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CITY HOSTS ALLEN CREEK STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIP TO STUDY THEIR NAMESAKE STREAM



Photo by Doug Buell

When you're an Allen Creek Elementary class learning about salmon and streams, and your namesake creek is being sullied by pet and upstream livestock waste, fertilizers, trash, and failing septic systems, there's only one way to get to the source of the problem: field trip.

The City of Marysville hosted just such a group of concerned 4th grade "scientists" from teacher Steve Malmstead's class earlier this summer. They met at Allen Creek in Jennings Park.

The hands-on field trip included turbidity sampling with Rick Herzog, a City Construction Inspector; and macroinvertebrate identification, or a study of the types of critters living in the nearby creek and pond, presented by Jake Jacobson, a Snohomish County Watershed Steward. Turbidity (or the level of sediments in the water), and types of marine life present, are both indicators of a water bodies' overall health.

"I think the kids learned that the creek and pond have a ways to go to be considered healthy again, but they also learned that there are things that can be done to improve the water quality," said Randy Brower, Marysville's Surface Water Engineer. He coordinated the field trip along with Community Information Officer Doug Buell and Park Maintenance Manager Mike Robinson.

Signs posted around the creek in Jennings Park already warn of high levels of fecal coliform in Allen Creek, which is one of six tributary streams to the Snohomish River on the state's list of impaired water bodies that fail to meet water quality standards.

The field trip ended with upland plantings of fir and cedar saplings to enhance the riparian areas above Allen Creek. Trees help prevent soil erosion, and provide shade to maintain cooler temperatures and enhance stream conditions for salmon and their eggs, Brower said.

Brower said he thought the field trip and associated activities were well-received. "We hope this learning experience was just a glimpse of the watershed education program we intend to develop with the School District as we build a public education/involvement component into the City's surface water management (SWM) program."

City of Marysville Construction Inspector Rick Herzog (pictured left) meets with note-taking Allen Creek 4th graders in Jennings Park to explain how to read measurements of sediment levels taken from water in Jennings Pond, and what those results say about the health of the nearby creek and pond, and its marine life. The students were on a field trip coordinated by the City.

Want to learn more about how you can help local streams?

The City of Marysville is offering 3 activities as part of Washington WaterWeeks 2001

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Council green lights State Avenue project

After hours of public testimony from all corners of Marysville's business community, the City Council in July deadlocked 3-3, with the tie broken by Mayor Dave Weiser, to allow the State Avenue improvements project to proceed with Phase I.

"Our commitment to this project remains unchanged," Weiser says. "The improvements as planned will not only beautify downtown and improve traffic flows along State Avenue. By creating places and spaces for vibrant street life, this project will also re-energize downtown Marysville and will build a new-found appreciation of downtown for both current and future residents and visitors."

Changes to the project, in a motion made by Councilmember Donna Pedersen and seconded by Councilmember Mike Leighan, were:

- a) eliminate bulbouts and solid medians from plans;
- b) eliminate left turn lanes via consensus between affected business owners and the City, during Phase II discussions;

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City Directory

The City of Marysville functions best when citizens, through public input and civic involvement, share in the responsibility of how local government performs. Please call the Mayor, City Councilmembers or City staff anytime with your comments, concerns & viewpoints.

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FROM THE MAYOR

How buying in community bolster programs & services

Chances are the last time you finished shopping, you paid little attention to the total sales tax at the bottom of your receipts. While it may not seem like much, collectively, the sales taxes that you and I pay are largely responsible for the programs and services your City provides, such as police, fire, court services, parks and recreation, streets and more.

In fact, a significant portion of every dollar you spend in Marysville comes back into the community to support the local economy. Conversely, every dollar you spend outside Marysville does not.

Retail sales and use taxes (sales tax) are imposed on the sale of most goods and certain services in Marysville. Usually, the tax

is collected from consumers by businesses who, in turn, remit the tax to the state. The state provides the City with its share of these revenues on a monthly basis.

Marysville's sales tax rate is 8.2%. From that 8.2%, the City gets .85% for regular sales taxes and an additional .10% for criminal justice funding. The regular sales tax is split with an estimate of 65% going to the General Fund and 35% going to the Street Fund.

