

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Snohomish County celebrates 150th anniversary

Today, members of the community joined Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and County Council Chairman Dave Somes hosted the County's Sesquicentennial celebration at the County Campus.

Fertile farmland, easy water access and abundant forests attracted settlers, who clustered in the Lowell, Monroe, Stanwood and Edmonds areas in the mid 1800s. As the population grew, local settlers petitioned the territorial legislature to create a separate county.

On January 14, 1861, that petition was granted. Say hello to Snohomish County!

To commemorate our Sesquicentennial, the Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission has created three posters depicting moments in the history of Snohomish County's cultural heritage during the past 150 years. Each poster shows images from the three chronological 50-year periods from 1861 to 2011. Also available is a map identifying 80 landmarks that have contributed to the local culture and history. The map is easily downloaded from www.snoco150.net or available with the posters at the event.

For more information about Snohomish County History and other Sesquicentennial events, log onto www.snoco150.net or our Facebook page listed as "Happy Birthday Snohomish County."

Volunteers needed for Point in Time homeless count

Snohomish County is seeking volunteers for its Jan. 27 Point in Time homeless count.

The annual count is an important tool in the community's efforts to assess the number of homeless individuals and families in

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Snohomish County as well as to determine ways of ending homelessness. Volunteers are needed for different parts of the county between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Human service providers, county staff and community volunteers will join together in this effort to respectfully count the number of families and individuals who are homeless in our community. The results of the count will help ensure that vital federal and state funding continues to come into the community to fight homelessness. Data from the annual count also is used to help understand how widespread homelessness is in Snohomish County and who is most affected.

“We are dedicated to ending homelessness in Snohomish County, and the Point in Time count allows us to identify the scale of local homelessness, to measure our progress and to put a face to the issue,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer and help us conduct a very important count.”

During the 2010 count, 2,362 individuals and 1,335 households were identified as being homeless. This count did not include another 115 incarcerated individuals with no identified residence upon release. Additionally, 854 homeless individuals, or 36 percent of the count, were homeless children under the age of 18.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a three-hour period during the Jan. 27 count. All training and materials will be provided at the sites specified below. To volunteer or for more information, please contact one of the area leads below:

- East County: Sharon Paskewitz, 425-212-3211 or spaskewitz@voaww.org;
- South County: Maria Bighaus, 425-774-9843 ext. 236 or mbighaus@ywcaworks.org;
- Central County: Kristen Cane, 425-293-0541 or kristen@hasco.org;
- North County: Nate Greenland, 425-347-6556 or nategreenland@housinghope.org.

Emphasis on the Point in Time count began in 2006, with the county’s approval of the “Everyone At Home Now” report, a strategy for ending homelessness here by 2016. The plan calls for the expansion of affordable housing and homeless prevention services as well as for the development of programs geared toward specific groups.

For more detailed information about the PIT Count, contact Nate Marti at 425-388-3268 or nate.marti@snoco.org.

tracks how well the County is delivering services, the costs of those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat Web site](#).

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

 **Workshops to address Port Susan Bay resource protection**

Home to Chinook salmon, gray whales, shellfish beds, diverse cultures and a thriving agricultural economy, Port Susan Bay is an important resource with regionally significant biodiversity.

However, these important resources face a variety of threats. To address these issues, an effort is underway to create a Voluntary Port Susan Bay Marine Stewardship Area (MSA).

Snohomish and Island County Marine Resource Committees, local tribes, the Nature Conservancy and many others have come together to help ensure that the health of resources in Port Susan Bay continues growing and remains protected.

Workshops will be held in Snohomish and Island counties so that residents can learn more about these efforts and contribute their thoughts and ideas. Building a Marine Stewardship Area offers an opportunity for the community to come together to look to the future of the region.

In Port Susan Bay, Conservation Action Planning is being used to describe ecosystem recovery targets, identify threats and formulate strategies for managing this dynamic area. These workshops provide a forum for the public to contribute information on Port Susan Bay. Comments are encouraged to help planners build an MSA that meets the needs of everyone in the region.

The Island County workshop will be 6:30-8 p.m., Jan. 25, at the Camano Senior and Community Center, while the Snohomish County workshop will be 6:30-8 p.m., Jan. 27, at the Stanwood Community and Senior Center. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Kathleen Herrmann at Kathleen.herrmann@snoco.org or 425-388-6414. These workshops are sponsored by the Port Susan Bay Marine Stewardship Area Initiative.

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