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## Representative Rick Larsen meets with magniX to discuss sustainable aviation



magniX staff and members of the Aviation Subcommittee meeting Rep. Rick Larsen at magniX headquarters in Everett, WA on Thursday, August 25, 2022. (L-R) Carlos Souza, Head of Energy Storage Systems, Mindy Guzman, Head of Quality, Sustainability and Social Responsibility, Riona Armesmith, CTO, Nuno Taborda, CEO, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02), Simon Roads, VP of Sales, Amanda Baker, Customer Program Manager, with members of the Aviation Subcommittee. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**EVERETT**—Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) met with new magniX CEO Nuno Taborda, and staff on Thursday, August 25, to discuss the company's ongoing efforts, and associated challenges, in bringing electric propulsion to the commercial airline industry.

One of Larsen's priorities, as chair of the House Aviation Committee, has been U.S. aerospace innovation particularly in sustainability. Last year, he also chaired an Aviation Subcommittee hearing on innovation in U.S. aerospace, which included testimony from then-magniX CEO Roei Ganzarski.

The meeting began with a tour of the 40,000 square foot facility where the aviation startup conducts its headquartered operations, design, production, testing, and delivery of its motors and power systems.

"Since the last time I was here it's clear magniX is growing and they have moved well beyond experimental and have grown into making it work," Rep. Larsen told the Lynnwood Times. "The future of aviation has always been here in the Pacific Northwest and it is now

much broader than what is the next airplane going to look like. The future of aviation is what is going to propel the next airplane and magniX is a part of that future."

Prior to moving their workforce to Everett last year, the company was headquartered in Redmond with an engineering center in Australia. The Australian engineering center has since closed due to pandemic-driven downturn, resulting in the layoff of most of its 30 employees, ten of which were relocated to Everett. The company has rehired up to a workforce of approximately 87 people, with approximately 50 within the last year, and is actively seeking candidates to fill 25 vacant positions.

Condensing its operations into a single facility in Everett, just north of Boeing's jet assembly plant, the company continues its development of electric motors to replace gas turbine engines on commuter airplanes.

One of the challenges in this emerging technology, Taborda addressed during a roundtable discussion after the tour, is FAA approval.

"Because the technology is so novel,

we are not able to progress as fast as we would wish," Taborda told the Lynnwood Times. "The technology is here but it's just making sure we have the right support from the governmental agencies."

Andrew Telesca, Head of Certification and Airworthiness at magniX, believes a solution to these certification challenges are to provide governmental agencies with the necessary resources so FAA inspectors can understand what makes the new technology safe and what makes it fail, to make decisions in a pragmatic way while bridging the gap between national policies and local offices.

"FAA inspectors are risk adverse because that's their job – we ask them to govern the safety of the public and it's important they take that responsibility very seriously," Telesca told the Lynnwood Times. "Within that context I think it's important that we set them up with the training and information so that they can make their approvals without relying on how they've done it in the past because they're learning about this technology for this purpose."

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## Woman living in HASCO-owned apartment concerned about water quality

By KIENAN BRISCOE

To watch the video associated with the article, scan QR code to the right.



**LYNNWOOD**—A Lynnwood woman living in a Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) property was appalled to turn on her kitchen faucet, back in July of this year, to find the water was running cloudy and orange. After two months and countless follow ups by the tenant with HASCO maintenance, the problem has still not been resolved.

"It feels like I'm living in a third world country. Water should be a basic human right. Especially with paying rent, I should be able to live in a cleaner place with cleaner water," the tenant, who requested to remain anonymous, told the Lynnwood Times.

At least three work orders in three separate units have been filed with HASCO at Timberglen Apartments, located at 5710 200th St SW, involving water discoloration, two of which have since been closed. Many of the residents at Timberglen reported that they filter their water and have for years.

"It looks like watered down orange soda, it is not clear enough to be drinking water...I would not serve this water to any living being," the tenant said. "HASCO has not helped me out in any way...Exactly what they stand for is exactly what is not happening here."

HASCO provides housing solutions for the people and communities of Snohomish County by connecting people with federal and local programs that help with rent, provide affordable housing in places they own and support their tenants with services.

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# Solid Waste Facility closures in the works as railway face “Total National Shutdown”

By SNOHOMISH COUNTY GOVT. WITH ADDITIONS BY LYNNWOOD TIMES STAFF

EVERETT—The Snohomish County Solid Waste Division is preparing for possible temporary facility closures due to ongoing regional railway transportation issues. Excess garbage is piling up and prompting health, safety and environmental concerns for customers and staff, similar to the challenges during May 2022.

Today, the White House is discussing contingency plans as the threat of a railway closures looms, with the President Joe Biden considering executive action. Freight railroad companies and unions representing workers have been locked in a dispute over pay and working conditions. On August 16, the White House-appointed Presidential Emergency Board recommended a new deal that would keep wages below inflation, remove a cap on individual health care contributions and uphold the unilateral control by management of attendance policies. Some are calling this action by the Biden administration a war on the working class.

Approximately 125,000 railroad workers (60,000 railroad workers and 45,000 engineers and conductors) are prepared to walk off the job this Friday, September 16, if freight-rail companies and union workers don't reach an agreement. This would be a logistical crisis, affecting not only commuters who rely on the railway to get to work but also the nation's energy supply and drinking water.

“A shutdown of the nation's rail service would have enormous national consequences,” U.S. Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil L. Bradley said in the letter.

“Snohomish County continues to work closely with Republic Services, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF), Waste Management, local solid waste haulers and federal officials to find an immediate resolution to this potential health, safety, and environmental crisis,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “We are continuing to experience disruptions in rail service with a shortage of containers.”

Four months ago, solid waste facilities were forced to close for two days to



Source: BNSF.

remove excess refuse that built up due to a lack of intermodal containers to transport garbage to landfills. County personnel are again preparing for service delays in the coming weeks and possible shutdowns. This issue continues to affect local Solid Waste facilities throughout the Puget Sound area and into Western Canada. Skagit and Island County Solid Waste facilities have also had temporarily closures during spring and summer of this year due to these ongoing rail issues.

“We are experiencing significant delays in rail service by BNSF to the landfill, but safety will remain our number one priority throughout this emergency,” Snohomish County Solid Waste Director David Schonhard said. “We are working on every possible option to reduce the refuse at our facilities without shutdowns, but it is difficult. We appreciate our customers' patience during this uncertainty.”

Adding to the uncertainty is the possible nationwide strike by more than 125,000 railway workers. On July 15, 2022, President Joe Biden stepped in and delayed a railway workers' strike, since it impacts essential services nationwide. The action named an emergency board of arbitrators which provided negotiators a 60-day window to find a solution which ends September 15, 2022. A railway strike impacts more than just the transportation of refuse, as many goods and commerce utilize railway transportation.

However, the threat of a nationwide railway strike is just one of many possible issues that may impact the transportation of refuse from Snohom-

ish County and other jurisdictions in the state to regional landfills. A strike would mean a complete closure of Solid Waste transfer stations and drop boxes because no refuse could be moved to landfills. This would impact the weekly curbside pick-up of garbage, recycle and green waste for households and businesses.

native than throwing them away. In early January 2022, Solid Waste transfer stations began experiencing the lack of needed containers via rail from BNSF, and during the next five months, garbage was piling up at the facilities.

