

# Hwy 3 widening project will go to bid this month

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The Washington Department of Transportation plans to go to bid on its long-awaited Highway 3 widening project in Belfair by the end of March, with the goal to finish the 1.5-mile project by fall 2016.

The first phase of the project will focus on widening the center turn lane and adding sidewalks to .8 miles in the southern end of Belfair, from Sweetwater Creek at Belfair Elementary to Romance Hill Road.

The entire project aims to make improvements along Highway 3 as far north as Ridge Point Boulevard near McDonald's. However, WSDOT can only focus on the portion of the highway that Belfair Water District has finished work on, WSDOT project engineer Michele Britton said.

The water district is the last utility company to move its utilities outside of the state's right of way and is nearly finished moving its waterline on the section of the highway from Sweetwater Creek to Romance Hill Road, Britton shared with North Mason business members, March 4.

"Our contract is going to be written so that we'll give the contractors the portion of the highway that Belfair Water has completed until such a date that we think the water company is going to be finished relocating their system in the north half of the highway to McDonald's," Britton said.

Realistically, construction on the widening project will not begin until after the Fourth of July and construction on the second half from Romance Hill Road to Ridge Point Boulevard wouldn't start until mid-August, Britton added.

The extensive project also includes creating three stormwater management drainage ponds on the western side of the highway, near Romance Hill Road, to account for the runoff from the new sidewalks, as well as further drainage improvements to the north.

The light at Belfair Elementary will undergo some improvements and WSDOT will also create more ADA-accessible sidewalk ramps at the Clifton Road intersection.

Culverts at Belfair Creek will be realigned and a new culvert will be put in at Romance Hill to realign a stream, Britton said.

Sidewalks and an enlarged shoulder will also extend on both sides of the highway.

The WSDOT contractor will be given 250 working days to complete the entire project, which does not include weekends or bad weather days, Britton added.

The contractor will also not be able to work during the day and will complete most of its work at night.

"I would be willing to bet that we go into next summer," Britton said. "Due to permit obligations, we can't finish the Romance Hill culvert until 2016."

## Pioneer School District establishes bond advisory committee

SHELTON — The voters of Pioneer School District passed a school construction bond in February 2015. The bond was for an addition to the Primary School and a new Pioneer Middle School.

The district is establishing a Pioneer Bond Advisory Committee (PBAC) to help communicate with the public, review expenditures, develop/review the design and provide feedback during the selection of firms.

The Pioneer school board and superintendent will appoint 11 members to the PBAC team. Membership includes: two Pioneer school board members, the super-

intendent, one member of the Pioneer Education Association (PEA), three community members, one public school employee, one parent and two school principals.

Duties of PBAC include informing the public, reviewing expenditures, development and review during the design process and providing feedback to the school board during the selection process.

To volunteer to perform the duties in respect to the 2015 Pioneer School Bond, individuals need to complete an application for membership.

The school board will receive and evaluate all applications and will select community members to serve. Selection will be made to create a committee body that is diverse and representative of the Pioneer School District community.

Selections are at the sole discretion of the board and superintendent. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m., March 26. Selection and notification will be announced by April 3.

For a PBAC application or more information, go to the district's website [www.psd402.org](http://www.psd402.org) or contact Superintendent Martin Brewer at [mbrewer@psd402.org](mailto:mbrewer@psd402.org) or 426-9115, ext. 3.

  
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## OBITUARIES



### Margaret Lorraine Snider

OF BELFAIR

OCT. 2, 1928 TO FEB. 26, 2015

Margaret Lorraine Snider, age 86, of Belfair, Wash., passed away in Tacoma, Wash. on Feb. 26, 2015.

Margaret was born on Oct. 2, 1928 in St. Louis, Mo. to Emmett and Virginia Braun. After graduating from Bremerton High School in 1946, Margaret attended Olympic College where she graduated with her AA in accounting.

Margaret married her late husband, Lawrence Dwayne Snider, on Aug. 8, 1948. She worked as a floral designer at Forget-Me-Not Florist (previously located on Pacific Avenue in Bremerton) for 44 years, retiring in 1990.

She was an active member of the Lady Elks (Lodge 1181) in Bremerton, the Retreads, and PEO Chapter CM. Margaret was also an avid Seahawks fan and was a plank-owner Season Ticket holder. She was very active in her church, Christ Lutheran Church, and vol-

unteered with quilt making. Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne; her brothers, Fred and Jim; and both of her parents.

She is survived by her daughters, Jeanne Misemer and Debbie Wills (Scott), both from Bremerton; her grandchildren, Melissa Pulu (Marty Chavez), Sherri Cooney (Marty), Robert Knox, and Joshua Wills (Sarah); her great-grandchildren, Alecia, Brittney, Janine, Olivia, Robbie, Jobe, Ben, Daemon, and Baby Boy Wills; and her great-great-grandchild, Aiden.

A memorial service was held in Margaret's honor at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2015 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair Wash.

Arrangements made by Lewis Funeral Chapel.

To see her full life story visit [www.lewischapel.com](http://www.lewischapel.com).

### Sharon Lee Danger

OF BELFAIR

NOVEMBER 8, 1951  
TO FEBRUARY 22, 2014

Sharon L. Danger, 62, of Belfair, died Feb. 22, 2014, in Belfair.

She was born Nov 8, 1951, in Seattle. She was a gentle heart and a loving soul. She was a free spirit.

A Celebration of Sharon's Life will be Tuesday, March 4, noon to 5 p.m. at the Lofthus residence in Belfair. Online memorial at [www.rill.com](http://www.rill.com).



### Cathy Ann Aries

OF SEATTLE

JULY 9, 1957 TO FEB. 15, 2015

Cathy (Johansen) Aries, 57, died Feb. 15, 2015, in Bellevue. She was a 20-year resident of Shelton.

She was born July 9, 1957, to Bill and Carol (Bloomingtondale) Johansen in Seattle.

Cathy married Ken Aries in June of 1979; the couple were married until 1994.

She worked for the United States Forest Service in Hoodspport.

Cathy loved her family, friends, baking, gardening, sunbathing, reading, soap operas and enjoyed her family's cabin.

She is survived by her son, James of Bellevue; daughter, Chrissa Maier of Bremerton; three grandchildren; her parents, Bill and Carol Johansen of Belfair; and brothers, Bryan Johansen of Poulsbo, Steve Johansen of Olympia and Billy Johansen of Belfair.

A memorial was held at 2 p.m., March 7th, at the Mary E. Theler Community Center in Belfair. Inurnment will be at the Satsop Cemetery in Grey's Harbor County.

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