In 2001, City revenues were estimated at \$4.2 million. Revenues for general government purposes were estimated at \$2.1 million, with \$1.3 million dedicated to City streets. By spending locally, you helped Marysville deliver the responsive and effective services, and well maintained public infrastructure, that add value to our community.

Support your local businesses. Make buying local a part of your shopping experience.



Mayor Weiser



**REGISTER NOW
FOR FALL 2001
FREE CLASSES!**

*Classes meet in
Marysville School
District Board Rm.,
4220 80th St. NE*

The City of Marysville invites you to the 3rd year of Marysville University, a free, informal two-night, lively, entertaining public education program offered to engage curious citizens and students

Class I Wednesday, Oct. 24 7-9 p.m.

"A Helpful Homeowner's Course to Building Permits And How to Get Them"

Class II Thursday, Oct. 25 7-9 p.m.

"Get On Board: An Introduction to Snohomish County Community Transit & History of Public Transit"

To reserve your seat call City Hall or e-mail:

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Ruff 'n ready: Police get OK for K-9 program

A proposal to raise funds to establish a Marysville Police two-dog K-9 unit was approved by the City Council on Aug. 13.

"A 24-hour K-9 program will provide public safety, and a valuable tool for community education and public relations," Cmdr. Ralph Krusey says. The cost to start the program is estimated at \$20,060. Police hope to obtain most of the funding through community fundraising and business support. Police have already received gracious commitments of help to meet recurring expenses from Alta's Pet Gallery for dog food and Dr. Tim O'Rourke for veterinary care.

In the past, Marysville has been able to rely on the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and other police agencies during K-9 callouts, but they are not always available or able to respond timely.

For more details call **Sgt. Deryck McLeod at (360) 651-5067** or make donations payable to: **Marysville Police Department Canine Fund, 1635 Grove St. Marysville, WA 98270.**

City buys driving range property

The City of Marysville is currently clearing the 6.2-acre Mulligan's driving range property at Grove Street and 67th Avenue NE that was purchased last May.

Marysville emerged the successful bidder at a May 4 bank foreclosure sale in Everett and became the owners of the property near Cedarcrest Golf Course, Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson says. The City acquired the property for \$599,640.

"We are pleased that the City was able to acquire this sizeable piece of undeveloped property," Swenson says. "While we have not yet decided on a future use for the site, we are excited because it is in a key location."

Swenson says the City will conduct an analysis of future short-term and long-term needs for which the property could be used. To make sure neighboring property owners were kept informed about the property, a community meeting was held, and several residents responded to a questionnaire concerning how the land may best be used. Results will be shared in the near future.

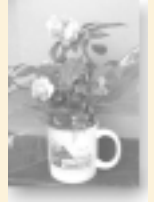
What is MERC?

The acronym *MERC* stands for Marysville Economic Revitalization Committee. The Committee in March 2000 merged the Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development committees. The group's mission is "to enhance resources to provide the quality of life desired by the Marysville community through vigorous pursuit of development & redevelopment of commercial & industrial property, & to promote an entrepreneurial environment within the Greater Marysville area.

"We want to promote a climate of competitive advantages in Marysville that produce a sound, consistent, diversified 'economy of opportunity'," Mayor Dave Weiser says. For more information about the City-business-citizens committee call 651-5021.

Thanks, volunteers!

The City of Marysville wants to thank the 96 volunteers who were recognized at the annual 2000-2001 Marysville Volunteer Appreciation Dinner this summer. Your contributions are one of our community's most precious commodities, and our City staff enjoys working with you!



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| ALICE CORSINO | GEORG PERRIGO | MARY TAHT |
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- c) initiate a new study to address future traffic levels to ensure current plans meet future growth demand;
- d) offer variances to businesses for any existing signage required to be moved because of the project;
- e) reduce the number of sidewalk trees to allow for better business visibility;
- f) choose location of tree placements based on consensus reached between the City and affected business owners;
- g) meet with impacted business and property owners prior to moving ahead with Phase II.

July's vote was the second time that Weiser needed to break a Council tie on the project; the first was in March 2000. Councilmember Shirley Bartholomew was unable to attend the July meeting.