In April, the Snohomish County Council approved an emergency contract with Waste Management Inc. to aid Snohomish County Solid Waste in the removal of excess refuse at local transfer stations. The \$2 million short-term waste transportation and disposal agreement gives county Solid Waste workers the ability to transport more garbage out of county facilities through the end of October.

Refuse has been at sustainable levels throughout the summer, but recently began to build up again due to railway staffing issues along with intermodal container shortages. The lack of a daily required number of intermodal containers to haul garbage have impacted the county for the last eight months and continues to cause garbage piles and heightens the risk fires at county transfer stations.

County officials are urging residents to seek out reduce, reuse, recycling options for reusable items. Donating household items, books or clothing that are reusable to thrift stores or other outlets such as selling on community classifieds or market-place community groups online are always a better alter-

County residents who plan to visit Solid Waste facilities should check the lines on the county website: [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5431/Check-the-Lines](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5431/Check-the-Lines).

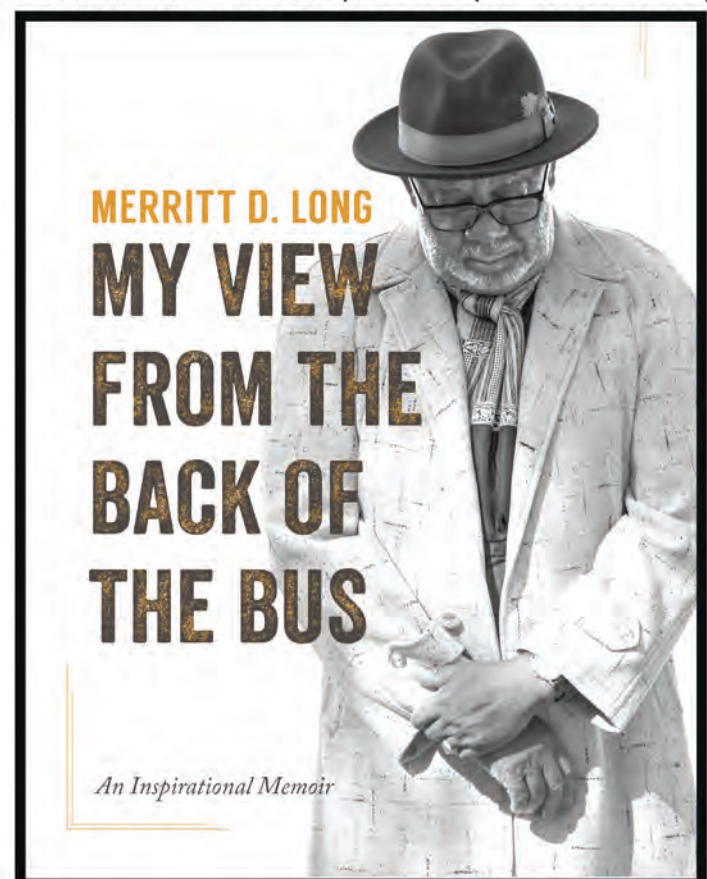
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# Lynnwood City Council approves land use ordinance for new City Center vision

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD**—Council unanimously approved the Lynnwood Convention Center for a single-day International Women’s Day event and a land use City Center ordinance at their Business Meeting Monday, September 12.

In addition to these agenda items, council also approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Edmonds for a Highway 99 Revitalization Project, a consultant contract for a College Place Middle and Elementary School Pedestrian Project, a consultant contract for the 188th Street Southwest Wall, a consultant contract for On-Call Stormwater services and for a Stormwater Reports and Regulations Update, a final contract for Heritage Park Water Tower Renovation Project, and a final contract for Lynnwood Operations and Maintenance Center (LOMC) Pole Building during their unanimous consent agenda.

Council was scheduled to vote on an American Rescue Plan Act fund action but decided to postpone the vote until council’s Business Meeting on October 10, in order to hear presentations on the matter a week before.

Before enter Business Items, Michelle Meyer, Finance Department, walked council through the city’s 2023-2024 biennial budget.

During the public comments section former HASCO employee Tiffany Eve and a Timberglen Apartments resident also spoke on the ongoing issue of water quality at the building seeking resolution from council.

## CITY CENTER PLANNED ORDINANCE

Following approval and issuance of the EIS Addendum, on February 10, staff advanced the proposed update to the City Center Planned Action Ordinance (PAO) to allow additional development in City Center, to use the more



Lynnwood City Council, January 2022. (L-R) Vice President Jim Smith, Shirley Sutton, Shannon Sessions, Josh Binda, President Goerge Hurst, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker.

administratively efficient and comprehensive environmental review process of the PAO, and to make changes to Lynnwood Municipal Code 21.60.800 to clarify the role of the development threshold identified in that section. A public hearing was held March 24 with the Planning Commission considering the draft ordinance.

The City Council shared feedback and questions for staff regarding their concerns of increased residential development in City Center. Staff reviewed this feedback and responded to Council questions. Additional clarification and information was prepared by staff from the Lynnwood Police Department, Fire Marshall’s Office, Public Works, and DBS Community Planning.

On April 25, 2022, City Council held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing received one verbal comment and one written comment. After the public hearing was closed, City Council provided additional feedback and staff has consolidated this feedback with addition-

al information for discussion. Subsequent to the April 25 meeting, staff had additional consultation with the City Attorney regarding the proposed City Center PAO update and confirming her recommendation to make changes to the Lynnwood Municipal Code (LMC) 21.60.800 capping development in the City Center.

On August 1, 2022, the City Council discussed the City Center PAO including the purpose of

the the ordinance which is “to ensure implementation of the Community Vision of a City Center through a coordinated and expedited land use approval process meeting market demands”.

“I believe this would be disastrous for the city of Lynnwood,” Council Vice President Jim Smith said. “The only people who would benefit from this would be the developers, they’d walk

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# Marysville remembers 9/11 at new downtown Civic Center

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**MARYSVILLE, Wash.**—Marysville residents, city staff, and first responders gathered Sunday to remember the September 11 terrorist attacks and the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives that tragic day. Among those perished were 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and Marysville Fire’s own Lieutenant Jeff Thornton, who died after a valiantly fought battle with cancer that same day.

“It’s really right and fitting that we gather today to honor the public servants who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and in somber remembrance of all those victims who perished on September 11, 2021,” Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring said. “It’s hard to believe but it was 21 years ago that our lives, as Americans, were forever changed by the violent terrorist attacks on our country that occurred that day.”

On the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 Al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial airlines and deliberately crashed the first two planes into the World Trade Center complex in New York City. The first tower was struck at 8:46 a.m., the second tower was hit 17 minutes later, and, shortly after, at 9:37 a.m., a third plane crashed into the Pentagon Building in Arlington, Virginia.

At 10:03 a.m. the fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, 20 miles away from Washington D.C. After learning about the previous attacks, passengers on this plane decided to fight back. By doing this, they undoubtedly saved hundreds, if not thousands of lives, from that plane’s intended target.

More than 25,000 people were left injured from these attacks, among them nearly 1,000 were diagnosed with cancer from toxic exposure at Ground Zero.

At the time the towers were struck there were an estimated 16,000 to 18,000 people in the towers and it took over 10



Marysville remembers September 11 at new downtown Civic Center. Source: City of Marysville.



