

# Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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## **County, HUD team-up to assist homeless**

Snohomish County's Human Services Department was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a new homeless assistance project.

The new project award of \$175,171 follows the county's recent distribution of \$1.3 million in federal funding for 13 projects geared toward ending homelessness.

This new funding award will allow Catholic Community Services to provide additional housing and support services for people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

"HUD funds help us address the needs of some of the most vulnerable citizens in Snohomish County by maximizing strong partnerships between local social services agencies that provide housing and support services," said County Executive Aaron Reardon. "We must do everything possible during this economic crisis to help people find and keep housing while also protecting jobs."

This newly funded project is part of the Everett/Snohomish County Continuum of Care, led by Human Services' Office of Housing, Homelessness and Community Development (OHHCD). Snohomish County annually submits a grant application to HUD to fund a variety of projects geared toward ending homelessness.

During this year's annual Point-in-Time Count, 2,362 people were counted as being homeless.

HUD Homeless Assistance funding is a significant source of funding for the county's 10-year Everyone at Home NOW plan to reduce and end homelessness. The Continuum of Care awards provide more than 400 units of transitional and permanent housing for individuals and households who have experienced

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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 services, the costs of those services, and the

homelessness or are under threat of becoming homeless.

For more information on the local Continuum of Care, contact Jackie Anderson at 435-388-3237.

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## County fleet among best in North America

For the fourth consecutive year, Snohomish County has been named one of 100 Best Fleets in North America.

This year, Snohomish County ranks 30, its highest ranking ever. The 100 Best Fleets Program has been in existence for seven years and recognizes peak performing fleet operations in North America based on a number of criteria, including accountability, technology implementation, resource stewardship and competitive pricing

Snohomish County's fleet is also nationally ranked for green technology implementation. In 2009, the fleet received a National Association of Fleet Administrators Green Fleet Award, an Environmental Leadership Award from Government Fleet Magazine and the #4 Best National Government Green Fleet by 100 Best Fleets.

"Snohomish County continues to find innovative ways to reduce fleet costs, improve operations and control emissions," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "We are setting the tone for future generations to follow."

Snohomish County continues its use of biodiesel in its fleet and is increasing the number of electric cars in service.

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## Students encouraged to enter "Green Living" essay contest

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Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon invites junior high and high school students to enter the "Living Evergreen" essay contest as part of the upcoming Evergreen State Fair.

Co-sponsored by the Snohomish County Executive Office and partner Allied Waste Services, students are asked to tackle tough questions facing today's efforts to remain environmentally sound and produce an essay expounding on their personal thoughts and solutions.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

“Today’s youth are tomorrow’s leaders, and they will be responsible for solving the next generation of environmental questions through individual initiative and technology,” Reardon said. “It’s important that we begin this discussion with them today, and this essay contest is one attempt to do so.”

First-, second- and third-place essays will be selected from students entering grades seven through nine and 10 through 12. Winners will be recognized and awarded along with their families as guests of the Executive at the Aug. 26 opening ceremony of the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe. First-place winner receive a \$200 U.S. Treasury bond from Allied Waste.

Entries must be received before Aug. 16. For a complete list of questions and rules for the essay contest, go to [www.evergreenfair.org](http://www.evergreenfair.org). Contact [essaycontest@nyhus.com](mailto:essaycontest@nyhus.com) with questions or clarification requests. Educators and program leaders may also contact [editor@nyhus.com](mailto:editor@nyhus.com) with further questions.

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## **County to host National Night Out at McCollum Park, Aug. 3**

Executive Reardon invites you to join your neighbors in learning the latest in crime prevention and community opportunities during this year’s National Night Out event, being held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at McCollum Park.

Sponsored by the Snohomish County Executive Office in partnership with the Mill Creek Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, Mill Creek Lions Club, Snohomish County PUD and others, the annual event will feature free food, face painting, games and more, including a fly-in of the Snohomish County Sheriff helicopter – weather permitting - plus a live extrication exercise by Fire Districts 1 and 7.

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.

Back again by popular demand, Snohomish County Fire Marshal’s arson dog “Topper” will demonstrate his fire investigation skills, and children will meet the Always Ready “Ready Rex” and Community Transit’s “Oxygene.”

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](mailto:amy.ockerlander@snoco.org).

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