

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Willis Tucker spray pad open for Memorial Day weekend

While Snohomish County offices will be closed Monday, our popular spray feature at [Willis Tucker Community Park](#) will open Saturday in time for Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start to summer.

Sun shades installed on the edge of Willis Tucker's free spray feature will make a comfortable area for parents to lay out a picnic lunch or simply sit back and relax while watching the kids.

Willis Tucker, located at [6705 Puget Park Dr.](#), Snohomish, also includes three off-leash dog areas, an outdoor amphitheatre, walking trails, two baseball fields, two covered picnic shelters and serves as the Parks Department's administration headquarters.

Willis Tucker is just one of the fabulous parks in our world-class system. I invite you to explore them all at [www.snocoparks.org](#).

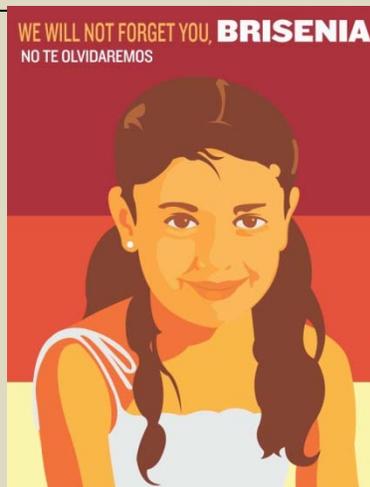
I wish each of you a safe holiday.

Sincerely,

May 30 vigil honors 9-year-old girl slain in racial attack

Snohomish County's Executive Office and the Human Rights Commission invite the public to join them during a May 30 vigil honoring the death of Brisenia Flores.

Flores, of Latino descent, was tragically murdered three years ago at the hands of an anti-immigrant group organized in Snohomish County. Shawna Forde, an Everett resident, is currently on death row in Arizona for



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masterminding the events that led to Flores' death as well as the death of her father.

"This was a senseless death based on racist behaviors and ideas," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "We must work together to stamp out such racism in Snohomish County, Washington state and this nation. Events such as these will help draw awareness to the problems we face."

The community vigil in remembrance of the 9-year-old's death will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Snohomish County Campus's flag pavilion, located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett.

"Because this militia-style group came out of our community, the Human Rights Commission wishes to stand together with Latino advocacy groups, faith-based organizations, community organizers, legislative representatives and Snohomish County residents against this type of hate-based activity," said Meg Winch, chair of the county's Human Rights Commission.

Following the vigil, there will be a reception and short workshop to discuss how the community can work collaboratively to prevent this type of tragedy from occurring again.

Community invited to "Finding Kind" screening, discussion

The Snohomish County Executive Office is helping host a free showing of the anti-bullying film "Finding Kind."

In conjunction with the Washington State Youth Leadership Summit, this free community event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the [Everett Performing Arts Center](#), 2710 Wetmore Ave., Everett. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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Aaron Reardon



Washington State Youth Leadership Summit presents

finding kind

a movement and documentary

Free movie screening and community dialog with filmmakers. Join us June 1. It's what you need to know about bullying.

Join us for this movie screening and important discussion on bullying with documentary filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Stroud.

Friday June 1, 6-8 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Everett Performing Arts Center, 2710 Wetmore Ave. in downtown Everett

Event is free
All ages welcome

Special guests: Kym Hopen, Mrs. Washington Plus America and Raven Hopen, 2012 Washington All American Girl Teen.

Nearly one in three students admits to being bullied, is afraid to talk about it, and lists it as a concern regarding personal safety. Finding Kind is a series of interviews with girls, women and experts about bullying.

This event made possible thanks to the City of Everett, Everett Mayor's Youth Council, Snohomish County Executive's Office, Port of Everett, Everett Performing Arts Center, Everett Public Schools, Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps, Snohomish Health District, Snohomish County Children's Commission, Everett Community College, Edmonds Community College, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, The Everett Glass Foundation, Brau Ford, Red Bull Toyota, Dwayne Laine's and Village Theatre

The event includes a screening of the documentary film and an interactive community dialog on bullying led by the filmmakers, Lauren Parsekian and Molly Stroud. In addition to the filmmakers, special guests will include Kym Hopen, Mrs. Washington Plus America, and Raven Hopen, 2012 Washington All American Girl Teen. The mother-daughter team has chosen the topic of bullying as a platform to open up the community conversation and encourage people to join in the anti-bullying movement.

Nearly one in three students admits to being bullied, is afraid to talk about it, and lists it as a concern regarding personal safety. In a series of interviews with girls, women and experts, Finding Kind documentary shows these girls have a lot to say.

“Our community is not immune to effects of bullying and this community event is an opportunity to address the issue and find solutions,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “I encourage families to attend, join the discussion and to take steps that lead to change.”

In Finding Kind, filmmakers Parsekian and Stroud, who met while in school at Pepperdine University, set out on a cross-country journey of discovery and education about girl bullying. “Finding Kind” is a document of that journey and of the filmmakers’ quest to find a common ground of kindness and mutual respect.

For more information on Finding Kind, click [here](#). View the Finding Kind documentary trailer [here](#).

Fair honoree Bob Kash’s photos online for viewing

Recently named the 2012 Evergreen State Fair honoree, Bob Kash’s photos can be seen online [here](#).

Kash, who died earlier this year from cancer, was unanimously voted by the Fair Advisory Board for the annual honor. Kash’s wife, Nancy, will be representing him during the fair-time honoree activities, which include helping kick off the fair each year.

Kash became involved with the Evergreen State Fair when his youngest joined a 4-H equestrian club. He eventually took on the role of 4-H Photography Superintendent and was later asked to take pictures of the grandstand shows and eventually became the Fair’s official photographer. He won many awards for his pictures of fair activities.

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