Marysville Mayor Nate Nehring speaking during the September 11 remembrance ceremony at the city’s new downtown Civic Center. Source: City of Marysville.

hours for first responders to evacuate them, which just goes to show, Mayor Nehring said Sunday, the “critical nature

of these jobs, that these personnel do, our first responders, every day.”

“They were heroes who made that ultimate sacrifice, in the service of others, as they ran into those buildings as everyone else was desperately trying to get out,” Mayor Nehring said.

Before Mayor Nehring took the podium Sunday, Chaplain Dan Hazen, led the crowd through a prayer and commemorated the City’s new Civic Center, which opened this year. The Civic Center was the chosen site of Sunday’s ceremony as it is also the new home of the Police and Fire Fighters Memorial, formerly located at the Marysville Library.

Police, Jail and Municipal Court moved into the north end of the building this summer and City Hall, City Council chamber, Community Development and Public Works Engineering offices will move into the south end this fall.

“Memories occur in a context. They bloom like a welcome flower or an unwelcome weed in the soil of the present moment. And the present is always changing. We find ourselves, in this moment, remembering here, in a new place that wasn’t even imagined 21 years ago. We have new challenges and new opportunities in this moment which affect our memories of September 11,

2021,” Hazen said.

September 11, 2001 also has a special meaning in the City of Marysville as it was the day Marysville Fire’s own Lieutenant Jeff Thornton lost his battle with cancer. Thornton, know by many as “Fireman Jeff”, was an 18-year veteran with Marysville Fire, a father, husband, and lifelong baseball player.

A baseball injury ultimately led to the discovery of cancer in Thornton’s leg in December 2000 but at that time it was too late – the cancer had spread to his bones and blood.

Thornton sought homeopathic treatment in Mexico, August 2001, and was being moved to a facility outside San Diego September 10, in critical condition. When Thornton’s father, Jerry Thornton Sr., arrived at Sea-Tac International Airport first thing the next morning to see him he heard about the first plan hitting the World Trade Center.

“Jeff continues to, and will always, hold a very special place in our hearts here in Marysville,” Mayor Nehring said. “We treasure our special bond with the family of Lieutenant Thornton, who have attended this ceremony and visited us for over two decades...we salute all of you in the Thornton family and it’s such an honor that you choose to make the trek up here to be with us today.”

## Mukilteo Point Elliot Treaty Plaque replacement ceremony



Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine (left of plaque) with Tulalip Tribes Chairwoman Teri Gobin (right of plaque) on September 9 Pointe Elliot Treaty plaque replacement ceremony at Rosehill Community Center. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By MARIO LOTMORE

**MUKILTEO** — Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine was joined by Tulalip Tribes Chairwoman Teri Gobin,

the Daughters of the American Revolution, a few Mukilteo City Council members and the Mukilteo Historical Society, for the Point Elliott Treaty Plaque

Replacement Ceremony on September 9, at 3 p.m., outside the Rosehill Community Center.

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# Local Eats Spotlight: Brianna's Cafe in Marysville

By BO JOHN BRUSCO

**MARYSVILLE**—Brianna's Cafe is a family-owned and operated diner at 314 State Ave in Marysville, WA. True to form, the diner-style menu has a lengthy list of options ranging from pancakes to Greek Gyros. Its ability to deliver consistent quality across a diverse menu has made it a smash hit among locals.

Gabriel and his wife Monica Valadez opened Brianna's in 2016. With collective decades of food industry experience and four children between them, owning their own shop was not only a dream of theirs, it was a no-brainer.

"My family's worked in restaurants since I can remember," explains Gabriela Valadez, 24, the oldest child. Admittedly, Gabriela says that working with her parents, siblings, and extended family members, isn't always a cakewalk. "I'd say it's definitely gotten better over the years," she adds.

After Gabriela, there's Kevin, 23, Randy, 20, and Edwin, 17, who all fill various roles at the diner, whether it be washing dishes or taking orders. The shop's namesake is their youngest child, Brianna. Though she's only 9 years old, Brianna knows she runs the show. In fact, I had the chance to speak with her and she told me, "This is my restaurant."

Their parents' passion for the cafe runs deep, and by working together, Gabriel and Monica have instilled a standard of excellence in their kids. "They're always on parent mode being here," Gabriela says. "They're never really on boss mode just because it's us."

"They'll be on boss mode when it comes to the workers, but to us, they want us to go higher than where we are right now, so they'll keep pushing and pushing as a parent. So we want to do better for them—for our parents"

Brianna's Cafe definitely delivers excellence, from the quality of food to the swiftness of service. On the outside, passersby



Local Eats Spotlight: Brianna's Cafe in Marysville. The Valadez family.

might miss the shop's small sign, but once inside, you'll find a cozy atmosphere, complete with quiet chatter among neighbors and the sizzle of a meal on the grill.

## THE FOOD

### Country Fried Steak

I honestly can't remember the last time I ordered fried steak for breakfast, but Gabriela insisted I give it a spin since her father makes the gravy from scratch. And the gravy was the first thing I noticed. Thick and well seasoned, the gravy at Brianna's Cafe is the gold standard for American Diners. The steak baptized below was also delicious—not too chewy or dry. What really won me over on this dish was how the fry on the steak was still nice and crispy, unsullied by the heaps of gravy over top.

### The Greek Chicken Gyro

When I saw gyros on the menu, I was really curious to know how good one would be. Country fried steak, burgers, pancakes, waffles—all those dishes can be found in nearly every diner in America, but a Greek gyro? I had to try it.

Before I had even tried the

Greek Chicken Gyro, I was already impressed by their tzatziki sauce. It was zesty, refreshing, and had the perfect punch of dill. Then the gyro came, and I was truly amazed at how good it was. The chicken was fresh and juicy, the pita was perfectly toasted yet

chewy, and the veggies were fresh and crunchy. I was absolutely bewildered by how good this gyro was coming from an American Diner, but, as Gabriela informed me, Mr. Valadez can cook a mean gyro because he worked at a Greek-owned restaurant for almost 20 years.

### The Fries

I know, fries usually don't get their own section in these reviews, but Brianna's Cafe really had the most stellar fries. I forgot to confirm, but I think they might be beer battered. Either way, in my opinion, the fries are anatomically perfect. The shell is so crisp that you'd hear an audible crunch even if they were cold and the interior is so fluffy like homemade mash potatoes. I loved them.

### RATING

My experience at Brianna's Cafe was nothing but pleasant. In fact, when I stepped in to find the modest-sized diner chock full of smiling people, I instantly knew I had stumbled upon a good spot. Though I previously suspected it would be, so thanks to all its great reviews on Google. But overall, I'd say that the Valadez family runs a "Damn Fine Diner."

The diner is also on GrubHub, Postmates, and Uber Eats just in case you want some of those fries for the road! Also visit <https://www.restaurantji.com/wa/marysville/briannas-cafe/>.



(Top) Country Fried Steak. Lynnwood Times | Bo John Brusco.

(Bottom) The Greek Chicken Gyro. Lynnwood Times | Bo John Brusco.



The Fries of Brianna's Cafe in Marysville. Lynnwood Times | Bo John Brusco.



