

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



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 **Reminder: Community kickoff event to rebuild burned playground this Sunday**

The Lake Goodwin Community Club and Snohomish County Parks and Recreation will co-host a barbecue this Sunday to kick off efforts to rebuild the Lake Goodwin Community Park playground destroyed by arson last month.

The barbecue will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lake Goodwin Park, 4620 Lakewood Rd, Stanwood. The event is free to the public, but donations will be accepted in support of replacing damaged playground equipment, including the \$35,000 ship centerpiece.

“So many people have stepped up and asked how they can help. This event Sunday is one way,” Executive Reardon said. “We’re making it clear as a community that we will not stand for this type of malicious act.”

Local businesses are working together to support the Aug. 22 benefit. Silvana Meats is donating hot dogs and hamburgers; Stanwood’s Haggen Foods is donating buns; and Stanwood’s QFC is donating plates, utensils, napkins and condiments. Residents are welcome to come at any point during the event.

Damage to the playground equipment has been estimated to be as much as \$100,000. However, thanks in part to a generous donation from Kompan, the company that manufactured the playground equipment destroyed in the fire, four smaller pieces will be installed temporarily until enough money can be raised to purchase larger pieces at Lake Goodwin.

Residents also can donate through Snohomish County Parks & Recreation’s dedicated sponsorship fund at Snohomish County Parks, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish, WA, 98296. Specify “Lake Goodwin Community Park Playground.”

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Sound Transit begins construction on Edmonds Station upgrades

Sound Transit today celebrated breaking ground on the first phase of construction of a new Sounder commuter train station in Edmonds.

The transit hub, scheduled to open next spring, will replace a temporary structure south of the Amtrak station with a new east platform, passenger shelter, re-paved parking area, upgraded lighting, and secured storage for bicycles.

Public art by renowned Northwest artist Gerard Tsutakawa will also be incorporated in the station.

Conceived to improve service connections between train, bus and ferry riders, the \$12.9 million project includes a transit center with three bus bays and two passenger shelters at the north end of the station. Sound Transit will also install a storm drainage system to address frequent flooding at the site.

"Sound Transit is pleased to begin construction of an expanded station in Edmonds," said Sound Transit Board Chair and Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "Commuters and residents have waited patiently for this project to come to fruition; soon, they will have access to a contemporary, multi-use transit center that will serve their diverse transportation needs."

During the first phase of construction the station's south parking lot will be closed, with temporary parking provided on the north side of the Amtrak Depot and on Admiral Way just south of the station. Future plans for the transit center include a new passenger platform that will lie west of a second set of tracks planned by Burlington Northwest Sante Fe Railway, and a second east platform north of the Amtrak station.

The agency has hired the Seattle-based engineering firm KPFF for preliminary and final design services, and local contractor Pellco Construction, Inc. to build the station.

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Sound Transit's Edmonds Station groundbreaking from left: David Moseley, Washington State Ferries; Dave Earling, former ST Board Chair; State Sen. Paull Shin; State Rep. Marko Liias, Joe Marine, Mukilteo mayor and Community Transit and ST Boardmember; Mike Cooper, Mayor of Edmonds; Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive and Sound Transit Board Chair; Gary Haakenson, Snohomish County Deputy Executive and former Edmonds Mayor; State Rep. Maralyn Chase; Richard Marin, former ST Boardmember; Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Edmonds City Council; Diane Buckshnis, Edmonds City Council; and Jim Edwards, a Sound Transit Deputy Director.

County ECEAP offers healthcare training to families

Snohomish County's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) will again deliver the Health Care Institute to more than 300 underserved families in Snohomish County.

ECEAP is a free, family focused school-readiness program preparing 3- and 4-year-old children for school while giving parents the tools they need to raise healthier families.

"The earlier we prepare children and families for school, the more successful they will be, which overall benefits them as individuals as well as this community," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Under the Health Care Institute, parents receive training on how to best respond to a child's illnesses. The program also teaches parents how to use medical services more efficiently so as to reduce their healthcare costs. The rewards are significant for

children, parents, the healthcare system and the community.

During the healthcare training, ECEAP parents will receive a healthcare reference book, first-aid kit and more. In the months following training, ECEAP family support staff will meet with families to see how the training has helped them improve their healthcare needs.

Last year in Snohomish County, the project helped achieve a 52-percent decrease in the number of participants' doctor visits for common illnesses. Visits to the emergency room also decreased 16 percent while treatment at home increased 26 percent.

The Health Care Institute Parent Trainings will be held at 21 ECEAP sites during October and November for enrolled families.

For more information on the County's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, contact Joe Varano at 425-388-7251 or joe.varano@snoco.org

County seeks advocates to protect vulnerable adults

There is a critical need for volunteer ombudsmen throughout Snohomish County to assist the elderly living in adult family homes, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

As a certified volunteer long-term care ombudsman, individuals can make a difference by being an advocate, educator, investigator and problem solver. Volunteer ombudsmen come from all walks of life, various age groups and educational levels. The common thread is an interest in serving older adults and persons with disabilities.

Volunteers receive four days of free training to become certified ombudsmen. They are asked to volunteer four hours a week, attend monthly meetings and submit a monthly activity report. Expenses such as mileage are reimbursable.

The next four-day volunteer training will be held Sept. 21, 22, 28, 29.

The Snohomish County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program protects and promotes the interests, well-being and rights of vulnerable adults living in long-term care facilities. It is part of the Washington State Long Term Care Ombudsman program, a federally mandated program created by the Older Americans Act.

For more information and an application packet, contact Michal Glauner at 425-388-7393 or michal.glauner@snoco.org.

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