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Lynnwood Public Facilities District welcomes investigation of Board and Executive Director



The District Executive Director Janet Pope (left) placing her arm in front of and just inches from Vivian Dong's face at the PFD booth in the Lynnwood Luau on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—After public comments, mostly surrounding the Lynnwood Public Facilities District,

the City Council postponed ARPA funding allocations until its next Business Meeting, approved the mayor to submit a grant for the overlay of two tennis courts,

and renewed its Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Snohomish County and the Urban County Consortium during its September 11th meeting. Coun-

cilmen Patrick Decker and Joshua Binda were absent at Monday's meeting.

Prior to an emotional 30-minute public comment session from 17 people that left one resident tearing up at the podium who shared her story, witnessing firsthand, of Lynnwood Public Facilities District Executive Director Janet Pope allegedly attempting to "shove" Board member Vivian Dong out of the PFD booth at the Lynnwood Luau, the council presented the following three proclamations to community members and first responders:

- Patriots Day by Council President Shannon Session
- Hispanic Heritage Month by Council Vice

President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby

- Alfredo Arreguin Day by Council Vice President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby

The council heard from eight members of the community either advocating for the reappointment of Dong, criticizing the politicization of the Lynnwood Public Facilities District by the Board, and/or requesting the resignation of PFD Board Chair Mike Miller.

"The chair's action including his aggressive demeanor were highly inappropriate," Yoo Kong Pi, a Lynnwood resident said referring to the interactions between PFD Board Chair Mike Miller

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More than \$60 million coming to Washington to combat fentanyl epidemic

By WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SEATTLE—Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced on Wednesday, September 7, that more than \$60 million to combat the fentanyl epidemic will soon be coming to Washington counties and cities. These resources are a result of Ferguson's investigation into Walmart for its role fueling the opioid epidemic as a pharmacy. All eligible local

governments signed onto the Attorney General's \$62.6 million resolution. The resources will be split equally between the state and local jurisdictions across the state.

This resolution is part of the \$1.1 billion the Attorney General's Office has recovered from 11 companies that fueled the opioid epidemic. Under the terms of the legally bind-

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Second arrest made in drive-by shooting death of Kamiak teen



Shooting victim Bryan Tamy. SOURCE: @WASStateHomicide

By MARIO LOTMORE

EVERETT—Members of the Everett Police Department Anti-Crime Team (ACT) and Violent Crime Unit (VCU) arrested a second suspect, 19-year-old Victor E. Torres-Zuniga, in connection with the murder of a 15-year-old Kamiak High School student Bryan Tamy in last Friday's drive-by shooting.

Twenty-year-old Uriel A. Hernandez Martinez was arrested by ACT and VCU on the evening of September 9th. The shooting is believed to have been in connection to a long-running feud between rival gang members.

Hernandez is charged with one count of Murder 1 [Non-Family – Gun], a Class A Felony with a penalty of life in prison if convicted. Bond was set at \$5,000,000 on Monday, September 11. The additional charges of carrying a concealed pistol without a permit and altering identifying marks on a firearm were dropped. Torres-Zuniga is charged with Murder 1 [Non-Family – Gun], a Class A Felony and is awaiting a bond hearing. Both Hernandez and Torres-Zuniga remain in Snohomish County Jail.

Since Friday's fatal drive-by shooting of Tamy, ACT, VCU and EPD Major

Crimes Detectives have been working to identify all involved parties. Although the investigation remains ongoing, it is believed the two suspects responsible for the shooting that resulted in the teen's death are now in custody, according to EPD.

The fatal drive-by shooting occurred at approximately 6:40 a.m. on morning of Friday, September 8, near the in the 7700 block of Hardeson Road.

When officers arrived on the scene, they located a fifteen-year-old victim,

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Never forget: The September 11, 2001 terrorist attack that changed America

By MARIO LOTMORE

On September 11, 2001, 19 hijackers associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda took over four planes leading to the most prolific terrorist attack in the United States.

Two planes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon. The fourth plane, United flight 93, crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The courageous actions of 40 passenger and crew members on board, overpowered the hijackers, thwarting an attack on the Nation's Capital.

