

## King County Councilmember

# Kathy Lambert

District 3

Spring 2006



Thank you to all of you who participated in my recent Town Hall meetings in North Bend, Issaquah and Sammamish. I appreciate your input on the topics important to our communities.

In my new role as Policy Chair for Human Services, I will be focusing on affordable housing and hosting a Housing Availability Summit this spring. As Vice Chair of the Operating Budget Committee, I will be looking at more ways to be proactive in controlling criminal justice expenses, which use nearly three-quarters of the operating budget. Our work this year also includes efficiently prioritizing the Veterans and Human Services Levy funding that voters so generously approved last November.

Although my new district is the largest in the county, I aim to visit every community as frequently as possible. I serve on many committees and boards with meetings throughout the county and in Olympia. With so much happening in our district, I try to use time on the road productively with two cell phones (hands-free), to remain accessible between events and meetings!



### King County activates 211 phone service

Washington now joins 32 other states with 211 service. This free phone network using an easy-to-remember three-digit number connects callers with community social service resources through the Crisis Clinic. The staff is trained to refer callers to the appropriate service providers for housing, health, medical and other needs.

### Artrain USA coming to Skykomish April 29 & 30

Artrain USA is an art museum housed in vintage rail cars bringing world class art exhibitions and education programs to communities and their residents. The Town of Skykomish is delighted to host Artrain's Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture, a collection of contemporary Native American artworks April 29 to May 2. This powerful exhibition is open to school groups, clubs, organizations and the general public. The public is welcome April 29 & 30. Other days are reserved for school groups. Please call Skykomish Town Hall, 360-677-2388, for more information or for school group tours.

### Farmers markets are beginning!

With the advent of spring comes a whole new crop of farmers markets, some returning and some making their first debut. More information about farmers markets and local produce is available from Puget Sound Fresh, <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/farms/> or 206-296-7824. Here are some local markets:

**Carnation Farmers Market** – Opens May 2; Tuesdays, 3 to 7 pm; Highway 203 at Tolt Avenue & Bird Street; 425-880-6681

**Duvall Farmers Market** – Opens May 3; Wednesdays, 3 to 7 pm; McCormick Park parking lot; [www.cityofduvall.com](http://www.cityofduvall.com)

**Issaquah Public Market** – Opens April 15; Saturdays, 9 am to 2 pm; Pickering Barn, 1730 - 10th Avenue NE; 425-837-3311

**Kirkland Wednesday Market** – Opens May 3; Wednesdays, 11 am to 4 pm; Park Lane East; 425-485-1042

**North Bend Farmers Market** – Opens June 29; Thursdays, 4 to 8 pm; Si View Park, SE Orchard Drive; 425-831-1900

**Redmond Saturday Market** – Opens May 6; Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm; 7730 Leary Way at Bear Creek Parkway; 425-556-0636

**Woodinville Farmers Market** – Opens May 6; Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm; Old City Hall at NE 175th Street; 425-585-1042

### August primary elections begin in 2007

More changes are coming to elections following the numerous problems revealed during the 2004 governor's race. Here are a couple of changes to watch for:

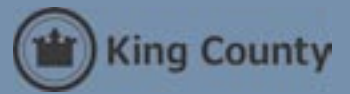
**Earlier Primary:** The state Legislature moved the primary election four weeks earlier, to the third Tuesday in August, starting in 2007.

**All-Mail Elections?** The County Council soon will consider a proposal to make all elections vote-by-mail only, as 70% of our voters already vote this way. However, as a poll voter myself, I have some concerns. Public hearings will be conducted.

Remember that King County still needs poll workers to help run our elections. For additional information, call 206-296-VOTE, or toll-free 1-800-325-6165.



We appreciate your suggestions as we strive to make county government more efficient and accountable. I invite you to contact my office anytime you need information or assistance with King County issues. You can find out about future district meetings on my website at [www.metrokc.gov/lambert](http://www.metrokc.gov/lambert) or by subscribing to my e-mail update list at [kathy.lambert@metrokc.gov](mailto:kathy.lambert@metrokc.gov), or call my office anytime at 206-296-1003.



