger also encourages couples to meet with any photographers they are considering hiring, either virtually or in person. “You will be spending a lot of time with them on your wedding day and you and your partner need to not only have utmost trust in their capabilities, but also need to feel completely comfortable being yourselves in front of them.”

In the case of Jeanette and Forest, their wish list was not consumed by



Custom wedding cakes by Grain Artisan Bakery located in the city of Snohomish. Two-tier wedding cake photo by Megan Montalvo Photography. Three-tier wedding cake photo by Jon Kaplan Photography.

random global requirements – no celebratory dancing at the top of the Space Needle or vows exchanged on the backs of Orcas – one notable item of personalization did include a painter capturing the moment live on canvas.

Although any wedding planner worth their while prides themselves in the acquisition of the extreme, their true value comes from polishing the many intricacies of a wedding day into a flawless shine.

Grant has been operating as a wedding planner through her company, Twin Willow Gardens, since 2009. During this time, most of her advertising has been through the word-of-mouth of her clients, and that alone has resulted in her being one of the most sought-after planners in the Seattle area.

In spite of the many challenges that come from a nationwide pandemic lockdown and social distancing requirements, Grant has seen the usefulness of hiring a wedding planner become only more relevant.

At its least involved and under normal and non-pandemic conditions, a wedding is an exercise in logistical planning rife with all manner of unexpected challenges. This is compounded by the current economic concerns impacting businesses whose focus is on the very social interactions discouraged by limitations imposed by pandemic concerns.

Baker sees stress as one of the obstacles to what should be a time of joyous anticipation, but one which is often marred by anxiety. “Enjoy your engagement,” he says. “It’s a special time in your life where you are both planning a big moment. It’s easy to get stressed, but remind yourself that the reason you care so much is because it’s the start of your marriage!”

Grant agrees, believing that a positive experience is essential. “They think about the wedding 24/7, and they should be preparing more for the marriage and not worrying so much about the wedding. We can still have the pomp and circumstance, but we should remember that it’s about the people, and enjoying the event.”

Some of the particular details overseen by wedding planners range from the expected to the dramatically unexpected. Small hiccups may be lost buttons or a member of the groomsmen having forgotten to bring black socks.

Larger crises might involve problems with the location, the photographer, the food or even the cake. These are the kinds of emergencies professional wedding planners anticipate.

“We worry so you don’t have to,” Grant says. “You don’t need to be stressed; you should just enjoy the day.”

Rebecca Grant is stationed out of the Snohomish County area but will go wherever a couple would like to bring her – the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and Canada. Her experience also includes knowledge of some of the challenges of performing weddings in other countries. This is the range of information and assets she uses to add benefits to her clients.

To the uninitiated, considering the breakdown of the necessities of a wedding day plan can sound overwhelming. Imagine starting the day with organizing the hair and makeup; wrangling the photographer; verifying all members of the bridal party have their clothing (buttons and socks, etc.) and flowers; interfacing with vendors; directing all guests to seats and restrooms and the gift table; setting up food and drinks; preparing the marriage license; and the rest of the details for a wedding which hasn’t even technically happened yet.

Luckily for clients of Grant, Snohomish has one of the best cake bakers in the region, Lauren Anderson, the owner of Grain Artisan Bakery located in the city of Snohomish.

Led by Anderson’s vision of hyper-local ingredient sourcing and sustainability, and in addition to your personally designed wedding cake, Grain offers a wide and delicious assortment of cakes, cookies, scones, custards and bomboloni (filled brioche doughnuts, rolled in organic cane sugar) for your guests wedding dessert bar.

The greatest surprise of all is that their menu caters to gluten-free, vegan,

dairy-free and even paleo dietary requirements. And if that wasn’t enough, their creations fly in the face of conventional wisdom which dictates that any or all of these requirements require a sacrifice of taste – for Grain’s creations, this assumption could not be further from the truth. I can personally attest to this fact!

Grain enjoys a solid 5-star rating on Yelp, and their feedback could not be more enthusiastic. And it is no wonder – when great ideas grow into fantastic creations, who can help but admire the results?

The work of the wedding planner continues on through the evening, until every last celebratory toast and dance have been toasted and danced. And then, once the new couple has made their grand exit and every last guest has gone home, the wedding planner and their staff are the ones making sure every last ‘I’ is dotted, and every last ‘T’ has been crossed.