A total of 2,996 total deaths, including the 19 hijackers, were recorded on that day. This figure includes 2,763 at the World Trade Center, 189 at the Pentagon, and 44 at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. As of 2021, the remains of 1,106 individuals killed that day in NYC have still yet to be identified, according to the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

An estimated cost of the World Trade Center damage is \$60 billion and the cost to clean the debris at Ground Zero was \$750 million.

On December 18, 2001, Congress approved naming September 11 "Patriot Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. In 2009, Congress named September 11 a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

SEPTEMBER 11 CEREMONY IN MARYSVILLE, WA

Marysville residents, city staff, and first responders gathered Monday to re-



Marysville September 11 ceremony at its Civic Center on September 11, 2023. Source: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

member 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.

Dan Hazen, Marysville Crisis Support Chaplain with the Marysville Police Department, opened the ceremony with a message of unity.

"How on that day in 2001, an amazing sense of unity occurred after those disastrous events," Hazen said. "I recall being at church where I worked, and we opened the doors, and how people who have not set foot in a church for decades, in some cases, found their way in and reported simply just wanting to be somewhere with other people."

"As we gather as a community to remember one of the darkest days in our history, September 11, 2001, we start to realize that it has been over two decades now since that tragic day, but the pain and the lost are still very fresh in our memories," Mayor Jon Nehring said. "We remember the innocent lives that were taken far too soon, the heroes who rose on that day to the occasion, and the unity that emerged from the ashes of destruction."

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, known by many as "Fireman Jeff", was an 18-year veteran with Marysville Fire, a father, husband, and lifelong baseball player.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE IN EDMONDS

South County Fire performed a ceremony this morning at the 9/11 Memorial in Edmonds in remembrance of all who lost their lives 22 years ago in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The centerpiece of the memorial is a 1-ton steel beam recovered from

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Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring speaking at his city's September 11 ceremony at its Civic Center on September 11, 2023. Source: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

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Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell release statements on fatal Lynndale Park shooting

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—During mayoral comments at the City Council Meeting on September 5, Mayor Christine Frizzell, for a second time in just over a year, commented on a park shooting within her city, the latest being at Lynndale Park. Snohomish County Deputies and Lynnwood Police are investigating a shooting involving five individuals, ages 17 to 20, at Lynndale Park that took place on Monday evening which injured two and killed one.

The Lynnwood Police Department has learned witnesses may have been present in the north and south parking lots just prior to the shooting and are requesting if you were at Lynndale Park on September 4 between the hours of 9:45 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. to contact Detective Sattarov at 425-670-5633.

Below is statement Mayor Frizzell read at Tuesday's City Council meeting to the families of those involved in the Lynndale Park shooting and the residents of Lynnwood:

"Last night, a shooting at Lynndale Park left one person dead and two injured. First I want the deceased's family to know that we grieve for their loss and that Lynnwood Police will continue to investigate and find answers to this tragic event.

"As you can imagine, this shook our employees, especially those who are committed to growing, developing, and maintaining our parks system. I have heard from neighboring community members who want to feel safe in their homes, and rightfully so. We all have a right to feel safe.

"I know public safety is a concern across our region. After a tragic event like this, it feels like an unsolvable problem. This issue can't be solved by just one community or with one single solution. But we are stronger together and can make steps towards making us all feel safe.

"My team continue to work closely with Police Chief Cole Langdon and our Police Department to identify ways to address gun violence in and around our community. I'd also like to hear from you. I want you to hear if you have an idea or examples of home, we can address this issue. Let's work together to make Lynnwood a great and safe place to live, work, and play. Thank you."

Lynnwood Police on Wednesday evening have confirmed that the shooting is not gang related and are requesting anyone with any information of sightings of the Silver 2012 Toyota Tundra below to contact Detective Sattarov at 425-670-5633.

SHOOTINGS IN SOUTH COUNTY

A 31-year-old Marysville man was booked on Thursday, August 10, for the shooting death of a woman that took place at the 16300 block of 48th Place W in unincorporated Edmonds.

Just weeks earlier on July 27, an early morning drive-by shooting in West Lynnwood near 159th Street Southwest sent three teens to the hospital.

On July 7, another shooting incident took place just a mile away outside a 7-Eleven on 148th Street Southwest in unincorporated Lynnwood, that left one man injured. The 7-Eleven is located just 500 feet from the Chevron Gas Station where store clerk Tejpal Singh, 60, was shot and killed in 2021.

