

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Snohomish County Children's Commission seeks new members

Snohomish County residents interested in the needs and issues facing children and families are asked to apply for membership on the [Snohomish County Children's Commission](http://www.snoco.org).

The Snohomish County Children's Commission is a group of 25 members who serve as advisors on issues of health, safety and welfare of children. The commission's mandate is to act in an advocacy role on behalf of children of Snohomish County.

"The Children's Commission is a strong voice of protection for the youth living in Snohomish County and statewide," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "It has been an integral part of the conversation geared toward stopping bullying and ending gangs."

Members, who are recommended by the County Executive and appointed by the County Council, serve a four-year term and represent health and human services, law and justice, education, business and labor, children and youth, parents, minorities, elected officials and concerned citizens.

Commissioners are expected to make a commitment of time and energy, including:

- **Attendance at monthly Children's Commission meetings:** The Children's Commission meets on the last Wednesday of the months of January through June, September and October, from 4-6 p.m., in Everett. An annual retreat occurs in August, and the November/December meetings are combined into the first week of December due to holidays. Smaller committee groups meet according to need.
- **Participation on at least one Children's Commission project, activity or committee:** Ad hoc committees are formed and meet as needed. Research and development work are conducted through forums, public hearings and a strong committee structure. Members have the opportunity to choose and work on the committee(s) where their strengths can be best utilized.
- **Doing the work of an advocate:** Advocacy work takes on a variety of forms including legislative efforts, active involvement in resolving local issues or speaking out at meetings held in public session. Commissioners are expected to be visible influences in the community, advocating on behalf of children and representing the commission

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

in the community.

Residents interested in becoming a member must first attend three Children's Commission meetings before they can apply. Applications may be printed directly from the Snohomish County Children's Commission [website](#).

County parks employee honored by state association

Bob Leonard, maintenance supervisor at the [Evergreen State Fairgrounds](#), has been honored with a Washington Recreation and Parks Association award.



Leonard was selected by members as the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) Resource Section for its 2012 Resource Section Outstanding Professional of the Year.

"It's always pleasing to see Snohomish County employees honored for their work," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "They care about this community, and that shows through the work they do as well as their volunteer efforts."

Presented at the annual WRPA conference in May, the award recognizes outstanding parks field staff for going above and beyond their normal work responsibilities to make a positive contribution to their community. Leonard served as the Resource Section Chair in 2011 and was instrumental in creating an annual scholarship available to any park department field staff statewide to attend the Pacific Northwest Resource Management School in Port Townsend each year.

Award-winning ocean film gets Snohomish County viewing

The Snohomish County [Marine Resources Advisory Committee](#) will host a premiere screening of "Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship" on June 21 at the [Everett Performing Arts Center](#).

In conjunction with the city of Everett, the free screening will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m with a panel discussion following the showing. Panelists will include John Mohr, Port Director, Port of Everett; Kit Rawson, Conservation Science Program Manager, Tulalip Tribes; and, Andrea Copping, Senior Program Manager, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

"Ocean Frontiers" will take you on an inspiring 60-minute voyage to seaports and watersheds across the country; from the busy shipping lanes and whale corridors of Boston Harbor to the small fishing community of Port Orford, Ore.; from the nation's premier seafood nursery in the Mississippi Delta to the cornfields of Iowa.

Hear the voices of unlikely allies working together: industrial shippers teaming up with whale biologists, pig farmers with wetland ecologists, and many more, all of them embarking on a new course of cooperation.

Aaron Reardon

As the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda is being updated, “Ocean Frontiers” is an opportunity to see how residents and businesses can work together to ensure a thriving Puget Sound economy as well as a clean and healthy Puget Sound ecosystem.

“Ocean Frontiers” is an Official Selection of the 2012 Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Nevada City, Calif., as well as a jury nomination for Best Science Communication and Official Selection for the 2012 Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival in Palmerston, New Zealand.

More information about “Ocean Frontiers” can be found [here](#). Read more about your local Snohomish County marine resources and projects [here](#).

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