# Republican candidate Tiffany Smiley up 17 points

By MARIO LOTMORE

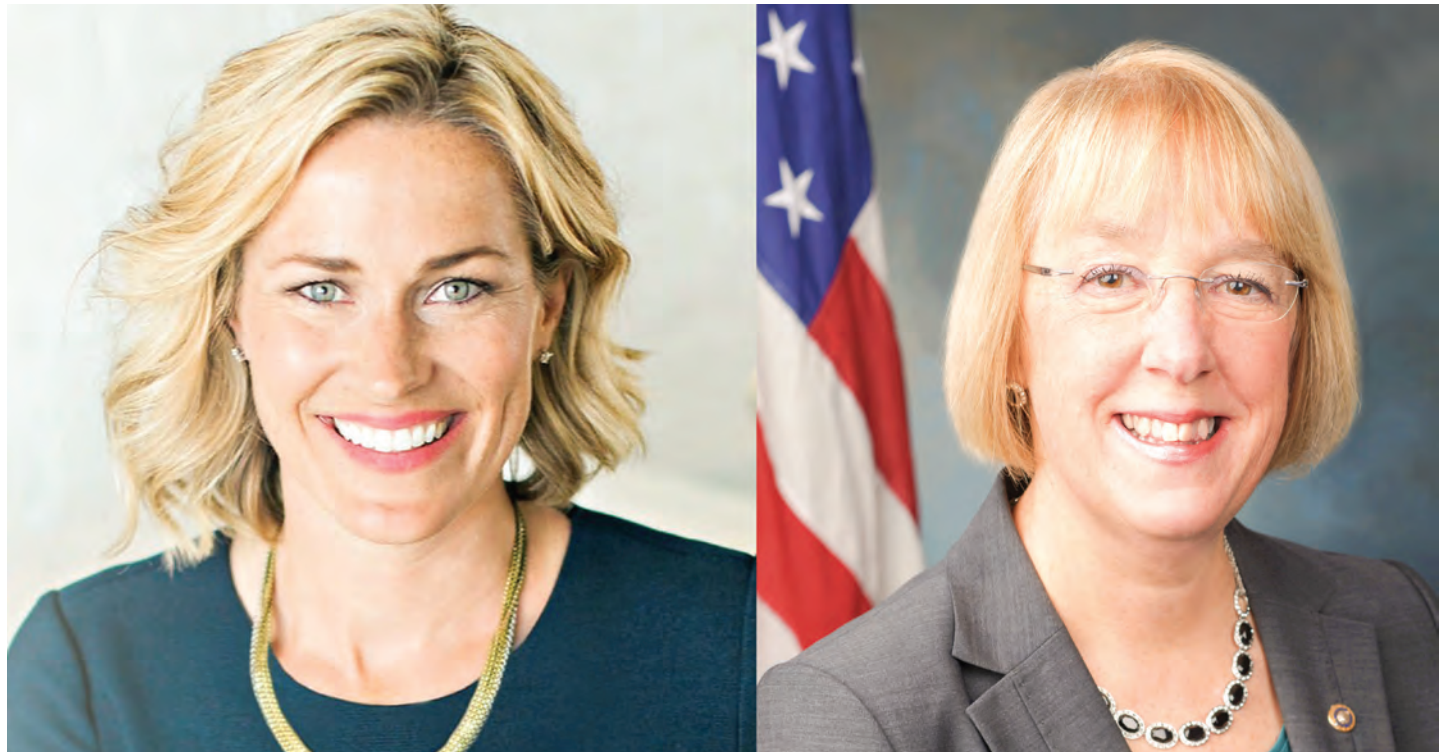
**LYNNWOOD**—According to a Trafalgar Group poll, Republican candidate Tiffany Smiley has made a tremendous polling gain to be within striking distance of her Democratic challenger Senator Patty Murray (D-WA).

Republican polling firm, Trafalgar Group, released results from a survey of 1,087 likely General Election voters it conducted from between August 30th to September 1, with a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points, that show Murray at 49.2% and Smiley at 46.3% — a statistical tie.

According to the poll, party affiliation was 44.2% Democrat, 33.4% Republican, and 22.4% No Party/Other. Approximately 80% of those participating were white and 53.1% identified as female.

While Smiley to suddenly jump 17 points against Murray in polling within the last six weeks may be a surprise or an outlier, the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) is wasting no time capitalizing on this breath of hopeful news.

“Maybe this is why @PattyMurray is afraid to debate @SmileyForWA,” WSRP Chair Caleb Heimlich wrote in a Twitter post after sharing the Trafalgar Group polling results. “It’s been more than two weeks and no confirmed debates... sad.”



Washington Senate candidate Tiffany Smiley (R)

Washington Senate candidate Patty Murray (D)

Heimlich and Senatorial Republican challenger Smiley are accusing incumbent Senator Murray (D-WA) of “hiding” for not accepting any debate invitations. Smiley has accepted four invitations to debate the 30-year incumbent as of September 2, 2022.

“It’s time for Patty Murray to come out of hiding and face the voters of Washington side-by-side with me,” said Smiley in an August 25 press release. “When my husband and I were faced with challenges, we never cowered. After thirty years in the United

States Senate, Patty Murray should exit her bubble and answer tough, but fair questions together.”

Thus far, the location and dates for debates Smiley has accepted an invitation to are:

- Tri-Cities Region: Week of September 26 – Sponsored by the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Washington State University: Friday, October 7 – Sponsored by the Seattle City Club’s Washington

State Debate Coalition

- Gonzaga University: Thursday, October 13 (Requested) – Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund and The Spokesman-Review, Aired by KSPS
- Seattle University: Tuesday, October 25 – Sponsored by the Seattle City Club’s Washington State Debate Coalition

The Smiley for Washington campaign

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from page 1 **HASCO**

After emailing the maintenance team at HASCO the tenant found a paper on her door a couple days later with a handwritten note that said, “We don’t test the water. We look at the city tests. If the water is ran for a short time, the orange color goes away. We have very old pipes in the building that causes the color. If you are still concerned a water filter could be used at your expense.”

Timberglenn Apartments is a low-income apartment complex and the tenant shared with the Lynnwood Times she had already spent around \$50 on bottled water to have drinkable water for her and her daughter, as well as an undetermined amount on takeout food since she did not feel safe using her apartment’s water to cook.

“It’s been a disruption emotionally, financially and mentally. It’s so embarrassing, my daughter asked me why we can’t we use the water,” the tenant said.

Although the city of Lynnwood supplies water to the Timberglenn Apartment complex, Jared Bond, Lynnwood Public Works Manager, confirmed with the Lynnwood Times that the Department’s responsibility ends at the water meter and all maintenance, repairs, testing lies with HASCO.

“While we test our water supply regularly, we do not ordinarily test water from private fixtures,” Bond said. “We have not tested water at that address as it is not part of our normal operating practices.”

After Snohomish County Councilwoman Megan Dunn reached out to HASCO on this matter, HASCO employees collected water, taken from the basement bathroom, and sent the

samples to be analyzed by Simple Lab. The results found moderate corrosion and 0.0009 mg/l of lead in one sample, far below the 0.015 mg/L action set by the EPA under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), deeming it “safe to drink”. Another test taken after the water had run for a while showed no sign of lead at all. HASCO then reached out to the tenant assuring her the water was safe for drinking.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) has reduced the maximum allowable lead content — that is, content that is considered “lead-free” — to be a weighted average of 0.25 percent calculated across the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures and 0.2 percent for solder and flux.