On April 23 a drive by shooting in Edmonds sent a 13-year-old boy to the hospital on the 20800 block of 76th Avenue West. The suspect was a passenger in a white truck that fled northbound after the shooting. The suspect's gunfire also struck buildings from a nearby complex, but fortunately, there were no other injuries.

A year earlier in July of 2022, a drive-by shooting at Spruce Neighborhood Park left two teens dead and a day earlier another drive-by shooting left another two teens with nonlife threatening gunshot wounds a few blocks away. And in May of the same year, a 14-year-old

juvenile was shot while walking with a group of friends near 186th PL SW and Highway 99 in Lynnwood.



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Meet Marianne Brown, owner of the Mukilteo coffee hotspot Red Cup Café

By EMILY CHU

MUKILTEO—“Let’s meet at Red Cup Café,” is a statement familiar to many local Mukilteo residents. Whether it’s for conversation, a rich meal, fresh coffee, or focused study sessions, Red Cup Café has become an enduring destination for all. Working as a bookkeeper at the time, Marianne Brown wished to expand her horizons beyond the financial role.

“I wanted to do something that I really enjoyed. I really liked the idea of a coffee shop,” said Brown. “I think I’ve kind of had that feeling since high school.”

Brown decided to experiment in 2005 with a job working in a café first, before envisioning the prospect of her own in the future. In pursuit of the perfect location, Brown began visiting various cafes, looking for a place to gain hands-on experience as an employee.

As she visited different establishments, each presented its unique atmosphere. But when she stumbled upon Whidbey Coffee, the future location of Red Cup Café, Brown instantly knew “this was the place.” Brown felt an undeniable resonance. “It was like a connection. I knew this was where I wanted to be. This is it,” Brown recalled.

Brown knew she wanted to work at that café, but was taken aback when she found out they weren’t hiring. “When they said no, no we’re not going to hire you, I was like ‘what?’ I knew that if the right person met me, they would hire me.”

Undeterred, Brown persisted on getting that job. She crafted a candle modeled like a latte, adorned with a “Whidbey Coffee” sticker, and sent that to the cafe owner alongside her resume.

“[The previous owner], Dan Ollis, said no one’s ever done that to him before and I think he kept it,” she said.

Her tenacity caught the attention of the café’s owner, who not only gave her the job but in 2009, sold her the establishment, marking the official



Red Cup Café owner Marianne Brown. SOURCE: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

beginning of Red Cup Café. Now, Red Cup is celebrating over 14 years in business.

“My husband and I were talking about what we were going to name the café, and so I was drawing a picture of a cup, and just as we were talking about it, I was coloring the cup red, and my husband said, ‘that’s the name!’”

The name “Red Cup Café” was simple, easy to remember, and it rolled off the tongue smoothly. Only later would Brown find out that red cups were actually the most expensive cups.

As the new owner of the café, Brown made simple changes, such as renaming sandwiches after nearby islands, and revamping the decor. Her vision balanced “fun and funky” with a hint of sophistication, evident in the mix of dark tables near the windows and a dynamic interior roof.

Scattered throughout the café, one can find intricate wooden sculptures, including the iconic descending figure through the roof. Crafted by a Whidbey Island artisan, the sculptures were there

in the very beginning, over 35 years

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Red Cup Café’s cool and funky interior. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

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PNW welcomes first ever drive thru Shake Shack

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—Shake Shack, the popular New York City-based burger chain, officially opened its newest location in Lynnwood at 18800 Alderwood Mall Parkway, Wednesday, September 6. This is the restaurant's fourth Washington location and its first ever Drive Thru in the Pacific Northwest.

Shake Shack also has Washington locations in Downtown Seattle, Seattle's University Village, and Kirkland.

"Looking at Lynnwood and its community, seeing what we could bring to the table, definitely played a huge part in [deciding on Lynnwood]," Amanda Wochnick, Shake Shack Area Director for Oregon and Washington, told the Lynnwood Times. "It's a good fit. It just made sense to come to Alderwood."

Lynnwood's location has a two-lane drive through, partially covered patio, and parking. Additionally, the brand-new building has both a light and dark masonry veneer, a steel canopy that wraps around the building and provides coverage for pedestrians and drive through customers, large windows, and outdoor dining furniture.

Employees stationed as "line busters" meet vehicles in both lanes of the drive thru with iPads taking orders to increase efficiency.

