

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

Friday, July 30, 2010

www.snoco.org

National Night Out at McCollum Park

Snohomish County National Night Out Against Crime will be held at McCollum Park on Tuesday, August 3.

Join Snohomish County Executive Reardon, the Sheriff's Office, the Mill Creek Police Department and many more community partners and take a stand against crime in your neighborhood. Learn the latest in crime prevention; meet your first responders, "Topper" the arson dog and more.

New this year, Snohomish County Fire Districts 1 & 7 will conduct a live extrication exercise and the Snohomish County PUD will be distributing energy efficient light bulbs.

Back by popular demand, witness a fly-in of the Snohomish County Sheriff helicopter (weather permitting), enjoy corn-on-the-cob courtesy of SnoCope Federal Credit Union, free hot dogs from Silvana Meats and Sno-Kones from the Mill Creek Lions Club.

The event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at McCollum Pioneer Park, 600 128th St. SE, Everett. More than 2,000 people attended last year's Night Out at McCollum Park.

For more information or to reserve a booth for your safety related organization, contact Amy Ockerlander at 425-388-3460 or amy.ockerlander@snoco.org.

Reardon asks community's help in catching culprit

A large playground structure at Lake Goodwin Community Park appears to have been purposely set ablaze early Monday morning, requiring the Marysville Fire Department to extinguish the fire.

In this issue:

National Night Out at McCollum Park

Reardon asks community's help in catching culprit

Snohomish County seeks marine resource volunteers

Follow me on [Twitter](#)

or follow me on [Facebook](#)

And please be sure to [visit me on the Web!](#)

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

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the fire as arson. Damage to the playground equipment is estimated to be as much as \$100,000.

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon called the destruction of county parks equipment a malicious offense against taxpayers and local families. He urged anyone with information about the suspects to contact local law enforcement so whomever is responsible may be prosecuted.

"This is undeniably a malicious crime that hurts the community members who use this park," Reardon said. "The person or persons should be prosecuted to the full extent the law allows."

This is the second arson at a county park in less than a year. Perpetrators set fire to a bathroom unit at Wyatt Park on Lake Stevens last November. The arsonist was caught and has since been ordered to pay restitution of \$34,788.62.

The fire at Lake Goodwin was reported by a passerby near 6:30 a.m. One fire unit responded to control the flames that engulfed a large portion of the play structure made of wood, plastic and metal. Bark underneath the playground equipment also caught fire.

"This is a well-used park and to see any loss to it is a misfortune," Reardon said.

A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information leading to the successful prosecution of a suspect or suspects. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-800-55-ARSON to make an anonymous report or to call 911.

Formerly a resort and tavern property, the site was acquired by Snohomish County in 1996 with Conservation Futures and state funding. Lake Goodwin Community Park was completed and dedicated on April 1, 2006. The cost of construction was \$2 million. The cost of construction of the playground and surrounding area was about \$160,000.

"With budgets as tight as they are, it will be difficult to replace the damaged equipment," said Parks Director Tom Teigen.

delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](#).

Contact me:

3000 Rockefeller Ave.
M/S #407
Everett, WA 98201

Phone: 425.388.3460
Fax: 425.388.3434

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

Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Snohomish County seeks marine resource volunteers

A day at the beach in Snohomish County is a day full of possibilities.

Sunny summer days bring warmth to sandy stretches of wave-swept shoreline. Fishers pull up Dungeness crabs and fight salmon from the blue depths. Groups of beach combers young and old peer under rocks and seaweed at low tide, looking for living treasures. Gray whales search the soft bottom for shrimp while gulls and terns circle overhead, looking for an easy meal.

Yet, this tranquil setting also faces many challenges. Each year, 12,000 crab pots are lost in the Puget Sound and continue to trap and kill more than 129,000 harvestable crabs. Water pollution has closed shoreline to shellfish harvesting, and shoreline armoring limits the available habitat for forage fish – food for salmon.

With all this in mind, the Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRC) works to address issues affecting the marine environment to continue our ability to access and enjoy the beach and its resources for generations to come.

The MRC, which is part of the nationally recognized Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, is seeking at least four motivated members to serve as citizen advisors on a committee that addresses local marine issues and recommends action to County Executive Aaron Reardon and the County Council.

The Snohomish County MRC has four main focus areas: education and outreach, Dungeness crab stewardship, marine water quality, and near-shore habitat stewardship. Current projects include water-quality testing, assessment of near-shore sediment transportation, education about derelict crab pots, near-shore restoration at Kayak Point County Park, and support for the Snohomish County Shore Stewards and Beach Watchers programs.

Interested parties need not be experts in marine management issues, but are expected to have a willingness to learn about marine conservation, participate in research founded on sound science, and contribute opinions on marine issues during a term that runs through 2012.

The MRC meets in Everett the third Wednesday of every month

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Members volunteer at least 15 hours per month for MRC project planning and implementation.

Membership is open to Snohomish County residents or organization representatives. Interested parties representing local governments, recreation, environmental or conservation groups are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to those who can advise on the development of proposed marine stewardship areas and can participate in project planning and implementation.

For more information about the MRC or to apply, go to www.marine.surfacewater.info or contact Kathleen Herrmann, Snohomish County Marine Steward, at 425-388-6414 or kathleen.herrmann@snoco.org.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my electronic newsletter.

If you would like to send me your comments and feedback, or if you would like to unsubscribe, simply reply to this message.

You may also contact me directly by phone at 425.388.3460.