Since the samples taken were not from the unit in question, the tenant then collected a sample of her own and paying out-of-pocket had it analyzed independently by the City of Everett Environmental Laboratory. It is unknown if adequate measures were taken by the tenant to prevent cross-contamination of water sample.

The results found 0.30 ug/l of arsenic present which is under the current drinking water standard, or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) from the EPA set at 10 ug/L (micrograms per liter). However, the test results also showed coliform present in the water sample taken by the tenant.

Coliform bacteria are present in the environment and feces of all warm-blooded animals and humans. Coliform bacteria are unlikely to cause illness, unless the consumer is immunocompromised. However, the presence of coliform bacteria in drinking water indicates that disease-causing organisms

(pathogens) could be in the water system, according to the Washington Department of Health. Typically, if testing detects coliform bacteria in a water sample a lab will also test for e coli, a subgroup of fecal coliform. Thankfully for the tenant, her water source came back negative for e Coli.

The tenant stated that the lab informed her that a possible source for the coliform bacteria could be due to old pipes. Timberglenn was built in 1968 and, according to an employee of a plumbing employee, who has responded to numerous work orders at the property, all of the waste pipes at the building are original except for the washing machine waste lines. He explained in a work order description last month that the pipes are “old galvanized waste lines so there is a ton of scaling and rust deposits.” Many plumbing websites say galvanized pipes have a life expectancy of 40 to 50 years making the, potentially, 54-year-old pipes close to expiration.

HASCO has not replaced the pipes since acquiring the building in 2019 and does not possess records on the building’s maintenance before its purchase. The Lynnwood Times has requested the building’s maintenance history to see if the pipes have been replaced since their initial installation in 1968 and are awaiting the corresponding reports.

According to Tiffany Eve, a former HASCO employee working in Maintenance, told the Lynnwood Times that HASCO did not want to invest in the expensive process of replacing pipes because they “were planning to tear the building down anyway.”

Duane Leonard, Executive Director for HASCO, confirmed with the Lyn-

wood Times that HASCO has no plans on replacing the plumbing at Timberglenn but denied Eve’s claim that HASCO had any intention to demolish the building. He added if there was a problem in a specific unit it would be addressed.

“HASCO takes the safety and health of our residents seriously,” Leonard told the Lynnwood Times. “[We] will be conducting more water testing to ensure the quality of the water in this building. We are continuing to investigate and will take reasonable action based on the results.”

On September 6, HASCO took a water sample from the tenant’s apartment and should be receiving results no later than September 16. The results will determine HASCO’s next steps.

Tiffany Eve informed the Lynnwood Times that she reached out to Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby on the matter who informed us that she will work with HASCO to ensure safe drinking water for the tenants of Timberglenn apartments.

“I will be following up with the tenant on results from HASCO’s water sample,” Councilwoman Altamirano-Crosby told the Lynnwood Times. “I truly appreciate HASCO for taking this matter seriously and I look forward working with them to resolve this matter for all residents if a problem exist.”



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# Marysville's Reboot Recovery Center prepares for Fall opening

By KIENAN BRISCOE

To check out Reboot Recovery podcast at The REBOOT Recovery Show on Apple Podcasts, scan the QR code to the right.



**MARYSVILLE**—Kathy Jo Kahn, Regional Program Coordinator for Reboot Recovery, picked up her keys last month to a new recovery center opening in Marysville this fall to help everyday people overcome trauma through peer-led, faith-based, courses. Although a date has not been set for the center's official opening, Kahn informed the Lynnwood Times it would be "sometime before October."

Kahn, who has worked as a pastor for 18 years, first heard about Reboot Recovery while accompanying her husband at Veterans for Worship—a church and ministry for veterans—where they offered one of Reboot's many courses, Combat Recovery, focused on helping veterans, or active-duty military, heal from service-related trauma.

"Just watching these people discuss trauma with such a fervor and such a delight lit a fire of curiosity for me," Kahn told the Lynnwood Times. "Once you get introduced to Reboot you fall in love with it."

Kahn left her 20-year job at Boeing and entered Reboot training shortly after. When the Washington State Department of Health sent out a "call for fresh ideas" last winter, she took that as an invitation to apply for state funds in order to open a new facility. At first the Department denied her application but followed up later to offer, not only, the initial \$149,000 she was hoping for but an additional \$139,000 to carry the facility's opening into its second year of operation.

"We got a call one Sunday night and they said do you guys still want the money and we said sure," Kahn said. "They're giving us the chance to see if we can make a difference."

The Department's change in thought, Kahn continued, was an inspired by a productive conversation with Evan Owens, co-founder of Reboot Recov-



Second annual Xtreme Couture G.I. Foundation poker run at the Evergreen Speedway in Monroe on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

ery. After learning she had secured state funds, Kahn reached out to Reboot who, coincidentally, had aligning plans of expansion in the region and jumped aboard.

Evan's wife, co-founder Dr. Jenny Owens, was working as the leading Doctor of Occupational Therapy for the traumatic brain injury clinic at Fort Campbell, KY, when she began to notice many of her patients were asking questions about their soul and faith. Being a religious woman, she had her own beliefs but never felt a military base was the proper setting to share.

During a road trip to Ohio, the married couple brought along a copy of Chris Adsit's Combat Trauma Healing Manual to read and were both so emotionally moved that, when they returned to their home state of Tennessee, they began inviting their neighbors over to share the contents of the book. Word quickly caught on until they were both invited to provide their teachings at a local military base in 2011, helping over 14,000 victims of trauma since.

One year later Reboot Recovery became a nonprofit and, by 2014, both Evan and Jenny left their day jobs to pursue the cause full-time. Today, Reboot Recovery has nearly 300 course locations spanning 34 states and 7 different countries making it the largest, peer-led, trauma healing program in

the world.

"If you know anything about the military community, the fact that they reached out to two civilians and invited them to do this on post—this doesn't happen," Bryan Flannery, Military Program Coordinator for Reboot Recovery, told the Lynnwood Times.

Flannery met Dr. Owens as her patient after suffering multiple traumatic brain injuries in combat serving in Afghanistan. After trying, what seemed like, everything to overcome his trauma he attempted to take his own life in 2012. Soon after his failed suicide attempt he was approached by Reboot Recovery but, being an atheist at the time, was hesitant to enroll in a "faith-based" program. However, he was enticed by the two words that have the power to get just about anyone to do just about anything: "free food." He quickly fell in love with Reboot's mission and joined the team as an Outreach Coordinator in 2013.

Though Reboot is "faith-based", both Flannery and Khan clarified that Reboot is for anyone suffering from trauma, regardless of their religious background or affiliations.

"If you're broken, you're welcome," Flannery said.

Reboot offers three main, twelve-week,

courses held both virtually and in-person; Trauma REBOOT empowers everyday people from all walks of life to break free from the pain of the past, find renewed purpose and strength, and embrace a brighter future, REBOOT Combat Recovery helps veterans, active-duty military, and their families achieve breakthrough in their battle against service-related trauma, and REBOOT First Responders helps those within the law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency communications, hospital emergency, and corrections communities heal from critical incident stress and trauma.