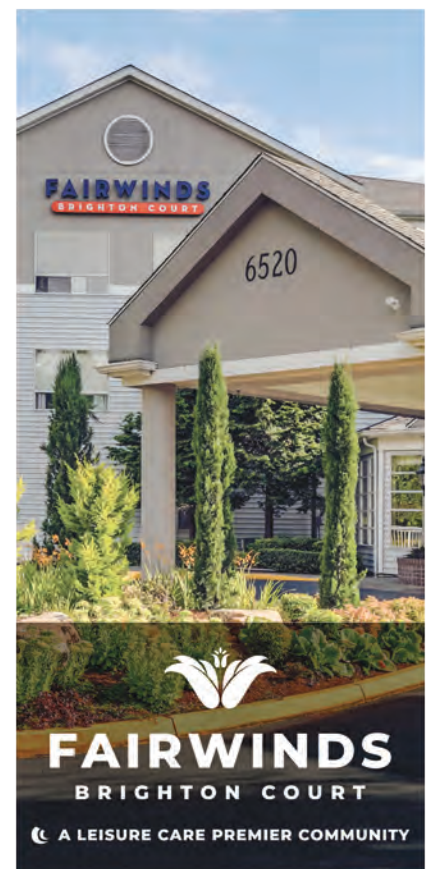
It seems like a stage manager for a deeply technical live performance. Behind the curtain, they pull every line and lever to ensure the attendees get precisely what they desired: an unforgettable event. That event should be a day of joy celebrating a new life together, among their families and friends. Because, of course, that’s exactly what a wedding is.

Rebecca and her team at **Twin Willow Gardens**, located at 14805 Westwick Road in Snohomish, also offer non-wedding gatherings – banquets, concerts, birthdays and other celebrations. Learn more at www.twinwillowgardens.com.

Joanna Monger’s photography website can be found at www.joannamonger.com or call 425-802-1805.

Grain Artisan Bakery is located at 717 1st Street in Snohomish. To schedule a cake tasting, visit www.grainartisanbakery.com or call 425-200-5210.

Extra thanks to Forest and Jeanette for their contribution to this article; and congratulations in advance to the happy couple!



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Amtrak restores daily passenger service in Washington state

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SEATTLE, Wash. - On Tuesday, May 25, Representative Rick Larsen joined by Amtrak President Stephen Gardner and Amtrak staff at the Seattle King's Street Station, celebrated the restoration of daily passenger service for all Amtrak trains traveling through Washington State.

One of these lines, the Empire Builder, connects Seattle to Everett. Prior to Larsen and Gardner boarding the Empire Builder for its Everett Station destination, they held a press conference sharing the benefits of rail travel and the role the American Rescue Plan had in restoring Amtrak services in Washington state.

Last June, Amtrak announced a reduction in daily long-distance service due to the pandemic, which impacted the Empire Builder and Coast Starlight routes. President Joe Biden signed into the law the American Rescue Plan, a comprehensive relief package Larsen supported that included \$1.7 billion to recall more than 1,200 Amtrak employees across the county furloughed due to the pandemic and restore daily long-distance service. In Washington state, 94 Amtrak employees have recently returned to work because of this relief package.

Amtrak estimates that traveling on one of their trains emits up to 83% fewer greenhouse gasses than driving and according to Larsen, Chairman of the Aviation Sub-committee, Amtrak trains emit 73% fewer greenhouse gasses when compared to air travel.

Before the pandemic more than 1.3 million passengers boarded or departed on an Amtrak train in Washington State annually.

"The American Jobs Plan has Amtrak now thinking about the future of what Amtrak travel will be by 2035...It's a vision I'd like to help make happen. Expanded and improved rail system to twenty million more passengers, servicing up to 160 more communities, enhanced service between Vancouver,

British Columbia, Seattle and Eugene Oregon," Larsen said.

Next month the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will begin its debate to amend a comprehensive surface package that will include rail.

Gardner thanked Rep. Larsen for his support in the American Rescue Plan on behalf of the 17,000 Amtrak employees. According to Gardner, Amtrak lost 97% percent of its ridership over the course of a month going from 90,000 passengers a day to about 3,200 because of the pandemic.

"It was only through the support of Congress, the American Rescue Plan, and the Biden administration that we are able today to once again restore our service starting here with the Coast Starlight and the Empire Builder," Gardner said.

Amtrak has resumed additional service in the Cascades, offering round-trip service to Eugene, Oregon, and Seattle. It is routes like these, according to Gardner, that makes the Pacific Northwest a model for the rest of the nation for sustainable, low carbon, high-mobility, frequent and reliable passage-way service.

"As we celebrate our 50th anniversary here, I look ahead with real optimism for the incredible role that intercity passenger rail can play. There is no future in this country addressing the climate challenge that doesn't involve more passenger trains," Gardner said.

According to Gardner, as service routes reopen and the country moves forward with vaccinations, ridership on Amtrak trains should meet its regional end-of-year targets.

