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Public Safety

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: SKAGIT FIRST STEP

Guests: Tina Tate, Executive Director of Friendship House

Summary: A conversation about the temporary Homeless Cabin community in Burlington, WA known as First Step. The facility is managed by The Friendship House.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: FEMA Disaster Assistance

Guests: Tiana, Super FEMA media relations specialist

Summary: A discussion of the disaster assistance center recently opened in Sedro Woolley to register flood victims of November's flooding.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, January 21, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Dan Berenson

Guests: Dan Berenson, Public Works Director, Skagit County, retiring

Summary: A review of the purview of the Public Works Dept in Skagit County and the projects both completed and underway.

Health

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, January 14, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Covid Report

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A report on current Covid numbers, hospitalizations and covid antivirals soon to be available.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, January 28, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A report on current infection metrics and the difference between pandemic and endemic.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, February 4, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A report of our county Covid-19 caseload, changes coming to the testing centers and more.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, February 11, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A report on Covid-19 in Skagit County, with clarification that Covid counting is not a cover for other deaths. Immunocompromised people are still in danger. Vaccinations are important.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A COVID-19 Update from all perspectives.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, February 25, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A conversation about declining numbers of Covid-19 infections in our county, but a reminder we should all be cautious. There is a new variant headed our way. Also, an explanation of what the Public Health Department does.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, March 4, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A review of the color-coding metric being used to identify contagion levels in our state. Also, the relocation of the county testing site.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, March 11, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: COVID-19 UPDATE

Guests: Dr Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A discussion of the lifting of the mask mandates this week. A discussion of Long Covid. The relocation of the testing site to the old mall, near the closed Johnny Carino's restaurant.

Education

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, February 10, 2022 5:30 – 6:00 PM

Title: Boys and Girls Club Skagit County

Guests: Stacy Ortiz, Director of Marketing and Deena Kindred, volunteer and mentoring coordinator.

Summary: A chat about programs available to boys and girls in Club Skagit County.

Agriculture

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: February 10, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Spring Vegetables

Guests: Harriet Custer, WSU Master Gardener

Summary: A conversation about getting ready for Spring Gardening.

Local Economy and Labor Issues

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, February 3, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Port of Skagit County

Guests: Sara Young, Executive Director of the Port of Skagit County

Summary: A discussion of challenges and changes at the Port of Skagit County.

Quality of Life and the Arts

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, January 13, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: The Rose Parade

Guests: Ramon Rivera, Mt Vernon High School Band Instructor

Summary: A recap of the participation of Mr. Rivera as a member of an All-Directors Marching Band in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Rose Parade, 2022. A unique opportunity.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, March 3, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Skagit County Historical Museum

Guests: Jo Wolfe, Executive Director of the SCH museum

Summary: a conversation concerning up-coming exhibits, including Tom Robbins, Tom Walch and the Skagit Barn Tour.

Special Topics

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Skagit First-Step Homeless Shelter, Burlington, WA

Guests: Steve Sexton, Mayor of Burlington, WA

Summary: A review by the mayor as to how the shelter came to be, and what it is providing to the community.

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Date Aired: Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: SKAGIT TRANSIT

Guests: Cheryl Willis, Marketing and Public Affairs specialist for Skagit Transit

Summary: A conversation concerning the bus food drive and what's new with transit routes and policies.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, March 25, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: Wildflowers in Winter, Author chat

Guests: Naomi Wark, author

Summary: A discussion of the content of the novel, with particular attention to the content concerning Alzheimer's and the aged in our families and communities. The plot is drawn from the author's lived experiences with a family member with Alzheimer's.

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Date Aired: Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:30-6:00 PM

Title: The Tulip Festival 2022

Guests: Cindy Verge, Executive Director of the Tulip Festival

Summary: A conversation about festival events upcoming, with changes mindful of Covid-waning concerns.