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““No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care”
~Theodore Roosevelt



“When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.”
~Ernest Hemmingway



“Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will.”~Pope Paul VI

Listening....

When I am struggling, especially with doing something for the first time, it is really easy for me to get over-whelmed with information and shut-down. I have learned to stop thinking so much and sit back and reflect on the bigger picture. This week our professional organization is meeting for our annual strategic planning retreat and it is an event I have always looked forward to attending. This will be my first time attending it as the State President and have felt the burden of responsibility to make sure everyone's voice is heard and that polarizing issues are addressed and acknowledged without, “going down the rat-hole”. So I have some fear and trepidation walking into this but know if I truly listen to all points of view, pray for a little guidance and reflect on our organizations goals and mission. It will all work out perfect and we can emerge more focused and energized.



November Fun Facts.... ‘Predictions’

November is hands down the least desirable month to be in Seattle. Every year it seems we break new records for the amount of rain, wind, sleet and even snow. It is the month that is just completely miserable with the weather changing from bad to worse each day. I have to admit I am happy to see the rain back for now. Everything was so parched.

As I said in September I am still going with the prediction of a snowy and cold winter in our area.

What's Growing on... News & Noteworthy

We have blown out most of the irrigation systems but have a handful that will be wrapped up this week.

Our winter mowing schedule goes into effect this week. We will only be mowing (weather permitting) twice monthly.

The winter mowing schedule is:

November 9 - 13, 2015
November 16 - 20, 2015
November 30 - December 4, 2015
December 14 - 18, 2015
December 21, 2015
January 11 - 15, 2016
January 25 - 29, 2016
February 8 - 12, 2016
February 22 - 26, 2016