"That same demand is coming back from, frankly, a pent-up desire to get out and experience the United States. We are quite confident that the demand exists. It's gonna take some time but we're seeing positive trends across all of our service lines and our expectation is by the end of the year we will have



Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02) joined by Amtrak President Stephen Gardner (right), celebrated the restoration of daily passenger service in Washington State with a trip from King Station in Seattle to Everett Station on May 25. Lynnwood Times/Kienan Briscoe.

beaten our regional targets for this year. We are already way ahead in terms of ridership and revenue," Gardner said.

As the company hopes to be fully open and stable by 2023-2024, Larsen shared that this target is dependent of on return to international service.

"The economy hasn't emerged but it's emerging. The pandemic isn't defeated but we are defeating it. So, we aren't there yet on many aspects, but we're getting there. The light at the end of the tunnel is no longer an oncoming freight

train - it's actually the sun shining into the tunnel," Larsen said.

Recently, Amtrak announced a \$3.5 billion partnership to double routes in Virginia, extending service in Vermont, as well extending the Empire Builder to offer an Eastern route to Milwaukee and the Twin Cities. Additionally, Amtrak is working on restoring Southern service in New Orleans, a route that has not been offered since 2005 after hurricane Katrina.

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against the HAP. The planning commission disregarded the public comments. It's really concerning that we have representatives paid for by our tax dollars that don't listen to us," said Joe Boger, another local.

City Council Public Hearing Comments Upon closing the hearing to public comments, the city council shared their thoughts with split stances.

"Tonight we had 20 speakers. I did not hear one person for it. This is exactly the concern that we're dealing with on second street. We have to be very careful with the things we choose to move forward with...What I'm concerned with is we have a city that's basically built out and the only way to change that is to change zoning...I hope that we don't move forward," councilman and former Mayor Joe Marine said.

As councilwoman Sarah Kneller assured the people of Mukilteo that the Housing Action Plan is not about "subsidized low-income housing" and suggested to lose the term out of their

vernacular, councilman Joe Marine said otherwise.

"Cottage homes, accessory dwelling units, townhouses...I don't see one building in the plan that's a single-family unit. This is high-density," Marine said.

In an attempt to downplay the twenty voices who spoke against the HAP, Councilwoman Kneller also included that it is "human nature" for people who oppose something to be more vocal and that the public comments were not an accurate depiction of what residents of Mukilteo want.

"I kind of looked at this report as this is just a report that says, 'Government you need to be doing your job.' And if that is really what we spend \$101,000 on, I am really sadly disappointed. I am disappointed in the outcome of the result," said Councilman Bob Champion and a member of the Snohomish County Tomorrow committee.

"I feel like it is an uncooked plan. There are 800 people that signed up to petition not to approve it. And today,

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everyone said no. I am not satisfied with this HAP," councilman Riaz Khan added.

While resistance from the council and public alike were voiced, many councilmembers remained in support of the HAP including councilwoman Elisabeth Crawford who said "growth is inevitable" and implementing the HAP could prepare the city for the future.

A Political Action Committee, Preserve Mukilteo, was founded

by Electroimpact CEO Peter Zieve, to encourage the city council to not approve. The PAC has 442 members.

Mukilteo is a city with a population of around 21,000 according to the United State Census Bureau.

The Mukilteo City Council has three weeks to consider the voices of the city before voting on the Housing Action Plan, June 7.

Two Snohomish County sergeants strive to be an example of leadership

By KIENAN BRISCOE

Snohomish County, Wash. – “Dynamite comes in small packages,” said Sergeant Chicara Chesney of the Snohomish County Department of Corrections concerning certain stigmas that may exist about women working in law enforcement and corrections, a male-dominated industry.

Chesney was promoted May 4 to Sergeant after serving twelve years with the Department of Corrections. Her passion for leadership comes from her military experience, having served as a Senior Chief in the U.S. Navy, performing in numerous roles in specialty teams and Sergeant positions.

“It was my decision based off of my leadership background and I thought that it was time for me to step up and become a leader in the Sheriff’s office. It has nothing to do with social unrest or anything in the news today. It does not have anything to do with the tone of my skin, it’s all about my leadership ability,” Chesney said.

Chesney started her military career in 1999, the one woman on a nineteen-person team. She advanced quickly, rising to the role of Senior Chief in 12 years and testing number one on her sergeants list - a significant accomplishment. Chesney plans to retire from the Navy reserves June 1.

“That is my motivation. To not let anyone tell me that my body parts, my stature, or the tone of my skin will limit me from doing something. I am a capable, motivated, and a passionate leader. I’m here to take care of people and I don’t have any challenges because I’m a female...I will disprove those challenges,” Chesney told the Lynnwood Times.

