



**Commissioner  
Josh W. Brown**



### Next Steps for CK Community Campus

Recently the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners entered into an agreement with the Kitsap Regional Library District to conduct a feasibility study to find out if enough financial support exists in the community to build a new facility in Silverdale for the Kitsap Regional Library system on the community campus.

While this is just a first step, it's an important one. The goal to have a new library facility located on the community campus goes back 10 years to when the idea of a community campus was first discussed. A new facility creates the cultural and civic hub we desire along with the priority use of the campus we seek.

Kitsap County also entered into an agreement with the Seattle Foundation to determine the level of interest in the community for a new performing arts venue also on the community campus.

The study for the performing arts center should be completed within a few weeks and we anticipate the feasibility study for the proposed library being completed by June.

### Transfer of Newberry Hill Park to Kitsap County Complete

A long awaited goal for our community is now complete. On December 6th, the state Board of Natural Resources voted 6-0 to approve the transfer of ownership of a 304-acre connecting parcel of the Newberry Hill Heritage Park to Kitsap County.

Combined with the portions of the park to the north and to the south, Newberry Hill Heritage Park is now 1,071 acres of protected land adjacent to Klahowya Secondary School.

Beyond maintaining the existing trails, future plans include the installation of horseback riding trails, hiking only trails along with the decommissioning of old trails that currently reside in a wetland in the park. Funds for the installation of viewing platforms are also being raised. The park will be maintained by the Newberry Hill Stewardship Committee.



### Open Office Hours with Commissioner Brown

Central Kitsap County Commissioner Josh Brown will be at the Silverdale Library on Tuesday, January 24 for "Open Office Hours," to meet with citizens to listen to their ideas and concerns.

"Open Office Hours" are open to all residents and will run from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Hess Meeting room of the Silverdale Library located at 3450 NW Carlton St in Old Town Silverdale. No appointment is necessary. Visitors will be welcomed on a first-come basis and can talk to Commissioner Brown about any topic related to county government.

For more information, please call 360-337-7080.