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District 7 Winter 2023 Update



Dear Friends:

Happy Winter! As we head into 2023 and into a new King County budget cycle, I would like to share some information on what was included in the budget, as well as some of the highlights of local events in South King County this winter.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by 'vR'.


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King County 2023-2024 Biennial Budget

On November 15th, the King County Council approved the 2023-2024 biennial budget, focusing on investments in public safety, transit, housing, equitable recovery, and behavioral health. For more information about the budget process, click [here](#).

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2023-2024
BUDGET

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“Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting with Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson

When I first joined the King County Council, I started a monthly breakfast for private and public leaders from across South King County to help us work better together. On October 26th, our guest speaker, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, answered questions about the opioid crisis as well as the surge in local neighborhood crimes, and the impact of chess on his decision-making process.



With Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Auburn Councilmember Larry Brown, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Kent Mayor Dana Ralph

Dick's Drive-In Breaks Ground in Federal Way

Following the announcement of their newest branch in South King County in April, Dick's Drive-in hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on November 2nd in Federal Way for the incoming restaurant at 1928 S Commons. The new location, which is set to open in June 2023, will be the ninth restaurant for the American fast-food company.



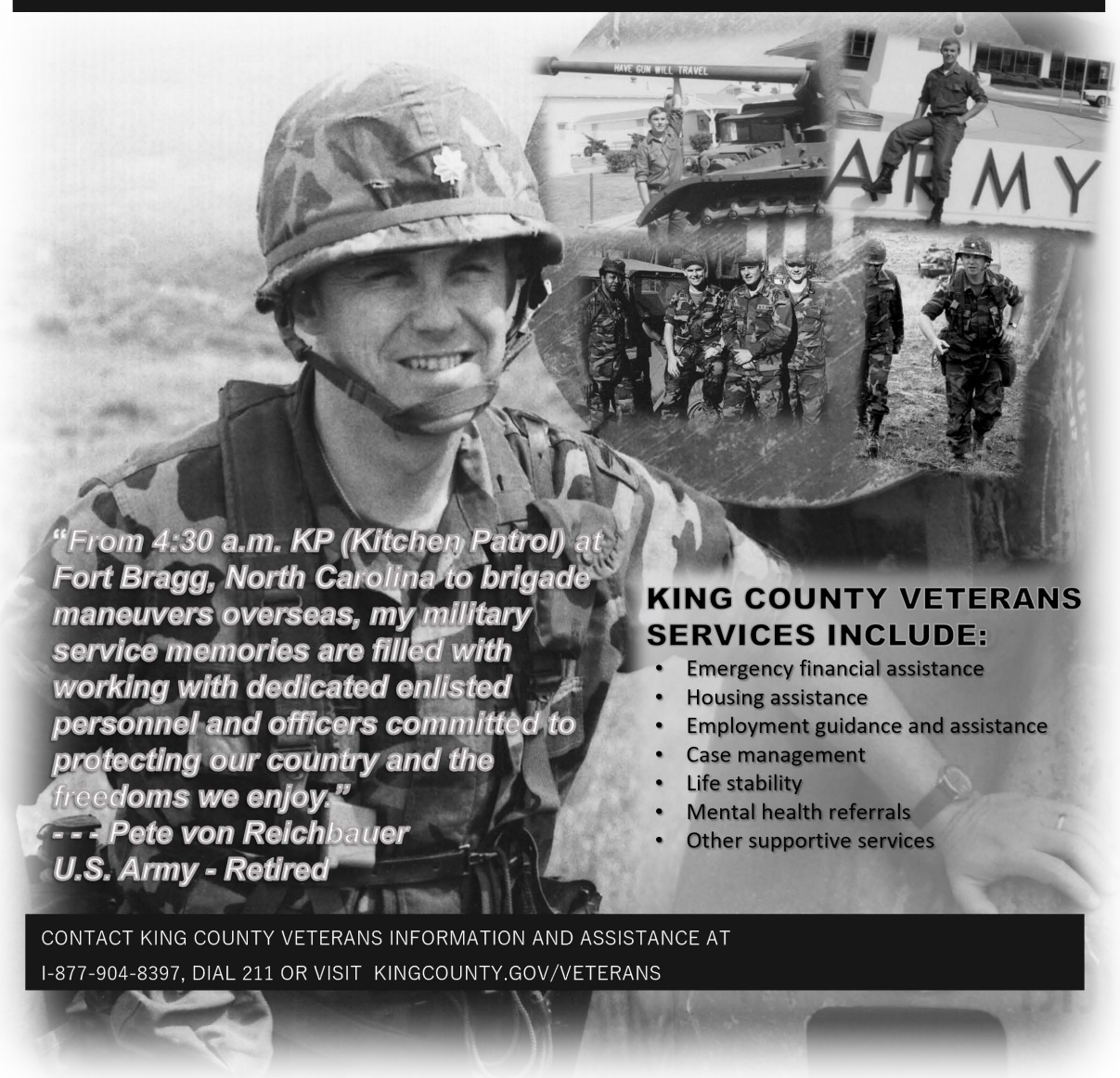
With Jasmine Donovan, president and CEO of Dick's and granddaughter of founder Dick Spady



Mockup of the Dick's Drive-in Federal Way branch

Veterans Day 2022

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“From 4:30 a.m. KP (Kitchen Patrol) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to brigade maneuvers overseas, my military service memories are filled with working with dedicated enlisted personnel and officers committed to protecting our country and the freedoms we enjoy.”