"We are not a substitute for mental health, we do not believe it's one or the other. We believe essentially that the human being consists of the mind, the body, and the soul and, after trauma, if you really want to see someone healed, if you really want to see hope deployed, you have to address the mind, the body, and the soul," Flannery told the Lynnwood Times. "There's a lot of things we are not, but what we are is a course. There's a curriculum, there's homework, and there's discussion."

Lessons hit heavy questions like "do we have a soul", "if we have a soul can it be wounded", "if it can be wounded how can it be healed", "if it can be healed by whom and how," Flannery explained. After that, within the next few weeks, lessons deal with shame, regret, and guilt. The course ends with a graduation ceremony but it doesn't end there. Reboot encourages their participants to engage in their communities, find local churches, and attend their quarterly check-in barbecues.

"We equip people with the tools and resources necessary to be the change in their community knowing that that's how we can really help people," Flannery said. "The number one protector against suicide is authentic human relationship."

While no date is currently set for the opening of Reboot's newest facility in Marysville, Kathy Jo Kahn and her team are desperately looking for people to join their team. She urges anyone who may be interested to visit her website at [rebootrecovery.com/](http://rebootrecovery.com/) for more information.

from page 1 **MAGNIX**

Simon Roads, SVP Sales and Marketing for magniX, told the Lynnwood Times that another challenge the industry faces is a financial one stating the development of clean energy is a "lengthy and expensive road".

Earlier this month Senate Democrats passed the, Larsen supported, Inflation Reduction Act, a bill that includes \$369 billion in provisions to lower greenhouse gases 40% by 2030—the largest investment to battling climate change in U.S. history. The House passed the bill, 220-207, without any Republican support, on August 12.

Washington State also recently passed SB-5126, the Washington Climate Commitment Act, in April, which will cap carbon emissions and accelerate the clean transportation shift with \$5.2 billion in non-highway transportation spending through 2037.

While these initiatives are massive leaps to cleaner transportation, the bulk of the focus is on land transporta-

tion, although the Inflation Reduction Act does invest \$300 million to speed up production and adoption of cleaner aviation fuel and low emission aviation technologies.

Roads believes the White House should expand its focus on aviation to grow the industry at large while enabling magniX more freedom to develop greener and cleaner aerospace solutions.

An example of this, Roads provided, is the limitation on battery density resulting in limitations on range and payload. As limitations on battery density increase the range and payload increases which makes it much more attractive for people to fly full electric.

"The industry is growing but it's not growing as quickly as we would like and the quicker it grows the better it provides greater ability to our customer base to go full electric," Roads told the Lynnwood Times. "If we can get some funding and grant opportunities to help us develop that quicker then we can put that product in front of our customers quicker."



magniX headquarters in Everett on Aug. 25, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

As magniX aims to become completely carbon neutral, not just with its products but facility as well. Tabor did not completely rule out carbon credits as a solution.

A carbon credit acts as a kind of permit that represents one ton of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere. They can be purchased by an individual or, more commonly, a company to make up for carbon dioxide emissions that come from industrial production, delivery vehicles or travel. These cred-

its can then be sold or traded to other companies for a profit.

After Rep. Larsen's visit to magniX's facility in Everett he traveled to Lynnwood to attend a welcome reception hosted by the Foundation for Edmonds School District for the district's interim superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Miner. In April, the Edmonds School District Board of Directors approved hiring Dr. Miner to serve as interim superintendent for the 2022-2023 school year.



# Lynnwood's Fair on 44th returns after two-year hiatus

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD**—Six blocks of 44th Avenue on Saturday, September 10, were closed off for the return of Fair on 44th – the City's Health and Safety Community Block Party, returning after a two-year hiatus.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. attendees could participate in free tours, demonstrations, and activities from the event's, approximately, 82 organization-partnered booths, grab a Chik-fil-A sandwich, Jerk Chicken tacos from Dancing Kitchen, or a Korean-style hotdog from Seoul Hotdog, and listen to live music by the School of Rock, Jamtown, All the Wring Notes Jazz Duo, and the Mountlake Terrace High School Jazz band.

Just some of the activities included corn hole, rock painting, health information and hands-on education, carnival and yard games, fitness classes, spin wheels with prize giveaways, dancing performances, crafts, Police and SWAT demonstrations with photo opportunities by first responder vehicles, COVID vaccines, health checks, and more.

Free, on-site, shredding allowed visitors to shred up to three grocery bags worth of family-sensitive documents and the Foundation for Edmonds School District's Nourishing Network also accepted food donations for its Weekend Meals Food Drive.

Dave & Buster's, one of Lynnwood's newest business additions, also made

an appearance with a Meet the Fun Patrol. Their latest location – a 40,000 square foot venue – opened at Alderwood Mall and 184th Street SW, August 29, offering locals a new place to play the latest and greatest arcade games, munch on a brand-new chef-crafted food menu, sip down innovative drinks, and watch sporting events on a 40-foot wall of high-definition screens for an “unparalleled stadium-like viewing experience.”

Falling just one day before Ethiopian New Year, the Northwest Gambian Association took advantage of the fair to celebrate, hosting several activities that shared West African culture with guests including stories, poetry, music, and Ethiopian coffee ceremonies. Ethiopians follow a 13-month calendar similar to many Eastern Orthodox churches which, according to the Gregorian calendar, marks September 11 as the New Year.

In line with these celebrations, the City also unveiled its latest art-wrapped signal box Saturday which honors its Sister City relationship with Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, established last year, January, 2021. The signal box art wrap is located at the corner of Highway 99 and 200th Street Southwest.

The fair was sponsored by Community Transit, Molina Health Care, and Sound Transit who were available Saturday to answer any questions about the City's upcoming Link Light rail extension still scheduled to open in 2024.



Lynnwood's Fair on 44th on September 10, 2022. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe.

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# Scriber Creek Trail Improvement Phase 2 underway

By MARIO LOTMORE

**LYNNWOOD**—On Tuesday September 12, elected officials and community partners came together to celebrate the kickoff of construction of Phase 2 of the Scriber Creek Trail Improvement Project with a ceremonial groundbreaking.

Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell was joined by Lynnwood City Councilmembers George Hurst, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Shannon Sessions, and Shirley Sutton, State Representative Cindy Ryu, and Congressman Rick Larsen in addition to representatives from Sound Transit and Community Transit.

Phase 2 of the Scriber Creek Trail Improvement project will make upgrades to approximately 5,000 linear feet of walking paths, transforming it into an alternative to access the Lynnwood Transit Center and future light rail station. Construction will begin this fall and is anticipated to take 18 months to complete.

Mayor Frizzell remarked that without the efforts of elected officials and the project partners that the Scriber Creek Trail improvements would not be possible. When Frizzell visited the creek area a few years ago, she recalled it being a messy place and how one could get their feet wet easily because of the lack of a walking path.

“We want to make the trail better not just for the people that chose Lynnwood but for the wildlife that we are taking care of,” Mayor Frizzell said.

Council President George Hurst said that the project has been a part of his life since he was elected in 2015, with plans and analyses being debated for

many years.

“The project will be a great example of a multimodal connection that has the goal of mitigating congestion on our roads, decreasing Co2 emissions, and, most importantly, restore the wetland function in Scriber Creek Park,” Councilman Hurst said.