Working alongside Chesney is Sergeant Didy Quick, who has been with the Sheriff’s office for over fifteen



Sergents Didy Quick (left) and Chicara Chesney of the Snohomish County Department of Corrections. Source: Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office.

years, beginning in corrections in 2005 while under the Executive Office. Chesney and Quick work in concert with one another at corrections to be the change they wish to see and stimulate their team’s morale.

“Most kids don’t grow up wanting to get into corrections, but I grew up with family that was on the other side of the law. They didn’t make the best decisions. My father did some time, back in the state of California, and one of the things that helped him - motivated him to the path of success...he attributed a lot of that to folks that wear the same badge as I do in corrections,” Sgt. Quick said.

Quick, five-foot-two, is an active woman and avid kickboxer. When she wanted to be a Defensive Tactic (DT) instructor there was a stigma you had to be “male and over six feet tall”, but she, despite this, worked continuously toward her goal as training sergeant.

After finally securing a position as DT, she wasn’t being utilized was because of her size. Quick took that as a chal-

lenge and is now the training sergeant and lead force instructor at the Corrections Bureau in Snohomish County.

“It was not easy to achieve. Because of my stature, and the fact that I was female in a male-dominant profession I was overlooked. People had this stereotype against me before I had a chance to shine. I’ve risen through the ranks as far as you could go in our training department,” Quick said.

Sgt. Quick moved to Washington from California as a military spouse of a Navy veteran. She applied to corrections fifteen years ago and never looked back. She has been a Sergeant for about two and a half years after wanting to change the direction of leadership to the new generation that she served.

Chesney and Quick are extremely passionate about their role in corrections and work with one another to “lead the way” for others.

“Not only to our co-workers, our peers, our subordinates, but we’ve also elicited change talk among inmates. We’re

motivating them to be better than what they are. They are people and we humanize situations, and we are trying to change our escape of thinking about uses of force...and that is paramount with what’s going on in the world,” Chesney said.

“Our skills, our training, our knowledge, our experience will lead us to where our community wants us to be,” Chesney added.

Quick, being the training Sergeant for the Bureau, disagrees with the Defund the Police movement, believing it stems from a lack of education.

“Funding is what we need more of for training. Because the first thing to go when you have these talks of defunding the police, the first budget that hits is the training budget. The reality is the community wants us on the street,” Quick said.

Quick continued, “We need an increase in funding for police...so we can offer training that has a care component. When we talk about defunding, I don’t think the public understand the magnetism of those decisions.”

To Sgt Quick the hardest part about her job is morale and feeling there’s a lot of risk with no reward.

“It doesn’t matter if I’m female, it doesn’t matter if I’m white, it doesn’t matter if I’m black, it doesn’t matter that I’m Asian, we all took an oath to serve this community unapologetically and we’re here to stay. The community right now is being very demanding of us, and I applaud that, all it does is challenge us to be better.”

Quick, who has a daughter herself, encourages other women to get into law enforcement by telling them, “You may fall...but what if you fly? Don’t limit yourself. Run like a girl.”

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state and county loosening restrictions we gathered together only three weeks ago and brainstormed ideas. We decided that instead of one big project, to come up with 11 small ones with 14 students participating.”

The projects proposed and voted on by the students had different approaches: Alberto chose neighborhood art class, for younger kids in his community. The reason is helping kids to have more social interactions.

Alberto just before his neighborhood art class begins. Source: Leadership Launch.

“I like art. And I also like helping younger kids out. I just put all of these together and I came up with an art class for them. I believe I can use it in the future and it could be like a pastime thing where I can teach small art classes”, said Alberto.

Jesslyn chose a different approach from Alberto. She showed her appreciation for her teachers at Serene Lake Elementary School by preparing care packages.

“I made baskets for teachers to show appreciation for what they have done for me over the years there. I chose par-

ticularly Serene Lake elementary because my whole childhood was based on that school. I chose seven teachers who helped through the years”, explained Jesslyn.

Anjoli’s project was called Acts of Kindness for a person experiencing homelessness by providing haircuts and hygiene supplies. Worth mentioning that when we were meeting with students and organizers we stopped by Kittle’s household in Mukilteo and we couldn’t help the delicious smell coming from the kitchen. Where Anjoli, Dan and his kids were preparing chicken alfredo fettuccine. Food that was in the last phase of preparing before going out to the homeless.

“In fact, three weeks ago when we were brainstorming ideas my project started like helping one particular person. But we decided to extend along with the hygiene supplies to also prepare food. I know how it is to experience homelessness because I know people have to go through this,” Anjoli told the Lynnwood Times.