**--- Pete von Reichbauer
U.S. Army - Retired**

KING COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Emergency financial assistance
- Housing assistance
- Employment guidance and assistance
- Case management
- Life stability
- Mental health referrals
- Other supportive services

CONTACT KING COUNTY VETERANS INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AT
1-877-904-8397, DIAL 211 OR VISIT KINGCOUNTY.GOV/VETERANS

Federal Way High School's Pre-Apprenticeship Program

When I graduated from Clover Park High School, graduates had few pathways to success, so I was happy to find money in the King County budget to kickstart a pre-apprenticeship program at Federal Way High School. On November 14th, I joined Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Rep. Jesse Johnson, FWPS Board Director Hiroshi Eto, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, and others at the dedication of the program's new outdoor courtyard.

To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.fwps.org/PreApprenticeship>.



With Rep. Jesse Johnson, FWPS Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer and FWPS Board Director Hiroshi Eto, and FWHS student apprentices Braxton, Madison and Alexa

A Tour of the Auburn Avenue Theater

Badly damaged by a fire in 2021, the city of Auburn is moving ahead with plans to renovate and refurbish the Auburn Avenue Theater. As part of the King County budget, I was pleased to be able to secure \$100,000 in funds to help with the project. A vibrant entertainment center is an important part of a thriving downtown and I enjoyed touring the rehabilitation project and seeing the progress that has been made.



With city of Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber in December

A Tour of the Auburn Valley Humane Society

On December 5th, I visited the Auburn Valley Humane Society with Sharon LaVigne to learn about their current work bringing 2-legged and 4-legged friends together, as well as tour their successful adoption center. Sharon's work has led to over 12,500 animals finding new homes! While I was there, King County Animal Control Officer Silvia Perez showed me how she transfers animals to the Society for care. I also had the chance to "confer" with Legolas the Husky!



With Auburn Valley Humane Society Director of Philanthropy Sharon LaVigne and Animal Control Officer Silvia Perez

A Tour of Pacific City Park and Gymnasium

I toured the city of Pacific's new outdoor fitness equipment and gymnasium. In addition to their modern playground, basketball court, stage and picnic area, their outdoor equipment has everything you need to start your new year's resolution, if you can stand the cold!



With Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier and Community Services Manager Kevin Caviezel

Kiwanis Club of Federal Way

I was pleased to attend and speak to members of the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way at their December lunch meeting at Puerta Vallarta Mexican Restaurant. At a time of uncertainty, the Kiwanis Club is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Over the years, I have been proud to support the work of the Kiwanis Club by providing grants for their annual fundraisers. As a former President of the Kiwanis Club and a current member, the Kiwanis club is a vital part of keeping our community strong and I appreciate their tireless work year after year.



With John Schneider, Linda Persha and members of the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way on December 7th

2022 Holiday Leadership Reception

After a two-year hiatus, I was pleased to return to KOAM-TV for my annual South King County Holiday Leadership reception. Our speaker, Seo Eunji, the Consul General for the Republic of Korea in the PNW, spoke about the importance of our economic and cultural ties. It was a great chance to look back at 2022 and reflect, as well as enjoy great company, great music, and great food, including Ivar's clam chowder! Thanks to all who joined us! #FelizNavidad #MerryChristmas #HappyHolidays



With King County Assessor John Wilson, King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci, Korean Consul General to the PNW Seo Eunji, and Auburn Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj

“Good Eggs” Breakfast Meeting with WSDOT Secretary Roger Millar

On December 14th, Washington State Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar came up from Olympia to join us at our December “Good Eggs” Meeting in Auburn. Roger engaged our audience in a give-and-take discussion about the challenges facing our transportation system as our region grows. Roger presented his proposals to improve safety, including modernizing our roads and bridges.



With Federal Way Superintendent Dani Pfeiffer, Sec. of Transportation Roger Millar, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly

Amazon Housing Equity Fund Initiative

I had the opportunity to meet with Amazon Housing Equity Fund Director Catherine Buell to discuss Amazon's latest investment in affordable homes in the Puget Sound region, particularly in Federal Way. Since the Fund's creation, Amazon has committed over \$500 million in loans and predevelopment grants to create or preserve over 5,000 affordable homes in the Puget Sound region. 334 of these homes are in a new development at Redondo Heights in Federal Way, made possible with a \$20 million low-rate loan to support construction in partnership with Shelter Resources.



With Amazon Housing Equity Fund Director Catherine Buell

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