Join Marysville in celebrating Washington WaterWeeks 2001 Sept. 1-Oct. 14

All events & activities listed here are FREE! Join us!



www.waterweeks.org

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours
 Mon.-Fri., Sept. 4-14, 1-3 p.m.
 Treatment Plant, 80 Columbia Ave.
 Tour the 70-acre lagoon-type treatment system. We will explain the principles of this treatment and then tour the facility. For details call Treatment Plant Supervisor Dale Thayer at 651-5131.

Jennings Park Tree Planting
 Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-noon,
 Jennings Park Playfield, 55th Ave. & 70th St. NE.
 Come plant trees to enhance the upland riparian corridor associated with Allen Creek. Meet at the park entrance. For details, call Surface Water Program Engineer Randy Brower at 651-5100.

Exploring the Snohomish River Estuary
 Sat., Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,
 Lower Ebey Slough & Quilceda Creek, public boat launch on First St., below I-5 overpass.
 A leisurely canoe & kayak trip to explore the estuary & inter-tidal wetlands associated with lower Ebey Slough & Quilceda Creek. For details call Brower, 651-5100.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Get a Load of Touch A Truck Saturday, Sept. 15 - free!

You and your family are invited to Touch A Truck on Saturday, Sept. 15 when the Public Works and Police departments, and Marysville Fire District, roll out their big rigs for your kids to touch, sit in, explore and

enjoy!

Touch a Truck will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Allen Creek Elementary School, 6505 60th Drive NE. T-Shirts will be on sale for only \$10. Some of the city's biggest rigs are scheduled to appear including a dump truck, vector truck, boom mower, street sweeper, fire engines, and much more. Don't forget your camera! For more information please call the Parks and Recreation department at 360-651-5085.

Family Fun Run/Walk for Parks Sept. 23

The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department invites you and your family to join us for the 2nd Annual Family Fun Run or Walk for Parks at noon on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Participants can run or walk their choice of either a 3-mile or a 5-mile course. Both courses will start at Jennings Memorial Park and take you through several Marysville neighborhoods and parks. This is a non-competitive run/walk and no times will be kept.

Participants are encouraged to take the time to stop and play at a few of the parks. Advanced Registration is required. Registration cost is \$10 per entrant or \$20 per family (max. of 5 people). Participants will receive a special T-shirt at check-in. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office in Jennings Park. For more information call (360) 651-5085.

11th Annual Turkey Chase Fun Run Nov. 21

Kids in grades Kindergarten-5th are invited to lace up their running shoes and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday by participating in the 11th Annual Turkey Chase Fun Run. This fun, non-competitive event will start at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 at the Jennings Memorial Park Ballfield. All runners will receive a special Turkey Chase T-shirt just for entering, and will earn a chance to win prizes in a random drawing at the end of the run.

DISTANCES

Kindergarten	2 100-yard dashes
1st Grade	1 lap around ballfield
2nd & 3rd Grade	2 laps
4th & 5th Grade	3 laps



Cost to participate is \$8. Advanced registration is required. Forms will be distributed through local schools in mid-October, or you can pick one up at the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road. **PRIZES HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE MARYSVILLE ALBERTSONS GROCERY STORES.**

Parks & Recreation offers many ways to pay

All classes and activities offered through the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department may be paid for by cash, check, money order or major credit card. Unless otherwise specified, please make checks or money order payable to City of Marysville.

Visa and MasterCard users must pay in person at the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road.



Merrysville for the Holidays, Parade on Dec. 1

It's not too early to make plans to bring your family to the 13th Annual Merrysville for the Holidays community celebration and spectacular Electric Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, sponsored by the Marysville Parks and Recreation Department.



Kids of all ages are making sure not to cry or pout, because Santa Claus is coming to town. Thousands of spectators have come out each year to join in the winter carnival festivities. Individuals, service groups, sports organizations & businesses, the ElectricLight Parade is your chance to share your holiday spirit & to show off your decorating flair with holiday lights.



Merrysville for the Holidays welcomes Blues artists, the Blue Berries, playing holiday music from 7-9 p.m.

The parade starts at 6:30 p.m., with parade lineup at 5 p.m. and judging at 6 p.m. Register starting Monday, Oct. 1 until Nov. 27. Forms are available in the Parks Office, 6915 Armar Road. Cost to participate is \$10 per entry. Both walking and motorized entries (must have Proof of Insurance) are welcome.