Wochnick noted the restaurant aims for a 7-minute wait time in the Drive



Shake Shack Lynnwood location at Alderwood Mall. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

Thru with an 8-minute wait time in the dining room. It takes a bit longer than other fast-food establishments, she continued, because they're still making milkshakes fresh and smashing burgers to order.

To cut wait times down, customers can download the Shake Shack app, available both on iOS and Android, which allows users to place orders in advance. Pickup orders should be retrieved in the dining room only, she added.

Back in April, Matt Wilson with

Chandler Signs on behalf of Shake Shack, applied for a variance associated with sign permits for two drive through menu signs along Alderwood Mall Parkway, according to city records. That application was deemed complete on May 2.

Zebra Architecture sent a project design review to Lynnwood Development and Building Services recently, highlighting some of the project's concepts.

Shake Shack opened in 2001 as a standalone hotdog stand in New York City's Madison Square Park, as an

initiative by the city to rebrand and repurpose the park, which had fallen into disuse.

What was intended to be a single New York City hot dog stand, evolved into one of the fastest-growing fast food chains with over 400 locations globally, expanding its menu from New York-style hotdogs to burgers, crinkle fries, and the Shake Shack's namesake milkshakes. The average hamburger price at a Shake Shack runs from \$4.75 to \$7.7.

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Lynnwood actor wins Actor of the Year at Soul Café Awards



Jon Meggison (right) attending Soul Cafe Awards. SOURCE: Jon Meggison

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SEATTLE—Lynnwood-based actor, Jon Meggison, took home the Soul Café’s Actor of the Year Award on Saturday, September 9.

“I really don’t know what to say. The emotions and feelings I have right now, I’m just so grateful and humbled and blessed,” said Meggison. “I just want to thank everyone who’s been supporting me and following me through this journey.”

The Soul Café Awards are an annual tradition brought to life by Selena Tay-

lor, who goes by the name Taylormade, to encourage and empower artists by making them feel seen and valued for the contributions they make to the world through their work, its website states. Categories include awards for comedians, musicians, actors, authors, poets, and visual artists.

“I am excited about the future of the Soul Cafe Awards and I’m very appreciative of the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people,” said Taylormade in a July interview with the Lynnwood Times. “I believe the direction we are moving in will excite and inspire individuals, our partners,

sponsors, and ministries in all parts of the World.”

Soul Café Actor of the Year Jon Meggison hit the ground running when he began his acting career in January 2020, working through the challenges of the pandemic, self-promoting, and quickly landing roles in films alongside big names like Eric Roberts and Stephen Sorrentino. Within his first year, he acted in 10 films and four commercials, winning the Best Lead Actor award for his performance in the indie film *It Takes Talent*, which also won Best Drama at the Paris Film Festival.

In October of 2023, Meggison made his theatrical debut as Alton in *The Legend of Johnny Jones*, a slasher-horror film starring Danny Trejo, Jake Busey, Clifton Powell, Kevin Sorbo, Tom Sizemore among many others.

When the country shut down at the beginning of 2020, Meggison, in an attempt to keep busy, decided he would try his luck with modeling. He reached out to the Seattle Talent agency, doing several commercial print projects for outlet stores such as Macy’s and H&M. While modeling, his agency asked him if he had any interest in acting. At first, he told them no. A few months went by and the agency kept asking, so Meggison caved and decided he would give it a shot.

“It seemed like during COVID a lot of people weren’t trying to find work. To me it was a blessing because it really gave me an opportunity to learn about the industry and how it operates,” Jon Meggison said.

Completely self-taught, Meggison began practicing monologues at home, reading acting books, and watching Youtube tutorials before eventually auditioning for his first film, “Operation Y2K,” in March 2020. He continues to look up to and study, his favorite actors – Michael B. Jordan, Denzel Washington, and Will Smith – with hopes of someday sharing the screen with them.

“I think the best way of getting good at anything is just putting yourself out there and doing the work,” Meggison said. “To this day all the jobs that I’ve done have been self-booked by putting myself out there and reaching out and self-submitting.”

Since acting in “Operation Y2K,” Meggison has continued to find consistent work including the feature film *Survivor’s Choice*, alongside Eric Roberts, Julia Roberts’ brother.