Some of the other projects happening over the weekend were: Johnaven and Wigar’s helping and supporting the Asian American, AAPI community by spreading cards of solidarity. Yenni and Benito prepared 86 out of 40 initially planned lunch bags for the homeless in

their community at the Airport Road.

Other projects included Jasmine’s Toys and Treats for dogs and cats in an animal shelter, Aiden’s Clothing drive for Northwest Center, Sheila’s pay it forward thoughtfulness campaign for people going through hard times and Glenda’s support for the nonprofits organizations in SnoCo.

The students used social media to spread the word to their community, which with their involvement were the important part of this project.

“These are little projects have a big impact on the community. We are inviting community members to join in our LYLO & Link Challenge this weekend, whether through their own random acts of kindness or supporting our students in their projects, such as dropping off supplies or making donations for their projects, said Rachel Kittle.

“People have stepped up and supported us. This gives the students also a take away, wherever you are with your life you don’t stop giving back to the community”

Leadership Launch is a non-profit program where students enter usually in the ninth grade and stay through their first year of college to develop skills in becoming future leaders.

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that didn’t have established Jewish infrastructure. There, they organize Chabads- institutions that provide educational outreach to the surrounding Jewish population.

“You go there so that if there is someone who doesn’t have an affiliation has an opportunity to connect and someone to go to,” he said.

Looking for someone to establish a Chabad in Snohomish County to provide this sense of community, particularly in South Snohomish County, the Chabad Rabbi of Washington State met with Paltiel who then moved across the country.

From there he and his wife Goldie Paltiel established the Chabad Jewish Center of Snohomish County nearly a decade ago.

Paltiel says that his time spent in Washington state and Snohomish County has been “absolutely wonderful.”

“I am very distinctly Jewish, and I’ve never had an issue here whatsoever,” he continued. “I think the American value that we’re all created equal by God is strongly felt in our beautiful county.”

The Everett Jets Football Club gear up for the EPLWA Playoffs

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EVERETT, Wash. - The Everett Jets Football Club (FC) were defeated, 0-1, in their last game before their regular season opener against the Bellingham United Football Club on Saturday, May 22.

Due to the pandemic, the team has pushed back their regular season, playing only exhibition matches, leading into a 2021 season with 3 wins, 2 ties and 3 losses.

Saturday marked the last game before the start of the regular season in the Evergreen Premier League of Washington (EPLWA). The team will continue to play six regular season matches that will set them up for the EPLWA Playoffs beginning the weekend of July 16.

The team is led by coaches Vaco Rubio, who has over 15 years of experience coaching soccer at this level mostly with the Snohomish Skyhawks, and Teddy Mitaes, who has coached at every level in the state bringing his expertise and knowledge to the program.

“We are thrilled to have them on board for our Inaugural Season. We consider them a future hall of fame coaching staff,” Marco Mummey, Co-Executive Director for the Jets FC, said.

As the team prepares for its regular season opener against the Wenatchee Allstars, Saturday May 29, Mummey feels confident the team will be pre-



pared for future challenges.

“However, we’ve been playing together now since mid-March and we’re ready for the challenge,” Mummey said.

Although the team’s main home site is Mariner High School, due to scheduling issues with the pandemic this past

year, many games have been played at Archbishop Murphy High School. According to Mummey, it has been a great venue that offers a good setting for semi-pro soccer. The current venue has seen an average of 300-400 attendees for most matches, according to Mummey.

The Jets broke their home winning

streak with an exhibition loss against the Narrows the previous Saturday before losing to Bellingham.

“[It] was a hard loss. However, it was in an exhibition game where results don’t count toward the season. Because of that, our coaching staff was trying out a lot of new things with players and formations. Overall, we feel it was a good wake-up call and learning lesson for us. We’ll be taking those lessons learned and applying them going forward,” Mummey told the Lynnwood Times.

On Saturday, 6 p.m. May 29 at Archbishop Murphy High School, the Jets will play their first round in the Washington State Super Cup. The team drew the Wenatchee All-Stars FC in the first round at home. The Super Cup is open to all amateur teams in the state, which is why they face Wenatchee, typically not in the Jets League (the EPLWA).

There will be four rounds of single elimination knockout play where the winner is crowned and given the Super Cup Trophy at the end of the tournament in July.

“We are ecstatic for the opportunity to play for two meaningful trophies this year, the EPLWA League and the WA Super Cup,” Mummey said.

For tickets visit <https://www.everettjetsfc.com/tickets> and follow live broadcasts of matches on the official Everett Jets FC Podcast.





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