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

ASAP (After School Activities Program)

ASAP the annual After School Activities Program that gives Marysville Middle School students a safe, easygoing place to be with friends after the day's last bell rings, will open its doors on Oct. 1. Sports, arts and crafts, games, homework help and special events are some of the free fun available. ASAP runs Monday-Thursday, 2:30-5 p.m. in the MMS Cafeteria.

Registration forms are available at the school or park office in Jennings Park. A completed registration form must be on file before any student can participate in the program. Transportation is provided by a school activities bus. Please call the School District transportation office at 653-0835 for information on bus routes prior to your student's first day of attendance. Questions about the program should be directed to Tara Mizell, Recreation Services Manager, at 651-5085.

Recreational Youth Basketball League

Join the fun and weekend excitement by playing youth hoops! It's the 2001-2002 season of the Marysville Parks and Recreation's Youth Basketball League. **This recreational basketball program for boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12**, stresses fundamentals, sportsmanship and fun. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1 at the Parks and Recreation office located in Jennings Memorial Park.

Registration will be taken Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Two special weeknight/weekend registration dates are available for your convenience.



MARYSVILLE
YOUTH
BASKETBALL

SPECIAL WEEKNIGHT/WEEKEND YOUTH BBALL SIGNUPS

Wednesday, Oct. 24	6-8:30 p.m.	Jennings Park
Saturday, Oct. 27	11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Jennings Park

Cost to participate is \$45 for the first family member and \$40 for each additional family member. Volunteer coaches are always needed. All registrations must be returned by Oct. 27.

2001 Youth Soccer Skills Challenge Oct. 8

Interest in youth soccer in the United States and Marysville has grown stronger with each passing year.

Expanded coverage of professional games has helped to create new generations of players who can dream of a possible career in one of the many professional leagues. The Marysville Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to again offer one of the newest sports skill contests to the youth of Marysville. **The 2001 Soccer Skills Challenge** is for boys and girls ages 5-14 years regardless of experience or ability. Boys and girls will compete separately in one of the following age divisions: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The skills involved in the competition are:



AGE CATEGORIES		
BOYS	5-6	GIRLS
	7-8	
	9-10	
	11-12	
	13-14	

- ❖ **Ball Throw-In**
(for distance & accuracy)
- ❖ **Goal shooting**
- ❖ **Kicking**
(for distance & accuracy)
- ❖ **Dribbling**

Points will be awarded in each skill event, with the highest point total in each age/gender division being declared the winner. The event will take place rain or shine on Monday, Oct. 8 at the Marysville Pilchuck Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. **Advanced registration is required.** Cost to participate will be \$10. Registration forms will be supplied to all organized soccer team coaches with U-15 teams or below. Registration forms may also be picked up at the Parks and Recreation office.

The "Soccer Skills Challenge State Championships" will also be held in Marysville in October of 2001. Don't miss your opportunity to participate.

YOUTH CLASSES

Babysitting Basics

Learn the "how to's" of babysitting. Everything from the proper way to hold a child to what to do in an emergency. Topics include: infant/toddler care, play ideas, behavior management, age characteristics, emergency procedures, finding sitting jobs and working with parents. This class meets for two, four hour sessions. \$30 per student. Register at the Parks Office.

Session I - Sept. 29 & Oct. 6 12:45-4:45 p.m.
Session II - Dec. 1 & Dec 8 12:45-4:45 p.m.

Classes will be held at the Marysville Library.

Little Star Playgroup

Little Star Play Group is offered by Marysville Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Camp Fire USA. This program was developed with the needs of 3-5 year olds in mind. Our Little Stars will discover cool things about science, health, transportation, music, art and cooking. Children will be engaged by an adult leader who will be assisted by parent volunteers. All lessons are fun and child centered focusing on the development of language and social skills. The group will meet on Mondays at Jennings Park Memorial Barn beginning Sept. 10.



Session I - Sept. 10-Dec.17 10-10:45 a.m.
Session II - Sept. 10-Dec. 17 11- 11:45 a.m.

Cost per child is \$74. (Optional uniform cost \$10)

KIDS ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES

Art classes: Fun With Art; Drawing & Painting

These fall class offerings will allow your budding artists to express themselves.