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### Committee Assignments

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Operations Budget - Vice Chair  
Legislative Steering  
Employment  
Regional Transit  
Regional Policy  
Regional Water  
Board of Health

## Explaining the 2006 King County Budget



More than three-fourths of the \$3.46-billion county budget is dedicated by law to specific funds. These “dedicated funds” must be used for certain capital improvements, solid waste disposal, public transportation, wastewater treatment, mental health services, veterans’ services, employee benefits, and other special levy services. Dedicated funds total

approximately \$2.9 billion of the budget.

The county’s General Fund, which is the remaining \$580 million, supports the day-to-day operations of county services that are largely unsupported by dedicated revenues. Over 70% of the General Fund is devoted to Law, Safety and Justice Services. The rest of the budget is directed toward human service programs, parks, and the operation of county government (see pie-chart).

I worked to include funding for the following projects in the Snoqualmie Valley in the 2006 general fund budget:

- Carnation:** City Hall renovation and updates
- Duvall:** Tourist destination street signs, YMCA’s youth programs

## New consumer protection law

As a member of the Legislative Steering Committee and a former state legislator, I continue to follow the work being done in Olympia. I am proud to report that a new consumer protection law was passed this session. Senator Bill Finkbeiner’s bill makes it a felony to sell private cell phone and telephone numbers and records to a third party without the owner’s permission. I brought this issue to his attention, and I appreciate his successful work on this bill.

## New logos in the Valley: Duvall and Fall City



*Duvall is proud to unveil its new city logo after holding a community logo design contest earlier this year.*

The Fall City Community Association is pleased to announce a Fall City logo contest. Anyone is welcome to submit a logo design that represents the character and charm of the Fall City Community. Submission deadline is May 31. The winner will receive \$250, with runners-up receiving \$50. Information packets are at Farmers Insurance in Fall City, or contact Nancy White at 425-222-4895 or [contest@fallcity.org](mailto:contest@fallcity.org).

at the Duvall Youth Recreation Center, and sidewalk improvements

**Fall City:** New ball fields for the Snoqualmie Valley Little League

**North Bend:** Capital improvements to the North Bend Fire Station and the Meadowbrook Farms Interpretive Center

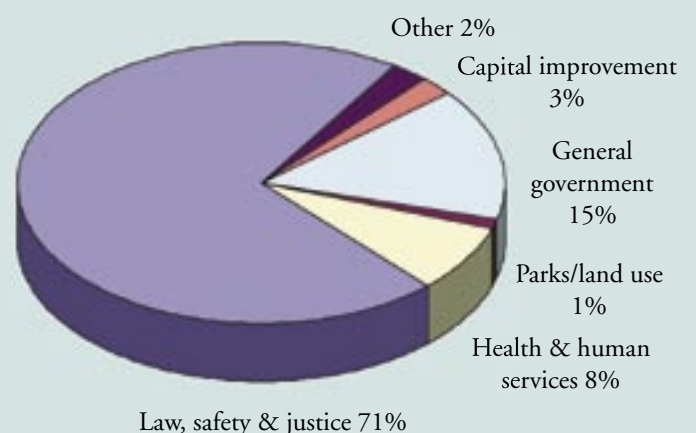
**Preston:** Ball field development

**Skykomish:** City contracting needs

**Snoqualmie Valley Adult Day Center:** Senior Center services

**4-H:** Exhibit expenses at the King County Fair

### Summary of General Fund expenditures



## More commute options from Duvall

Duvall Mayor Will Ibershof and King County Metro are pleased to announce a grant-funded partnership promoting VanPool and VanShare services for Duvall residents. VanShare, a new service, is a “short trip” rideshare option used to access bus routes to Kirkland, Bellevue, downtown Seattle, and the U-District from the Bear Creek Park & Ride.

Duvall residents who become new VanPool or VanShare riders can receive a financial incentive valued up to \$300. Mayor Ibershof encourages residents to contact Randall Williams, 206-263-5267 or [randall.williams@metrokc.gov](mailto:randall.williams@metrokc.gov) for full details.