

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Community plans kickoff event to rebuild burned playground

With support from local businesses, the Lake Goodwin Community Club and Snohomish County Parks and Recreation will kick off efforts to rebuild the Lake Goodwin Community Park playground destroyed by arson last month.

Parks and the Lake Goodwin Community Club will co-host a barbecue and fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, 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 centerpiece – a pirate ship enjoyed by children and parents alike.

“Since this criminal act in July, residents throughout Snohomish County have asked how they can help,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “They’ve wanted to make it clear they will not stand for this type of malicious act.”

On July 26, the Marysville Fire Department responded to a fire call at Lake Goodwin Park, only to find the playground equipment ablaze. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal’s Office is investigating the fire as arson and continues to respond to leads. Damage to the playground equipment has been estimated to be as much as \$100,000.

Parks began removing damaged playground equipment earlier this week, and 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.

“We can’t thank Kompan enough for their support in our efforts to quickly get the playground reopened to the children, parents

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and grandparents,” said Parks Director Tom Teigen. “But what we want to do is rebuild this playground to the size it was, and with community support, we can get there.”

Several businesses and corporations 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.

In addition, other organizations have and will be hosting fundraisers to rebuild the playground. Each year, Thrasher’s Corner Pub and Grill holds a golf tournament to raise funds for children’s opportunities. This year the group is dedicating \$1,400 of the \$2,800 they raised to the playground effort.

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.”

County solicits DUI Victims Memorial Wall applications

Families of persons killed in an alcohol- or drug-related crash may arrange for placement of a free tile in their loved one’s name on the Snohomish County DUI Victims Memorial Wall.

The names of Snohomish County residents killed anywhere in a DUI-related crash are eligible.

The eighth round of tiles on the memorial at McCollum Park will be unveiled at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6. Deadline for families to apply for a memorial tile is Aug. 23.

To request an application, go to www.co.snohomish.wa.us and type “DUI Task Force” in the search engine or call 425-388-7200.

For more information on the Snohomish County DUI & Target Zero Task Force, contact Tracy McMillan at 425-388-7229 or Tracy.McMillan@snoco.org.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Snohomish County is currently accepting applications from public and nonprofit agencies for projects that promote tourism and overnight stays in the county.

What do world-class figure skaters, vintage airplanes and internationally acclaimed composers share in common? They share the support of Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) in promoting the very arts, culture and heritage organizations that bring tourism opportunities and visitors to Snohomish County.

The program is funded through the revenue collected from hotel and motel room rentals in Snohomish County. Funds will be available January 2011 and will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible projects that best demonstrate their ability to draw visitors to Snohomish County. Historically, the average project allocation has been about \$5,000.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements are available by contacting the Snohomish County Economic Development Division at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #411, Everett, WA, 98201, or by emailing Wendy Becker at wendy.becker@snoco.org.

Completed applications are due in the Economic Development Division offices by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered for funding.

County seeks volunteers for Council on Aging

Snohomish County residents interested in the needs and issues facing older persons and younger persons with disabilities are needed for the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

The Council (CoA) is a 30-member citizen advisory board that advises both the Snohomish County Long Term Care and Aging Office of the County's Human Services Department and County Executive on issues facing older persons and younger persons with disabilities in Snohomish County.

The Long Term Care & Aging Office manages federal, state and local funds and relies heavily on its CoA advisory board.

CoA members serve as ambassadors to the community,

strategists for funding and program issues, activists around legislative matters, as well as monitors of the quality and responsiveness of programs and services.

New members will begin three-year terms Jan. 1, 2011. The CoA meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except December) from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Sub-committee groups meet as needed.

It is expected that every council member regularly attend and participate in the monthly council meetings and commit to serve on at least one sub-committee. All meetings occur during work hours.

The CoA strives for a membership that is geographically balanced throughout the county. Snohomish County residents who represent the needs of ethnic and racial minority communities, older persons wishing to improve the quality of life for senior citizens, persons who represent organizations that serve older and younger disabled persons, locally elected officials and members of the general public are encouraged to apply. A majority of the members are age 60 or older.

To receive an application or learn more about the council, contact Joyce Frasu at Snohomish County's Long Term Care & Aging Division at (425) 388-7377 or j.frasu@snoco.org. Applications are due Friday, Sept. 17. Applicants will be recommended by the CoA, submitted to the County Executive for appointment and subject to approval by the County Council.



Movies wrap up at Willis Tucker Park

Snohomish County Parks & Recreation annual movies series at Willis Tucker Park, 6705 Puget Park Dr., is nearing its end – don't miss out on this popular family activity!

The 2010 Sundquist Family Movies in the Park will finish Aug. 19 with "The Blind Side," beginning at 8:45 p.m.

Open seating begins at 7:30 p.m. Starting times are approximate, depending on daylight.

Seating is on the grass so bring low-back lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. Snacks will be available for purchase. Refreshments sold by the Mill Creek Lions Club to support Parks' sponsorship program. Admission is free, but donations are gladly

accepted.

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