Session I - Fun With Art -- ages 6-12

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 Thurs. 4:30-5:30 p.m. \$39

This class combines drawing, painting and craft projects. Students usually will have two or more activities to choose from. Emphasis is on completing projects, rather than on a technique. Most materials for this class will be provided.

Session II - Drawing & Painting -- ages 11 & up

Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 1 Thurs. 5:30-7 p.m. \$49

Students will explore a variety of media, including watercolor and other water media, oils, acrylics, and mixed media. Students may also work in pastel, oil pastel, and colored pencil and will explore mixed media collage as an art form. Students will work at their own level and will have opportunity to learn through experience which medium best suits them.

Classes are held in the Jennings Park Barn. To sign up either class, for or more details, call the Parks Office at 651-5085.

ADULT/YOUTH CLASSES

Soapmaking: A new hobby that's easy to slip into, and useful, too!

Chances are you never thought twice about soap - it was just another bathroom item you added to the shopping list. What you may not know is how creative making your own soap can be. After enrolling in this new class, you will. This Soapmaking course touches on techniques for making vegetable- and glycerin-based soaps. The course will also cover different soap mold options, scenting and coloring. Soap packaging and presentation will be explored as well. When you're finished, you'll leave with packaged soaps you made yourself.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 27
Cost: \$45

Time: 9:00 a.m.-noon
Where: Jennings Barn

For more information about this class, or to receive an informational flyer, call the Parks Office at (360) 651-5085.

SENIOR CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

The Ken Baxter Senior/Community Center (K.B.S.C.C.) at 514 Delta is readying for another busy fall season filled with classes, health and lifestyle consultation, social events, activities and more. Below are just a sample of the programs offered. For complete details call the center at **(360) 651-2555** and get involved today!

CLASSES:	SPECIAL INTEREST:	EVENTS:
Women's billiards	AARP	Potlucks
Clogging	Pinocle	Movies
Aerobics	Needlers	Wed. Entertainment
Genealogy	Mah Jong/Cribbage	Antique Appraisers

Don't forget that K.B.S.C.C. is a valuable resource for information about adult day care, home care providers, subsidized housing, dental, nursing homes, transportation options, employment programs, retirement homes and utility discounts.

Washington Oakes Retirement Home donates 25-passenger van to senior center

Citizens attended a golden moment on July 25 when officials with the City of Marysville's senior community center accepted the keys to a 25-passenger van graciously donated by the Washington Oakes Retirement Home of Everett.

Washington Oakes General Manager David Malloy and its Board of Directors in June informed the City that they wished to donate the 1991 Ford 4350 van to the senior center, which would be the first that Marysville's center has owned since it opened its doors in 1997. The City Council endorsed and welcomed the donation. Washington Oakes is purchasing a newer van with more handicapped-accessible features.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew says the donation is greatly appreciated, and will serve as comfortable transportation for the many trips and outings provided to Marysville senior center members.

Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson, who worked with Washington Oakes to arrange the donation, says, "We wish to thank the Washington Oakes Retirement Center and its Board of Directors for this most generous gift. It's a beautiful van, and we'll put a lot of miles and a lot of memories into it."

The van will provide transportation for various senior events and outings, Swenson says.



Marysville Mayor David Weiser, Washington Oakes resident Audrey Ballew, Marysville Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson and Washington Oakes General Manager David Molloy are pictured with the newly donated senior activities van that will be used by the Ken Baxter Senior/Community Center.) The City might have spent \$30,000 if it were to purchase a brand new van.

PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT UPDATES

Strawberry Fields Athletic Park redesigned

The architectural firm of Hough Beck and Baird was to make a presentation to the Marysville City Council in September to display the revised design of the long-awaited park project located on 152nd Street NE.

Original plans for the multi-use athletic facility required changes due to the institution of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and sighting of a Chinook salmon downstream from the 72-acre park site.

The new design will provide for six soccer fields and three softball fields supported by a trails system, drainage and frontage improvements. Pending approvals from the Council the project design for Phase I could be accomplished for construction efforts to begin next summer. Phase II development would include completion of the softball fields, storage facilities, lighting and miscellaneous features considered to complete the project.

Marysville Skate Park construction nears

The first skate park in Marysville is under way and Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ballew hopes that construction will start this fall.