Before he knew it, Meggison was signing with Los Angeles agent Shawn Brogan of The Brogan Agency, receiving auditions for television and network studio films.

He starred in his first feature film, *A Haunting in Ravenwood*, alongside esteemed horror actress Eileen Dietz (*Halloween*, *the Exorcist 2*), in 2021. Since then, he has appeared in *Conjuring: The Beyond*, one episode of the TV miniseries *The Town*, and *Survivor’s Choice* amongst many other small, independent projects.

From acting in *A Haunting in Ravenwood*, *The Conjuring: Beyond*, a *Friday the 13th* fan film, and now *The Legend of Johnny Jones*, Meggison is quickly establishing himself as an actor specialized in the horror genre. His preferred genre, however, is drama. To steer his career back to this he will also be acting in the dramas *Shattered Dreams: The Leslie Vass Story*, the Amazon Prime television series *Autumn Never Dies* and *The Red Chronicles*.

More recently Meggison starred in *Pillow Party Massacre*, *STZ*, and *Again, Again*.

Meggison owes his creative process, when developing a role, to his three sons. Despite working constantly on one project after another, Meggison informed the Lynnwood Times his work load never affects the development of

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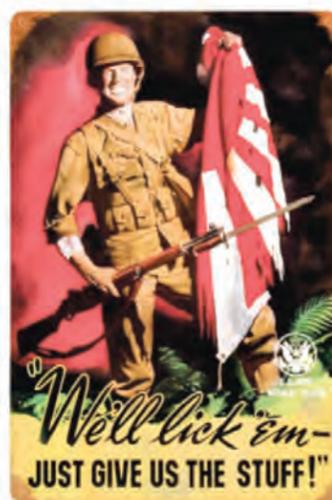
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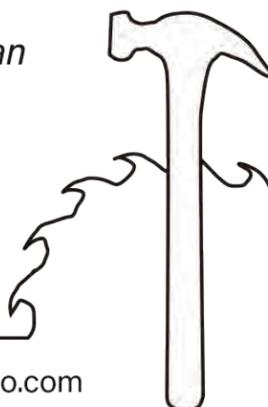
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from page 1 **FENTANYL EPIDEMIC**

ing resolution, these resources must be used to combat the opioid epidemic, including fentanyl. Washingtonians can use this chart to see what their local government will receive to combat the opioid epidemic. The chart includes the additional Walmart funding, 97% of which it will pay in the next few months. The Legislature determines how to spend the state's allocation of these resources.

The Attorney General's Office has upcoming trials against one opioid manufacturer and multiple pharmacies that helped fuel the epidemic.

"This is real money that funds real resources that will save lives," Ferguson said. "But I am not done here. My office still litigates active cases, which we will use to hold all companies that fueled the opioid epidemic accountable. My team is working to bring even more money and resources back to affected Washington communities."

Since all of the eligible local governments signed onto the resolution with Walmart, Washington is guaranteed the maximum amount of \$62.6 million. The local governments are dividing their share of the proceeds using the same formula as the earlier opioid distributor resolution.

Half of the money from the Walmart resolution will be paid to eligible Washington cities and counties, with the first payment to be made in the next few months. The remainder of the money goes to the state. All of this money must be used to fund opioid remediation.

The top five counties, including their local governments, are: King County, \$112.5 million; Pierce County, \$52 million; Snohomish County, \$51 million; Spokane County, \$38.3 million; and Clark County, \$29.3 million. To date, the City of Everett is expected to receive \$8.3 million, with Lynnwood at \$3.3 million, and Marysville at \$1.7 million rounding up the top three cities receiving resolutions within Snohomish County.

As part of its resolution, Walmart will tightly monitor opioid prescriptions and prevent patients from seeking multiple prescriptions.

Washington state's money comes from an overall \$3.1 billion multistate resolution with Walmart.

SUPPORT ALREADY FLOWING TO WASHINGTON

In October 2022, all 125 eligible local governments signed onto a \$518 million resolution stemming from Ferguson's earlier lawsuits against opioid distributors. The state received its first two payments of \$82 million from the three largest opioid distributors. The more recent resolutions with the pharmacies and manufacturers will augment future payments. These five new resolutions will lead to payments of approximately \$45 million to the state in the next few months.

Local governments will determine how to spend their share.

