

Snohomish County Executive
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Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **Happy holidays and merry Christmas**

Friends,

Here's wishing you and your families safe, merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

The holiday season offers us each an opportunity reflect on the events of the year that will soon leave us behind, look ahead to all that the coming year has to offer and enjoy the blessings of friends and loved ones. For my own part, I would also like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the residents of Snohomish County.

We also should remember those around us who are less fortunate this holiday season. I encourage everyone to consider making a contribution to a local food bank or senior service agency; or make a commitment to volunteer a few hours of your time assisting a non-profit organization in our community. Every dollar donated or hour volunteered helps make an immeasurable difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

Blessings to you and your family,

- Aaron

 **Tips for Christmas tree recycling**

When the decorations come down, what do you do with the tree?

Snohomish County's Solid Waste Management Division offers these suggestions:

- Sign up for tree pick-up service from a local youth organization

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How are we doing?

Did you know that you can track how well the County is meeting its performance goals?

The SnoStat system tracks how well the County is delivering

or take your tree to a community drop off site (donations requested). Check your local newspaper, or look for community notices.

- If you have curbside yard debris collection service from your garbage collector, check with them for instructions on when, where and how to leave your tree for pick up.
- Take your tree to a local compost facility (prices and hours vary). Check your phone directory for compost facilities and call ahead for information.
- Chip your own tree and use it for compost or mulch in your yard.
- As a last resort, take your tree to one of the County's Recycling and Transfer Stations: Airport Road in Everett, Arlington, or Mountlake Terrace. Charge is \$5 per tree (effective Dec. 26 – March 31).
- Questions? Call the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division at (425) 388-3425.

Help for hard times available

Unemployment, even temporary, is one of the most difficult experiences to endure, especially if it affects your entire family's income. Knowing where to turn and taking control can reduce the impact.

"Help is available from an array of organizations and services, but having one location to find them will make this difficult time that much easier," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "It is incumbent upon us to reach out while there is a direct need."

Snohomish County has joined with United Way and multiple agencies to support those in need through the Help for Hard Times website. There, residents can find information on how to apply for unemployment benefits, where to turn for financial help and how to stay active in the community until finding a new job. Find out what to do in the first 30 days, first 60 days and first 90 days of unemployment, or steps you can take should benefits be running out.

Go to www.helpforhardtimes.org for valuable information and available resources.

services, the costs of those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](#).

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Or, [send me an email](#).

Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

 **10th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 12**

The community is invited to celebrate the life and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the 10th annual celebration bearing his name. While most events are free of charge, some require an RSVP and have a suggested donation price.

Snohomish County is a sponsor of the King events, along with the city of Everett, YMCA of Snohomish County and United Way of Snohomish County.

Diversity Breakfast

7 to 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine St., Everett

Doors open at 7 a.m. An RSVP is required for breakfast and can be made at 425-374-5570 or events@uwsc.org.

Suggested donation: \$10 individuals, \$100 table sponsorships.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rally & March

10:30 a.m. to noon

Snohomish County Plaza, 3000 Wall St., Everett

FREE

Community Celebration

Noon to 1 p.m.

Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, 2000 Hewitt Ave., Everett

FREE

For more information, contact Amy Ockerlander at 425-388-3460 or amy.ockerlander@snoco.org.

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