Ballew is pleased with the amount of contributions that have been made to date and hopes that the donations continue. Nearly \$40,000 dollars has been raised in cash and in-kind contributions that will assist the \$150,000 dedicated by the Marysville City Council for construction. The current project estimate is \$200,000.

Design for the park, located at 1070 Columbia Ave., was finalized at a community meeting in May of this year and has been forwarded to the project architectural firm of Purkiss-Rose in Fullerton, Calif. Civil engineering has been donated

by Ostergaard-Robinson and Associates of Everett. Construction specifications should be completed by the first of October and the project placed to bid soon thereafter. Final delivery of the project documents and weather will dictate our completion schedule, stated Ballew. Citizens interested in assisting with the project are encouraged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department by calling 360-651-5085.

Cedarcrest Golf Course restaurant

Allied Const. is currently under way on the \$877,214 project to renovate the Cedarcrest Golf Course Pro Shop into a full-service indoor/outdoor restaurant, and build a new Pro Shop adjacent to the restaurant. The new Pro Shop expects to open by the end of October, with the restaurant opening by the end of December. Meantime, on course food is available. For more information call (360) 659-3566.



Work is progressing on construction of the new Cedarcrest Golf Course restaurant and relocation of the Pro Shop.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Marysville hires Langdon to top finance post

Marysville didn't need to look far this summer to select the City's new Finance Director, City of Everett Budget Manager Sandy Langdon.



Langdon, of Marysville, has 13 years in governmental accounting and an extensive background in cash flow analysis, forecasting, budgeting, financial analysis, statistical modeling, and financial modeling. Other assets include her development of successful strategies for issuing special revenue bonds and earning favorable bond ratings, as well as expertise in water and sewer utility budgeting.

Langdon Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson says that Langdon's skills in long-range financial planning & capital project planning were key facets that made her the best candidate.

Langdon succeeds Bob Noack, Marysville Interim Finance Director since last year and a longtime south Snohomish County government financial expert. Langdon will manage 11 employees in the Finance and Utility Billing departments, and oversee a \$50.8 million budget, which includes a \$12.8 million general fund.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Nelson named to City Engineer position

Assistant City Engineer Robin Nelson, who managed some of Marysville's most vital public works projects in recent years, was promoted in June to City Engineer. He succeeds former boss, Owen Carter, who accepted a position with his former employer, Snohomish County, as Public Works Engineering Manager. Nelson



hopes to continue fostering the professionalism and accountability that the Engineering division has strived for over the past four years.

"I'm happy to be able to continue with the City, and I am grateful for the trust and confidence that the City Council and administration have placed in me," Nelson says. He says that providing staff with the tools and direction necessary to do their jobs will keep the Engineering division moving in the right direction.

Nelson Nelson joined the City as Project Manager in August 1997, then was promoted to Assistant City Engineer. As Project Manager, Nelson managed the City's Capital Improvement Program and a \$16 million budget.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police officers Wendy Wade and Doug Lee were promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Marysville Police Department, with Wade ready to step in immediately as a Patrol Sergeant, and Lee undergoing additional training to prepare him when he leads the newly-created motorcycle patrol division.

Wade became a school teacher-turned-police officer in 1990 when she was hired by Marysville. Wade augmented her traditional police duties by electing in 1992 to become the department's second D.A.R.E. officer. Two years later, she helped roll out the City's first bicycle officers program. She has also served as a Field Training Officer, detective, and Officer Friendly. Most recently, she returned to the classroom - this time in uniform - when she became the City's first School Resource Officer (SRO), where she was responsible for law enforcement on three school cam-

pus involving about 2,200 students.

Doug Lee joined the Marysville police force in 1989 after spending time as a retail security officer and Everett police reservist.

Before his promotion to sergeant, he had been Acting Patrol Sergeant for six months. "I am looking forward to the challenges ahead," Lee says. "The traffic unit is new to Marysville and will benefit the public with an increased awareness of traffic safety."

Like Wade, Lee has served in the detective unit and the bike patrol program. Most recently, he was part of the City's ALERT team that assisted Seattle during the WTO riots in 1999. He was instrumental in writing and developing the department's Use of Force Model Policy. He is also the department's firearms instructor.

PUBLICWORKS DEPARTMENT

New Edward Springs pump boosts water pressure

The City of Marysville Public Works Department recently completed a Booster Pump Station at the Edward Springs 6.0 Million Gallon Reservoir. The new facility will enhance supply to the north service area during peak demand and/or fire flow events.



