

# Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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## Reardon reaffirms county's commitment to diversity



Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon reaffirmed the county's commitment to an inclusive and diverse workforce during last week's "Stand Against Racism."

The public event brought together local residents, Snohomish County employees, the YWCA, and other county elected officials who pledged to remove racism from the community and the workplace.

Specifically, Reardon read a joint resolution honoring the county's commitment to create a Diversity Council in 1999. The county's Diversity Council is composed of a cross-section of employees from the organization with at least one representative from each Executive department, the County Council and offices of individually elected officials. The council recommends resources, education, training, outreach and support to enhance a diverse and inclusive environment within Snohomish County government.

"Racism is not tolerated at any level of Snohomish County government," Reardon said. "We continue to make our services are able to be accessed by all members of the community regardless of any differences."

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## Residents offered chance to prepare for disasters

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Sincerely,

Snohomish County will co-host a one-day emergency preparedness roundtable designed to help community residents better prepare for a disaster.

A cross-section of citizens, emergency management professionals and representatives from business and government will discuss actions residents and organizations can take to become a more resilient community during short-term and long-term emergencies. The roundtable will be followed by a citizen-preparedness class.

The May 11 event is free with lunch provided and will be held at the Fitness Center of Everett Community College, located on the corner of Tower Street and Waverly Avenue. The roundtable will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the preparedness class following from 2 to 4 p.m.

Snohomish County's DEM recently moved into a new facility, which will enhance its ability to serve the county's residents during times of trouble. The facility is seismically stable and better suited for all types of disasters than the old facility at Paine Field Airport.

Residents interested in attending either or both parts of the event are asked to RSVP by emailing Dara Salmon at [dara.salmon@snoco.org](mailto:dara.salmon@snoco.org).

## Public Works' employee named Surveyor of the Year

Snohomish County surveyor Amanda Askren has been named Surveyor of the Year by the Land Surveyor's Association of Washington (LSAW).

She is the first woman in the state to receive the honor. Askren, a supervisor in the county's Public Works Department, was selected for her work during the past five years.

"I am pleased that one of Snohomish County's employees has been chosen for such a prestigious honor," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "Our employees make a difference every day to improve the community's quality of life."

At 25, Askren was supervising 18 surveyors, many older than she was. As a member of LSAW, she has chaired the state conference for the last two years. This year's event in March was the largest to date. For the past seven years, she has also been co-chair of the Annual Survey Camp planning committee.

In addition to her professional work, Askren gives presentations at schools and other venues to encourage young people, especially girls and young women, to consider entering the survey profession. Ninety-eight percent of Washington's surveyors are men; the average age is 55 years. Only 12 women are registered surveyors. She also mentors high school students competing in the national Trig Star Competition.



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Aaron Reardon

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