The resolution with Teva, one of the opioid manufacturers, will bring in naloxone kits that state agencies will distribute statewide. In 2024 and 2025, Washington state will receive a total of 54,120 naloxone kits, with each kit containing two nasal spray devices. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.

The Legislature will determine how the state share is allocated in communities around the state. In the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature allocated \$64.1 million from the opioid payments. Examples of legislative support included:

- \$18,168,000 for prevention, treatment and recovery support services to address and remediate the opioid epidemic.
- \$15,447,000 to tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid and overdose response activities.
- \$5,000,000 for the Department of Health to expand the distribution of naloxone through overdose education and a distribution program.
- \$4,000,000 for the authority to provide short-term housing vouchers for individuals with substance

SNOHOMISH COUNTY	
Snohomish County	\$29,845,318
Arlington	\$1,132,591
Bothell (King and SnoCo)	\$1,147,300
Edmonds	\$1,322,072
Everett	\$8,323,465
Lake Stevens	\$598,685
Lynnwood	\$3,329,941
Marysville	\$1,705,058
Mill Creek	\$530,715
Monroe	\$765,695
Mountlake Terrace	\$911,482
Mukilteo	\$1,107,206
Snohomish	\$372,167
Snohomish County total	\$51,091,695

use disorders.

All spending decisions must be consistent with the state Opioid Response Plan. Recoveries can be used to address the Fentanyl epidemic.

Approved strategies include:

- Improving and expanding treatment for opioid use disorder.
- Supporting individuals in treatment and recovery, including providing comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with opioid use disorder, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training or

childcare.

- Addressing the needs of pregnant women and their families, including those with babies with neonatal disorder.
- Preventing opioid misuse, over-prescribing and overdoses through, among other strategies, school-based and youth-focused programs, public education campaigns, increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses, additional training and enhancements to the prescription drug monitoring program.
- Supporting first responders.

from page 5 **SHAKE SHACK**

"We might be international. We might have over 400 shacks but we still try to think small scale. We still try and think how we can reach out to Lynnwood and be a part of their community, and be a part of their community," said Wochnick.

Wochnick has been Area Manager since the end of May. Prior to that she was a Shake Shack General Manager for seven years – two years in Las Vegas, three years in Colorado, and two years in Cedar Hills, Oregon.

Danny Meyer, Shake Shack's founder, made a name for himself within the New York City restaurateur scene for opening the Union Square Cafe, Gramercy Tavern, and Cafe 2 within the Museum of Modern Art, prior to opening the first Shake Shack restaurant.

According to CNBC, the average Shake Shack location generates \$4 million in revenue, which is more than twice of your average McDonald's restaurant. According to permit records, the construction of the Lynnwood location is valued at \$1 million.

The Shake Shack at Alderwood is the latest dining and shopping option in Lynnwood's City Center after the most recent opening of Fogo de Chão steakhouse last month and the "live, work, play," addition of the Avalon Bay apartment complexes last year.

Lynnwood's Shake Shack location currently has approximately 75 employees but is looking at expanding its team. To apply visit: <https://shakeshack.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External>

"It's a great company to work for, the pay is amazing, we offer great benefits, we offer paid time off," Wochnick said. "It's just a great company to be a part of."

Shake Shack will soon have another first on their belt when it opens its first ever food court location at Southcenter's Westfield Shopping Center later this month. It also has plans to open a future location in Bridgeport, Oregon, in October.

Additionally, there are a few locations opening by 2025, however Shake Shack was unable to provide further details on these PNW expansions.

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any of his characters, focusing, and perfecting, on one at a time.

"Kids' imaginations are so big and I learn a lot from them, which helps transition to my work," Meggison told the Lynnwood Times. "I've always had a big work ethic, I'm always working,

so I wouldn't say I'm hindered [by my project scope] at all."

Meggison's children stay with their mother while he's off on location and he typically reconnects with them on the weekends. He told the Lynnwood Times when he's not on set, and not raising his children, he's constantly looking for his next part.

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Bryan Tanya, with multiple gunshot wounds. The Tanya was transported to Providence Hospital in Everett where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The suspects fled before police arrived in what was described as a black sedan with silver or alloy rims. Tanya was waiting with other students at the bus stop to attend Kamiak High School.

