

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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County approves funding for aerospace training expansion

Snohomish County recently completed its handoff of a \$500,000 state loan that will allow the Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center to expand its facility and accommodate the ongoing demand for enrollment.

Currently, the aerospace training center houses one half of a county-owned building at the Paine Field Airport. The loan will allow remodeling of the second half for the expansion of programs at the center, which has graduated about 500 students since it opened in Summer 2010. More than 90 percent of students who have earned certificates have landed jobs at aerospace manufacturers such as the Boeing Co.

“This training center, which is a model across the state, has allowed us to remain successful in the highly competitive field of aerospace,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, who led efforts to establish the statewide aerospace institute offering training, research and development.

“We must continue to expand programs such as these to ensure our aerospace workforce remains at the top of the field and that world-class planes continue to be built in Snohomish County and the state,” Reardon said.

Remodeling began in December and should be completed sometime this spring. Center officials have said the expansion will allow the creation and expansion of training programs offered, leading to even more opportunities for work in the aerospace industry.

For more information the Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center, click [here](#).

United Way honors county for charitable giving campaign

United Way recently honored Snohomish County for its fall Employees Charitable Campaign, which raised more than \$ 173,000 for local and regional charities.

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The county was awarded the Positive Change Award, based on its consistent growth in campaign giving.

“Communication was the key for the winner of our Positive Change Award,” said Sue Ambler, the United Way’s 2011 Campaign Chair. “The overall results were impressive.”

Snohomish County hosts two charitable campaigns annually with its March Against Hunger under way now. Throughout the county’s offices are collection bins for non-perishable food items.

Last year, employees collected more than \$41,000 and about 4,700 pounds in food during the March campaign, which supports Volunteers of America.

“Our employees provide community services every day, but they also know that they can do more to improve our county and continually step up,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Transition Fair links students with disabilities to resources

Snohomish County will help sponsor the 15th annual Snohomish County Transition Resource Fair, to be held March 27 at Cascade High School in Everett.

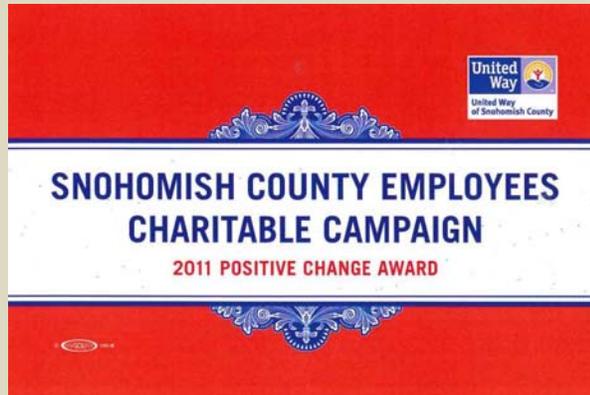
The annual fair provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities and their families to meet more than 60 agencies and attend classes to increase their awareness of community resources and support available for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The free event will be 4-8:30 p.m. and is for individuals with disabilities (age 12 and older), their families, teachers and other interested community members.

Agencies will provide information on advocacy, assistive technology, support groups, affordable housing, transportation options, guardianship, Social Security, leadership opportunities, wills and trusts, recreational opportunities, community colleges, counseling, canine companions, representative payees, employment providers, mental-health resources, and more.

Free classes on the following topics also will be offered:

- 4 p.m. Current Legislative Issues and Efforts
- 4:30 p.m. Navigating the Transition Fair and Overview of Community Resources
- 4:30 p.m. Wills and Trusts
- 5:30 p.m. Legal Decisions at 18 (guardianship and estate planning)
- 5:30 p.m. Take the Next Step- Get Connected



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron".

Aaron Reardon

- 6:45 p.m. Affordable and Subsidized Housing
- 6:45 p.m. Successful Employment
- 7:40 p.m. Overview of Social Security
- 7:40 p.m. Overview of Division of Developmental Disabilities

The annual transition fair is co-sponsored by Snohomish County's Human Services Department, the Snohomish County Transition Council and Everett Public Schools. For a list of agencies attending, workshop descriptions and a map, click [here](#).

St. Patrick's Day patrols nab 95 Snohomish County drivers

Local law enforcement and other police agencies in Washington worked extra traffic safety patrols March 5 through March 18 during a Saint Patrick's Day "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" campaign that nabbed more than 1,000 impaired drivers.

Preliminary results show that 1,063 impaired drivers were arrested across the state during this two-week crackdown. Ninety-five of those drivers were arrested in Snohomish County.

Extra patrols were paid through an overtime grant sponsored by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. In addition to the patrols, DUI and Target Zero Task Force members visited 22 liquor establishments prior to Saint Patrick's Day weekend and handed out traffic safety information. Information included a "Click It 2 Ride" card that patrons could scan with their smart phone to access local taxicab company phone numbers.

"These patrols have been instrumental in keeping impaired drivers off the roads, ultimately making the drive home safer for the rest of us," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Data show that between 2005 and 2011 in Washington state, 53.8 percent (21 out of 39) of traffic deaths around the Saint Patrick's Day holiday involved an impaired driver. In 2010 in Snohomish County, 59 percent of traffic deaths involved an impaired driver (19 out of 32) – higher than the state average of 52 percent (238 out of 460).

Law enforcement agencies in Snohomish County that participated included: Arlington, Bothell, Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Tulalip Tribal Police, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, as well as the WSP Target Zero Team and the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

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