Pump tests run last week on the new facility confirmed design expectations with a 20 psi increase in static pressure and improving fire flows from 1500 gpm to over 2500 gpm. The booster pump will automatically

start in the event of a pressure drop below 40 psi. The city has several pressure monitoring stations throughout the north service area. Prior to the completion of the new facility, the city relied on the automatic start-up of the Ranney Well source on the Stillaguamish River. That facility would add approximately 10 psi to the north end pressure, however, was not available during high turbidity levels in the river.

City engineers supervised the project working closely with the city's Utility Maintenance Division. The facility was designed by RH2 Consultant Engineers out of Bothell, Washington with construction beginning in February, 2001 by IMCO Construction out of Bellingham. Total project cost was \$337,000.

To these
City of Marysville
Employees

Happy
Anniversary

15
YEARS

Allen Backstrom, Groundkeeper I, *Sept.*
Gerry Becker, City Clerk, *October*

10
YEARS

Mark Thomas, Police Officer, *September*
Kit Wennersten, Police Officer, *December*

5
YEARS

Larry Buell, Police Officer, *December*
Terry Barlow, Planning Clerk (part-time), *Dec.*

YOUR CITY COUNCIL

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PedersenSuzanne
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Soriano

■ Mayor Pro-tem

JUNE

- ◆ Authorized Mayor to sign lease agreement for Jennings Park caretaker.
- ◆ Authorized Mayor to sign renewal agreement with Snohomish County Center for Battered Women.
- ◆ Voted not to ban sales and discharging of all fireworks, thereby maintaining existing laws that limit fireworks sales and usage to very specific times and dates around the July 4 holiday.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to Allied Const. for \$785,253 for the Cedarcrest Golf Course Restaurant and Pro Shop project.
- ◆ Approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Arlington to provide municipal court services.

JULY

- ◆ Authorized Mayor to sign an agreement with Corona Solutions to conduct a Workforce Allocation Study.
- ◆ Okayed a recommendation by the Marysville TV Advisory Committee to begin televising City Council meetings, and to proceed with a Request for Qualifications to contract with a video production company.
- ◆ Approved an ordinance amending existing ordinances and allowing a one-year extension of the franchise agreement with AT&T Broadband, the City's cable purveyor, to give the City and AT&T time to renegotiate the franchise agreement.
- ◆ Approved a proposal to begin televising City Council meetings once a professional video production firm is hired, and equipment is secured.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Okayed a supplemental agreement with Perteet Engineering for design services on State Avenue and 100th Street NE. Perteet will study and suggest possible modifications to the intersection.
- ◆ Approved labor contracts between the City and Marysville Police Officers Association for Patrol, Sergeants, and Custody/Dispatch officers.

AUGUST

- ◆ Approved a \$7,500 engineering services agreement with Tank Industry Consultants to provide design and preparation of detailed plans for repairing/repainting the Comeford Park watertower, work that is estimated at \$85,000.
- ◆ Authorized purchase of a \$1.3 million Zenon Filtration System for providing additional source treatment (filtration and disinfection improvements) for the Stillaguamish River Ranney Collector System that is the main source of water for Marysville's north end utility customers. The equipment is required to meet sterner state Department of Health drinking water standards.
- ◆ After a public hearing, accepted the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2002-2007. Key projects include reconstructing State Avenue from Ebey Slough to Grove Street and from 100th to 152nd Street NE, widening 116th from I-5 to State, improvements to Sunnyside Boulevard, and installation of five new traffic signals. In 2002, \$4.1 million of the \$6.3 million in project costs will come from grants and support from other agencies.

City Council revises public meetings schedule

The Marysville City Council in June began its new weekly official business meeting schedule that sets work sessions on the 1st & 3rd Monday, and regular meetings the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Bldg., 1635 Grove St.



The Council at a May retreat chose to revise the existing meetings schedule, Chief Administrative Officer Mary Swenson says.

"It is the Council's hope that the changes to the meeting format will facilitate the streamlining of Council business," Swenson says.

Work sessions will generally be informal meetings for fact-finding and more prolonged discussions on topics that will later be brought before the Council for final action.

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