"This tragedy is the latest in a wave of shooting and firearm-related incidents in our city as well as throughout the county," said Chief of Police Dan Templeman in a statement released the day of the shooting. "The Everett Police Department will dedicate all the

resources necessary to vigorously investigate this case and bring justice to the family of this child. If you have any information that could help us identify and locate the suspects, please report it immediately."

"We are without words about this tragic, senseless loss of a young life," the Mukilteo School District released in statement on Friday afternoon. "We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, and to all who knew and loved them."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450 or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS.

from page 1 **LYNNWOOD PFD**

and Dong at the Lynnwood Luau.

He then continued reading quotes by Miller from a video recording of the Lynnwood Luau incident.

“I am here to talk about attitude, aggressiveness, and belittling comments,” said Pi. “I am here to bring forward manner, behavior, and words...’Do you ever run out of words’ [said] by the chair of PFD. ‘Do you ever say anything more than once’ [said] by the chair of PFD. ‘There is no one here that truly wants you truly here except for maybe this guy’ [said] by the chair of PFD. We firmly demand an apology...”

Dong took to the podium and shared that it took 51 days for her to receive the video incident of the PFD Board meeting on July 11 which the Board unanimously approved a vote of no confidence of Dong for her support of Olympus Spa — a PFD business currently entangled in a legal battle regarding a Human Rights Complaint.

Pope cited Dong’s “promotion” of a June rally in support of Olympus Spa on her social media as a cause of her no confidence vote — which the PFD Board alleges cost businesses approximately \$35,000 in lost revenue and the PFD up to \$12,500 in protest management. The PFD never reached out to Dong requesting that she remove her social media post and the PFD attorney in an email stated that she can attend the rally.

PFD Executive Director Janet Pope took to the podium to defend her character citing her twenty years of professional experience working in non-profit, corporate, and government sectors in leadership roles creating solutions for homelessness, affordable housing, disaster relief, healthcare, and expanding performance arts access.

“Recently I have been accused of racism, when in fact I have been advocating for marginalized communities to improve race, social and economic disparities for decades,”

Pope said. “I have even created a program called Dignity & Diversity and work closely with Snohomish County and the City of Everett on many award-winning programs to combat racism.”

She denied wanting to remove Dong, who she referred to as Board member number two, because of the board member’s stance on protecting safe spaces for women.

“I have led programs to create those same spaces including operating domestic violence shelters, safe houses for women who have been sexually trafficked, and with Snohomish County YMCA’s launch of a program called Women to Women.”

Pope shared in the meeting that the PFD Board’s vote of no confidence against Dong on July 11 “had nothing to do with race, and everything to do with behavior.” She concluded welcoming an investigation that was called for by Councilmen Jim Smith and Patrick Decker during the Work Session on September 5.

Councilman Smith announced in last Tuesday’s Work Session that he is investigating the Board’s attempt to remove Dong because the council has been provided, he alleges, “an awful lot of erroneous information.”

“We need to make sure someone is not being lied about,” Smith told councilmembers during last week’s Work Session regarding the reappointment of both Dong and PFD Board Chair Mike Miller for October of this year. “All of the facts that I have been seeing there is way, way, too many things inaccurate.”

After passing the three-page letter read by Chair Miller at the July 11th PFD Board meeting, Smith added, “Here is all of the things I have been seeing that’s wrong and not appropriate and that’s incorrect saying that Vivian Dong put on this protest. This absolutely was not the case... The particular meeting and why we need to get more information about all of this is because the meeting [July 11th PFD Board Meeting] was carried out quite can-

didly against some of our RCWs.”

In a 2014 article titled, Seattle Musical Theater Starts New Season Liberated from Ugly Past, published in the Seattle Gay News and posted online by Miryam’s Theater Musings which is now scrubbed from the internet, alleges a hostile work environment at the Seattle Musical Theater because of “Janet’s behaviors” and actors threatening to never work for the company if she remained.

The article attributes Pope’s dismay for a Jeff Church, her conduct in firing actress/singer/director Venessa Miller and the “shit storm” that followed, the “alienation” by actors under Pope’s leadership, actors threatening to quit, the “nonchalant” attitude to firing actors, the public outcry and uproar criticizing Pope’s “mistakes” by “theater lovers” led the Board of the SMT to part ways with her in 2013.