Currently, the trail has multiple surface types, is not ADA accessible, and is impassable much of the year due to flooding in the natural areas. The improved trail will remain in the existing corridor and will be widened to 16 feet, ADA accessible with durable, slip resistant, hard surfaces, have lighting, and an elevated bridge / boardwalk structure to mitigate flooding in the wetlands.

The City of Lynnwood received a \$2.4 million Pedestrian and Bicycle Grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation, \$5 million from Sound Transit, \$1.4 million from the Puget Sound Regional Council, and \$1 million in Federal earmarks thanks to Congressman Rick Larsen to fund the project.

Congressman Rick Larsen (WA-02) praised the various partnerships between the various levels of government and volunteers.

“Thanks to the state and federal funding on this project, strong city leadership, the work of effective project managers, volunteers on the parks board, and many others this trail will now be a safe, reliable, and dry connection for all people in the nearby neighborhood to access the parks and trails of Lynnwood,” Congressman Larsen said.

State Representative Cindy Ryu (D-Shoreline) helped secure WSDOT’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Grants

and is the Chair of the Community & Economic Development Committee.

“I’m super happy that WSDOT, along with all the other partners, has agreed to support this project along with Congressman Larsen,” Representative Ryu said.

Sound Transit North Corridor Project Director Eric Widstrand praised the City of Lynnwood’s leadership, and that Sound Transit is happy to be part of the partnership with the city to help make the project a reality.

“Lynnwood’s history is special, and the Scriber Creek enhancements will be seen by every person that comes to Lynnwood on light rail,” Widstrand said.

The Scriber Creek Trail Improvement project was split up into three different phases:

Phase 1: Connects the Interurban Trail to Scriber Creek Park along the south-southwest edge of the future light rail station. It is designed, permitted, and constructed as part of Sound Transit’s Lynnwood Link Extension project.

Phase 2: Extends from the southwestern corner of the transit center to approximately 100 feet north of 200th ST SW, just north of Sprague’s Pond Mini Park. Now under construction.

Phase 3: Extends from the end of Phase 2, just north of 200th ST SW, through Scriber Lake Park to connect to 196th ST SW and Wilcox Park. Phase 3 is currently in its planning phase and construction funding is to be determined.

The Design & Construction Team has KPG Psonas managing Construction Administration, Oma Construction, Inc. handling construction, and Parametrix being the design firm.

Community Transit CEO Ric Ilgenfritz is excited about the Scriber Creek project because it will give access to all the services that are on the other side of the park.

“When the light rail system opens, the community transit bus network will have a bus every 30-45 seconds through that transit center,” Ilgenfritz said. “You can go anywhere in Snohomish County from right over here.”

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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“I am pleased that we were able to restore this piece of Mukilteo’s history,” said Mayor Marine.

The plaque was stolen in October 2020, when the city discovered its absence, along with graffiti that covered the monument. The scrawls included an anarchist symbol, an expletive and the phrase “BROKEN TREATIES.”

The Point Elliott Treaty was signed in 1855 at Muckl-te-oh, or Point Elliott, in modern-day Mukilteo. The treaty is the lands settlement between the

indigenous tribes of the greater Puget Sound region and the United States government. It was signed by the Governor Isaac Stevens of the newly formed Washington Territory and Chief Seattle of the Duwamish tribe as well as 81 other Puget Sound tribal leaders.

Chairwoman Gobin opened the ceremony with a blessing song, followed by a series of speakers, including tribal elder Ray Freiberg Sr., a veteran and caretaker of tribal history.

Freiberg Sr. explained the significance of Point Elliot to the Snohomish tribe. According to Snohomish mythology,

Dohkwibuhch, the changer deity, arrived in Mukilteo and sent the different indigenous languages up the river systems spreading them far and wide, making Mukilteo the birthplace of the Snohomish peoples.

In 1931, a granite monument and plaque commemorating the signing of the Point Elliott Treaty was arranged by the Marcus Whitman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The marker was installed at Third and Lincoln in downtown Mukilteo, a site thought to be near the place the treaty was signed. The original ceremony drew more than 3,000 people, including

300 Native Americans, some of whom were descendants of the treaty signers.

The monument is a 6.5-ft by 3ft, 15-inch-thick granite slab. The original bronze plaque mounted on the west face was inscribed with text written by Edmond S. Meany. The original Point Elliott Treaty Monument was added to the National Register of Historic Places in April 2004.

Mayor Marine explained that the plaque was an exact replica of the 1931 plaque and that there is a camera installed nearby to prevent future theft and defacement.

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away with millions of dollars and we’d be stuck with traffic...This will come back to haunt us.”

Councilman Joshua Binda disagreed with Council Vice President’s comments saying he was “personally very in favor of this and its taking pre-measures for the expected growth of our city.”

Council President George Hurst moved to approve Ordinance 3425, revising City Center Planned Action and repealing LMC 21.60.800, seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Sessions.

“We will have new residents because

we’re going to have that new Light Rail open. This City Center plan increases the ability to have housing there,” Council President Hurst said. “I think the positives outweigh any negatives.”

Hurst added that the, currently being revised, Multi Family Tax Exemption could be a tool the city could use for affordable housing as well.

The motion passed 5-2 with council members Patrick Decker and Jim Smith voting no.

Lynnwood Day Use of International Women’s Day Event

On July 1, staff announced a call for event partnerships seeking interest

from community organizations in offering community events and festivals which would grant one of the City’s four annual Convention Center Use days. The City received 8 applications which were filtered down to four requests, presented to council for approval at their August 8 Business Meeting.

At that Business Meeting, council approved three out of the four events including WAGRO Day of the Dead Celebration on October 29, Pacifica Chamber Orchestra Classical Music for All on January 21, 2023, and Verdant Community Verdant Cares on November 5. The International Women’s Day event, however, council determined needed more discussion and a scheduling motion was passed to

hold the discussion September 6. None of the other applicants were requested to present their event to council. The difference, Council Vice President Jim Smith, explained at last week’s meeting was the other three were already established organizations.

At council’s meeting September 6, Sarah Olsen, PRCA Deputy Director, presented to council an application by Naz Lashgari and Dianne Miller to utilize the Lynnwood Convention Center for a proposed International Women’s Day event entitled Break the Bias. This proposal returned to council Monday and was approved unanimously.



# Op-Ed: Ensuring a solid education for a bright future

By **TIFFANY SMILEY CAMPAIGN**

Below is a commentary article by Tiffany Smiley, the 2022 Washington State Republican Party's endorsed candidate for the United States Senate, on her priorities for education:

"New numbers this week show test scores plummeted as children were kept home from school. . . Was it a mistake to keep children home from school for so long during the pandemic?" When Dana Bash asked Senator Murray that straightforward question on Sunday the response was clear- she doesn't. Now, with national statistics showing that average reading scores have dropped 5 points and math dropped 7 points, it should be obvious to all that the road back will require hard work and a new trajectory.

This week, my campaign unveiled our "Agenda for Education Recovery and Reform" – proposals intended to help schools get back to the basics of reading, writing and math while making sure parents can take an active role in their children's education.

Distance and remote learning showed the holes in our education system. Now, more than ever, we must expand school choice so that low-income families have the same opportunities to seek out quality education for their children. By allowing federal education dollars to follow the student, we would ensure that a quality education isn't tied to a family's ability to buy an expensive home in a good school district or pay twice for their children's education. The benefits of expanding school choice are numerous and include increasing parental involvement, giving students an education tailored to their needs, improving overall school quality by introducing competitive pressure, and making our schools more accountable to the parents they serve.

