

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **County flags to fly at half-staff for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has directed flags be lowered to half-staff at all county facilities Tuesday, Dec. 7, for National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was created by Congress in 1994 to honor those Americans killed or injured as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I encourage residents, businesses and other agencies to follow suit out of respect for that tragic day," Reardon said.

Until the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the attack on Pearl Harbor was the most tragic enemy attack on U.S. soil in terms of the number of dead and wounded.

"We learned from both events that American values endure," Reardon said. "While both were unfortunate, we have shown the world our strength, valor and willingness to join together to fight for our freedom."

 **Happy 150th Birthday, Snohomish County**

Snohomish County will celebrate the commemoration of its 150th birthday throughout 2011, and businesses, organizations and more are invited to get involved.

Fertile farmland, easy water access and abundant forests attracted settlers, who clustered in the Lowell, Monroe, Stanwood and Edmonds areas during 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. When Washington became a state in

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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

1889, Snohomish was the county's most well-developed cultural and political center.

Now, 150 years later, Snohomish County is still a cultural and political center. Aerospace, biotech and clean energy lure more investment – and a rich cultural heritage gives us a reason to celebrate.

Here's what you can do:

Heritage Organizations

- A history exhibit featuring a unique time in Snohomish County's history
- A lecture series featuring a talk on local pioneer leaders
- A brownbag discussion on the history of the interurban trail
- Historic walking tour of downtown. Choose a city – What has changed? What has stayed the same?

Businesses

- Restaurants – create a signature meal or cocktail commemorating our 150th Birthday
- Retail – a window display featuring an era in women's fashions during the past 150 years
- Coffeehouses – have a poetry night featuring the great poets of the '60s.
- Tribes – a weekend birthday package and a Native American commemorative
- Everybody – Promote our 150th Birthday on a business marquee or sponsor a local event banner placement

Arts Organizations

- A landscape exhibit featuring photography from 50 years ago and what the landscape looks like today
- A theater reenactment of the Taking of the County seat.
- Book Clubs – choose a title written by Snohomish County historians or authors
- An artist-designed 150 year commemorative display

Cities & Civic Groups

- Organize a time capsule event
- Add 150th birthday events to billings and newsletters
- Promote SnoCo150 with banners
- Be an event sponsor

Citizens

- Host a neighborhood potluck celebrating the County's birthday on Jan. 14, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

- Find and feature history articles for neighborhood newsletters

The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission can provide participating groups with:

- A poster template with the Sesquicentennial Banner
- A 150th birthday logo to publicize your efforts
- A listing or calendar posting on the forthcoming www.snoco150.net.

For more information, contact Wendy Becker, the county's Economic and Cultural Development Officer, at wendy.becker@snoco.org or 425-388-3186.

311th Ave. SE to close Dec. 20 for bridge repairs

Snohomish County will close 311th Avenue Southeast to traffic beginning Dec. 20 to make repairs to Bridge #96 over the Skykomish River Slough.

The bridge, built in 1970, is a two-lane structure 90 feet long and 21 feet wide. It must be dismantled to replace support beams and portions of the deck.

Repair work is expected to be completed by Dec. 30, when the road will be reopened to traffic.

Snohomish County's bridges are inspected regularly. Repairs are prioritized and scheduled based on many factors, including bridge condition, usage, permitting issues, school schedules, and availability of funding and materials.

To view a map and to check for updates, [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: MLK Jr. Celebration to be held Wed., Jan. 12

Snohomish County will celebrate its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration in Everett on Jan. 12.

This annual event will feature a diversity breakfast honoring the winners of the Prodigies of Peace essay contest, a rally and march through downtown Everett and the grand finale community celebration at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at Comcast Arena in Everett.

The annual event is organized by Snohomish County, the City of Everett, YMCA of Snohomish County and United Way of Snohomish County. All events are free.

Diversity Breakfast Celebrating Prodigies of Peaces Winners

7 - 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine St., Everett

Doors open at 7 a.m. Your RSVP is required for the breakfast at 425.374.5570 or events@uwsc.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rally & March

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Snohomish County Plaza, 3000 Wall St., Everett

Community Celebration

Noon - 1 p.m.

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

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