Pope studied directing at the Drama Studio of London and holds a master’s degree in public administration from Seattle University, according to her LinkedIn account. Prior to her \$176,000 a year job as the Executive Director of the Lynnwood Public Facilities District, she was the Chief Executive Officer at Compass Housing Alliance for six years.

Lynnwood Public Facilities District Executive Director Pope has yet to provide a statement, after multiple requests by the Lynnwood Times, to address the allegations of a hostile work environment under her leadership as Executive Director of the Seattle Musical Theater.

Directors of Seattle’s Capitol Hill Pride and Founders of the Capitol Hill Pride Festival, Charlette LeFevre and Philip Lipson, advocated for Lynnwood to support transgender people and the LGBT community.

“I would like to recommend to each city council member and future candidate a higher visible show of support towards the diverse community of Lynnwood, that includes the LGBTQAI community, both

verbally and in your actions,” LeFevre said after advocating for the reappointment of Chair Miller. “It’s not enough to sit silent. I would like to see the Pride Flag flown permanently at City Hall here and eventually at the [Lynnwood] Event Center.”

During the approval of the Consent Agenda, Council President Shannon Session motioned to include rental assistance as an eligible use of ARPA funds for the Washington Kids in Transition contract agreement. The council originally passed the motion to approve the request of \$150,000 on April 10, 2023, but mistakenly excluded rental assistance from the list of eligible uses for APRA funds. Councilman Gorge Hurst seconded Sessions’ motion and it passed 5-0.

The council also unanimously passed during its consent agenda a motion to allow Mayor Christine Frizzell into an agreement with the Edmonds School District for paving the gravel section of 204th St SW. The motion was introduced by Council Vice President Altamirano-Crosby and seconded by Councilman Smith.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Resolution: Authorizing Grant Application to RCO. Motion by Smith, seconded by Sessions, passes unanimously.
- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Snohomish County and the Urban County Consortium. Motion by Session, 2nd by Altamirano-Crosby, passes unanimously.
- American Rescue Plan Act Funding allocations. Motion to postpone two weeks by Sessions, seconded by Smith, passes unanimously.
- Contract approval for virtual reality training for the Lynnwood Police, passes unanimously in consent agenda.
- Approve Homage and Foundation for Edmonds School District contracts for ARPA funds, passes unanimously in consent agenda.

from page 4 **RED CUP CAFE**

ago – from its inception as Mukilteo Coffee to Whidbey Coffee, into its current identity as Red Cup Café.

At Red Cup, a diverse array of patrons come together to create a lively yet peaceful atmosphere. Families with children sharing morning meals, elders relishing coffee with a good book in hand, and students engrossed in their studies all find their place within Red Cup’s walls. Whether its business partners engaged in financial discussions or friends gathered for hearty conversation over sandwiches and coffee, the café holds a distinctive ambiance that becomes immediately tangible upon entry, with the rich contrast between the myriad individuals sitting next to each other.

Every day at 6:30 a.m., Brown diligently arrives at Red Cup to begin her day. And every day, there’s always a problem to be solved.

“I don’t know what it is, but it will happen,” she said. “And just remaining calm during that is key.”



Red Cup Café relaxing exterior. SOURCE: Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

For her, the café is more than just a culinary destination; it serves as a space to feel welcomed and connected. “And that’s my personal passion,” she said. “To be kind to people because everyone’s hurting. So that’s what motivates me, just knowing that you’re making a difference to someone, and even the grumpy people you really don’t know.”

Brown’s journey from aspirations

to reality embodies the essence of determination and hard work, coupled with kindness and consideration for both patrons and staff. For those aspiring to follow a similar path, Brown offers, “my advice would be to not be afraid. You have to work hard. It’s not going to come easy.”

Red Cup Café can be found at 619 4th St, Mukilteo, as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

from page 2 **9/11 REMEMBRANCE**

Ground Zero of the World Trade Center collapse. International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1828, representing South County Fire’s professional firefighters, raised funds and helped build the memorial in 2015 to honor and remember all victims of the terrorist attacks.

The memorial’s design incorporates symbolic elements representing the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the grassy field of Shanksville. Four trees are planted in remembrance of the four planes, crews and passengers lost. Plaques along the base of the memorial honor each first responder and fire station company lost in the attacks.

The monument’s two walls are made up of nearly 3,000 small glass panels representing each person killed in the terrorist attacks, with red glass for firefighters and blue glass for police officers arranged to form a waving American flag.