Additionally, the years of remote learning made parents more aware of what their children are being taught, and renewed interest in the decisions made by school boards. I believe that parental involvement is crucial to the success of not only our children, but our schools. I will ALWAYS support the rights of parents to have a say in what their children are taught. To that end, I will support curriculum transparency and restrict the teaching of divisive ideologies, like Critical Race Theory, at the elementary level. Additionally, we need to expand K-12 STEM programs so that our children develop skills that will propel them to success and give them a competitive advantage in future job markets.

The goal of education is to prepare America's youth to participate and contribute to society as adults. Attend-



Tiffany Smiley on the campaign trail. Source: Tiffany Smiley campaign.

ing college is certainly one avenue to success, but it is time to end the stigma associated with not attending college. I will work for programs that allow high schools to provide greater exposure to the trades through apprenticeships and work/credit opportunities. Trades are an undervalued yet critical element of the economy, and as the older generations retire we are seeing many of these jobs left vacant. Trade salaries often meet or exceed the national average, with many employers in the industry providing training for their employees through work and apprenticeship programs. The path to success does not require being saddled with thousands of dollars in student loan debt!

This debt was brought to the forefront of the national conscience with President Biden's "forgiveness" plan. The reality of that decision was nearly \$1 trillion in additional spending. A personal choice to voluntarily take on debt should not be paid for by people who made different choices. What makes America a wonderful place to live is that educational opportunities are available to all as are the ways to realize that education – working part time through college, doing general education classes at a community college, working and saving before enrolling or signing up to join the Armed Forces and earning your degree through service. To say that debt is the only way to a college degree is inaccurate, and I will work to ensure that the federal government never again penalizes one segment of society to pay for the choices of another.

Finally, I want to ensure that our teachers earn a salary that is commensurate with the important work they do. The average salary of a Washington teacher is \$79,000 while bureaucrats working

for the Department of Education earn an average salary of \$126,000. I propose increasing the pay for our teachers in the classroom, because bureaucrats who don't spend any time in the classroom are not more valuable than those that spend their career trying to ensure that America's youth are pre-

pared to thrive in their adult lives.

My agenda will ensure that there is hope on the horizon for Washington's students, parents and teachers. Our system must work to meet the unique needs, talents and challenges of all so that a bright future awaits everyone!

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received word on September 1 from The Everett Herald that Senator Murray refused to take part in a joint editorial board interview with U.S. Senate candidate Smiley scheduled for last week and demanded a separate interview instead.

Because the Everett Herald conceded to Murray's demand of separate interviews, Smiley in a recording posted on her twitter page with members of the Herald's editorial board, thanked them for their time, chastised the board for "giving Patty Murray a pass," and canceled the interview.

"This interview today was suppose to be Patty Murray and me sitting here side-by-side answering questions, debating the issues that are affecting our state... but Patty Murray bailed because she is afraid to face me," Smiley said in the video.

Smiley continued, "You [Everett Herald] covered for her, accepting her demands and changing the format to help insulate Patty Murray from any sort of tough questioning... What I will not do is continue to play part in this farce of a non-debate... Thank you for your time."

Senator Murray won the 2022 Primary Election with 52.22% of the vote to Smiley's 33.69%. She has criticized her opponent of hiding "her support for abortion bans from Washington voters" and her associations to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and what the Murray campaign calls "MAGA" Republicans. However, the 45th President of the United States has yet to endorse Smiley.

A Public Policy poll, a North Carolina firm associated with the Democratic Party, has Murray up nine points. In its poll of 620 registered voters (not "Likely Voters" surveyed in the Trafalgar poll) conducted between the dates

of September 6 to 7, 48% of respondents said they would vote for Murray if the election were held today, where as 39% selected Smiley.

However, two other polling responses stand out in the Public Policy Poll that not look good for Murray.

According to the Public Policy poll, 45% of respondents approve of President Joe Biden's job performance. Yet in two polls conducted between 9/7 to 9/9 by Harvard-Harris and Trafalgar Group, Biden's favorability is between 39 to 41 points, which is more in line to the latest Economist/YouGov poll conducted between 9/10 to 9/13 of 42%. This may indicate a skewing of 3 to 6 points from the Public Policy poll in favor of Murray.

The second hint of trouble for Murray from the Public Policy poll was favorability. Only 44% of respondents from the Democratic affiliated polling firm of registered voters had a favorable opinion of Murray with 17% unsure. Smiley on the other hand received 38% unfavorable rating with 31% saying they were unsure. This six point gap (44-38) with almost 2-1 (31 to 17) of respondents stating they are unsure about Smiley, indicates a far greater opportunity for Smiley to gain favorability with the electorate.

In all honesty, Senator Murray has more to lose in a debate against Smiley. With thirty years in politics and after President Joe Biden's recent "Battle for the Soul of the Nation" speech two weeks ago, where he called over 74 million Americans who voted for the 45th President of the United States, Donald J Trump, "a clear and present danger to democracy," the more Smiley can associate Sen. Murray to President Biden's policies and what critics are calling "Biden demagoguery," this may present an opportunity for her to tighten the race as November approaches.

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## ST. THOMAS MORE INTERCULTURAL FESTIVAL

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Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> • 12:00 - 4:30 pm



Living the Real Presence  
of Christ in Community  
building

### FUN ACTIVITIES

Exhibits, Carnival Games, Balloon artists, Face painting and more!

### FOOD STANDS

Delicious cuisines from various countries and The Knight of Columbus Hot Dogs & Hamburger

### RAFFLES (\$5/Ticket)

1st prize- \$750

2nd prize- \$500

3rd- \$250

Winners need not be present to win.

### LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Presented by our African, Filipino, Irish, Mexican, Scottish and Vietnamese community

### ESSAY & ART CONTESTS

St. Thomas More Parish School

Living the Real Presence of Christ



Organized by St. Thomas More Parish School & Intercultural Commission

**EVERGREEN RACEWAY**  
DRUMS, PA.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 2022**

10:30 - PIT GATE OPENS  
12:00 - GRANDSTANDS OPENS  
12:30 - PRACTICE BEGINS  
1:30 - REGISTRATION CLOSES  
2:00 - HEAT RACES BEGIN

**\$16** Grandstand Admission

**PLUS!**  
**JuiceBox**  
DIVISION  
At Intermission

- ❖ TOUR MODIFIEDS
- ❖ LATE MODELS
- ❖ STREET STOCKS
- ❖ FOUR CYLINDERS
- ❖ NOVICE
- ❖ ROTTEN FORGOTTEN SERIES

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(drive-thru)  
**Halloween Hullabaloo**

Saturday, October 29 • 2-5pm • FREE!  
Lynnwood Recreation Center Parking Lot

**FREE!**

Bring your family in their Halloween costumes to our daytime family-friendly "Halloween Drive-Thru Hullabaloo." Participants will drive through our Candyland Forest to trick-or-treat at characters' houses along the way! Car decorations encouraged!

You must pre-register for this event. Enrollment is based on the number of CARS we can fit, please pre-register for a time slot for this event under the driver's name. Pre-register your vehicle by visiting [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com) or call (425) 670-5732.



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