

## UPDATE December 12, 2006

### SULTAN "STUFF" --

- **State Auditor Report for City of Sultan** will be presented at the beginning of this Thursday's (7 PM, 12/14) council meeting.
- Also on tap before the meeting -- beginning at 6:00 PM -- will be hearings on **2006 budget amendments** and a hearing re the **creation a new Sultan utility -- Surface Water (Quality)** -- which will add an additional \$3.50-\$15.00 per month to residents' utility bills.
- **Sultan's Boys and Girls Club needs** the (tax deductible) donations listed below. Please contact Marci Owens at the Boys and Girls Club at 360.7931070 or 360.793.2515.
  - Vacuum Cleaner
  - CD Player or "Boom Box" for Teen Center
  - Couches and Love Seats for Day Care
  - Area Rugs for Day Care
- **The Snohomish County Council** received pro and con testimony yesterday at its 2006 Comprehensive Plan docketing hearing. Two proposals which will expand Sultan's UGA were considered for Sultan, both of which were rejected in December, 2005, but remanded back for a second time at the request of the City:
  - A 40-acre annexation of land ("Tortorice") at the northeast corner of 132nd. St. SE and Sultan Basin Road
  - A 60-acre annexation north of 124th St. SE which has attracted a consortium of developers, located its western dead-end on which the city is planning to build 200 homes.

The Tortorice property is an acceptable and logical expansion of the City's UGA, but the 60-acre request is anything but: No sewer lines exist in the area. Also, city vehicles servicing future homes, and their future residents, would have to exit the city limits at 132nd St. SE, travel north 1/2 mile on the county-owned Sultan Basin Road to 124th, then turn left/west onto County-owned 124th and travel another 1/2 mile before it can re-enter the Sultan city limits. If annexed, there is no guarantee that the below-standard 124th Street county road would require to be upgraded, nor is there any guarantee or requirement for either the city or the county to improve Sultan Basin Road from 124th south to 132nd St. and/or improve the dangerous 124th/SBR intersection, where substantial safety concerns exist (on 124th's east side at SBR) because of site distance problems. (Details of these proposals are on our website, [www.ittakesgrit.org](http://www.ittakesgrit.org))

**Note:** The county council also heard a UGA expansion request for the **City of Gold Bar** for 193 acres and to rezone from RR-5 to ULDR-3 (Urban Low Density Residential).

### U. S. 2 "STUFF" --

- **U. S. 2 Safety Coalition Chairman (Sultan Police Chief) Fred Walser will present** to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce luncheon today at the Rock Church, 146th St. S. E. in the Monroe Fryelands industrial park (catered by Nana Carmelas Italian Restaurant). Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served from noon - 1:00 PM.
- **U. S. 2's RDP Corridor Working Group met yesterday** and initially prioritized the top projects rated by group members as the most important. This preliminary list will be issued by WSDOT within a few days, announced via the Coalition's email distribution list. **Note:** If you wish to receive U. S. 2 Safety Coalition email updates to keep apprised of the status of U. S. 2 issues, please send a subscribing email: [safetycoalition@seanet.com](mailto:safetycoalition@seanet.com).
- **"U. S. 2 -- Fix it NOW!"** (see below photo) bumper stickers are available now - please contact us, or the Coalition, either via email ([safetycoalition@seanet.com](mailto:safetycoalition@seanet.com)) or Chief Walser (360-793-1051, ext. 223) or L. Storm 360-793-6683. Please advise how many stickers you'd like to have and where they should be sent. (Or you can attend next Monday's Coalition meeting at 7 PM; we'll have a supply there.)
- **U. S. 2 Safety Coalition Meeting - Monday, 12/18, 7 PM, 319 Main Street:** The Coalition's featured speaker will be Tom Gathmann, Managing Engineer for the City of Monroe, who will

present an alternative bypass solution to the one offered by WSDOT in October. (Visit the Coalition's website for an agenda and past meeting minutes: [www.us2safetycoalition.org](http://www.us2safetycoalition.org) )

**And speaking of Chambers of Commerce luncheons and meetings**, the Sky Valley Chamber (Sultan, Gold Bar, other East Valley areas) meets the first Wednesday of every month at 12 Noon at the Dutch Cup Restaurant in Sultan.

Travel Safely, Loretta Storm, Co-founder, [ittakesgrit.org](http://ittakesgrit.org)

**US2 BUMPER STICKER:**

