

Snohomish County Executive
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 **McCollum Pool turns 40 with cake and lemonade**

Tomorrow, I will be at McCollum Park Pool celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Since 1970, McCollum Pool has been the site of belly flops, swan dives and backstrokes. Beginning at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, staff will serve cake and lemonade followed by an open swim from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

This is the pool where I learned to swim, and now I take my children there to swim. I'm sure many of you also have fond memories of the pool and park that share the McCollum name.

If you don't know its history, what is now called McCollum Park was at one time the primary dumping facility for south Snohomish County. In the mid 1960s, local residents and the newly established Parks Department worked together to formally close the landfill and convert the property to park use.

Construction of the park began in 1968 and on July 1, 1970, the outdoor pool was dedicated and opened for use. Since then, more than 1.3 million visits have been made to the pool for open swims and swim lessons.

For more information on McCollum Park and other parks in our world-class system, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

-Aaron

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How are we doing?

Did you know that you

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.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to prevent crime in their neighborhood and hear what local law enforcement is doing to reduce crime and protect families. Other nonprofits and community organizations also will be present.

"This family, friendly event provides excellent safety resources to our residents and communities," Reardon said. "It's also a great chance to thank the women and men who work and serve in public safety."

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.

Reardon, Allied Waste launch "green living" essay contest

Executive 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

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questions facing today's efforts to remain environmentally sound and produce an essay expounding on their personal thoughts and solutions.

"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."

Through this "Living Evergreen" essay contest, a panel of three judges will select first-, second- and third-place essays 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.

Allied Waste Services has provided U.S. Treasury bonds as prizes, with each first-place winner receiving a \$200 U.S. Treasury bond.

Students are challenged to answer one of the following questions:

- What steps can you take in your everyday life to enhance and maintain the environment and improve sustainability?
- What current technology and green-living practices do you and your family use today that helps improve the environment, and what impacts do you think this makes on the environment?
- What future technical advancements can you imagine for solving current environmental and sustainability challenges?

During last year's opening ceremony, leaders from Allied Waste Services discussed their renewable energy project in Klickitat County, which is fueled by waste from Snohomish County. Together, the two entities have found a way to reduce the impacts of the county's waste stream on the environment.

"It is ideas such as these that make our lives healthier and more enjoyable," Reardon said. "Yet, there is still much more we can do to promote greener living while creating new jobs in new industries."

Submissions must be between 700-1,000 words and can be emailed to essaycontest@nyhus.com or mailed to the "Living Evergreen" Essay Contest, c/o Nyhus Communications, 1525

Fourth Ave., Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98109.

Entries must be received before Aug. 16. For a complete list of rules for the essay contest, [click here](#). Contact essaycontest@nyhus.com with questions or clarification requests. Educators and program leaders may also contact editor@nyhus.com with further questions.

County Fire Marshal issues outdoor burn ban

Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office has issued a modified outdoor burning ban for unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

This ban prohibits outdoor burning except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high and are for cooking and pleasure only.

Recreational fires must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10-foot radius, must be monitored at all times and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum, a charged water hose or a 5-gallon bucket of water).

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. Residents living within the boundaries of an incorporated city or town should check with their local fire department for current burning ban information.

All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for agricultural burning, are suspended until this ban is lifted. This ban will remain in effect until there is a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office has made this decision in cooperation with Skagit, Kitsap, King, Mason and Pierce counties, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Contact the county's Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.

Meadowdale Beach Park to close for repairs

Maintenance of the pedestrian access tunnel at Meadowdale Beach County Park is scheduled for July 20–23, meaning access to the park will be limited.

Meadowdale Beach County Park has been experiencing significant challenges that have impacted public use of the facility during the past few years. Specifically, erosion and sedimentation problems have caused trail closures and limited access to the beach at different times.

Repair work during the closure includes removing sediments that have accumulated within the tunnel and replacing sections of the boardwalk. Timing of this work is only allowed during an approved Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife fish window.

The Parks Department is working in conjunction with the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation to complete this work.

Also, Parks will host a public meeting Tuesday, July 20, to discuss future steps at Meadowdale. The meeting will be 6:30-8 p.m. at the Meadowdale Community Club, 6801 N. Meadowdale Road.

Following next week's maintenance activities, additional park closures may be required as needed to further protect public safety and fish habitat.

Meadowdale Beach County Park is located at 6026 156th SW, Edmonds.

For more information on Snohomish County Parks, go to www.snocoparks.org or call 425-388-6600.

Law enforcement steps up speed patrols

Snohomish County law enforcement will be patrolling roadways on a state-funded overtime grant through Aug. 1 to reduce speed-related crashes on county and city roadways.

“Speed-related deaths are completely avoidable tragedies,” Executive Reardon said.

Almost half of the Snohomish County speed-related crashes

occur on a Saturday or Sunday and involve a single vehicle. Eighty-seven percent of those that died were male, and almost half were 25 years of age or younger.

Snohomish County had 90 speed-related deaths between 2004 and 2008. Twenty-seven of those involved motorcycles. Motor-vehicle crashes are still the leading cause of death for those ages 4 to 44.

Law enforcement will have a zero tolerance for speeders. Drivers are urged to obey posted speed limits, drive safely and avoid driving under the influence.

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