

Snohomish County Executive  
**AARON REARDON**



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 **Community Service Day focuses on Centennial Trail**

The Mount Baker Council BSA Scouts of America Community Service Day project will focus on cleaning up the popular Snohomish County Centennial Trail.

Scouts from throughout the region will spend most of Saturday, May 1, pulling weeds; picking up litter; scrubbing gates, signs and memorial benches; pruning low-hanging branches; cutting down blackberry vines and overgrowth; removing storm-downed limbs and branches; as well as, washing algae and moss off garbage receptacles.

This year's goal is for 632 Scouts to provide 1,896 service hours. A total of 52 units comprised of 26 Cub Scout Packs, 20 Boy Scout Troops, three Varsity Teams and three Venturing Crews are participating.

Members of the Centennial Trail Coalition will assist the Scouts. People familiar with the portion of trail that runs from Snohomish to Armar Road are especially encouraged to volunteer and to help direct the Scouts and their parents.

In 2009, more than 500 scouts participated, totaling 1,539 hours of community service. Upon completion of Saturday's cleanup, the BSA Scout Community Service project on the Centennial Trail will have completed more than 5,000 hours of accumulated service.

The Centennial Trail got its start in the late 1980s when a six-mile segment was established north of Snohomish. It opened in 1989, the state's centennial year, and primarily follows an abandoned corridor.

For more information about volunteering for the trail cleanup, contact Scout Leader Karl Gauglitz at 425-376-1327 or [karl.gauglitz@bsci.com](mailto:karl.gauglitz@bsci.com). For information on the Trail Coalition, contact Bea Randall at 360-435-3892 or [kinzu@aol.com](mailto:kinzu@aol.com).

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## Workers Memorial Day Observance

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon speaks during Wednesday's annual Workers Memorial Day observance. "Snohomish County is dedicated to continuing efforts to improve workplace safety, health standards and enforcement," Reardon said. "I urge employers everywhere to treat our workers with dignity and justice and to pursue constant improvements in worker safety." Reardon also asked residents to help prevent and avoid future tragedies by remembering the victims of workplace injuries and disease.



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## Salary Commission finishes two-month review

The Snohomish County Citizens Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials agreed Wednesday not to change elected officials pay for 2011 and 2012.

Members met during the months of March and April, charged with reviewing the salary schedule for elected officials for 2011 and 2012. Most members agreed Wednesday that current fiscal challenges prevented them from increasing elected officials pay during the next two-year cycle.

"I want to thank our salary commission members for their dedicated service to this process and the serious manner with which they conducted their work on behalf of our citizens," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "None of them took the task lightly and they were very cognizant of the challenges facing our county residents."

The commission is an independent group that meets every two years to set the salaries of elected officials in Snohomish County. Elected officials whose salaries are determined by the commission are the members of the county council, the executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer.

By law, salary recommendations must be made by May 1 for the next two-year period. A 2006 amendment to the county charter eliminated the need for council and executive approval of the salary changes.

The commission is made up of 10 members, nominated by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. Six members of the commission are selected by lot by the county auditor from among all registered voters in Snohomish County.

The remaining four members are required to have experience in the field of personnel management and come from four sectors: business, professional personnel management, legal profession and organized labor. Commissioners serve two-year terms.



## **Allen Creek receives Earth Day facelift**

About 150 people took part in Saturday's Earth Day celebration at Jennings Park in Marysville. The event was hosted by the Allen Quilceda Watershed Action Team (AQWA) and sponsored by the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund and the city of Marysville.

Participants received an event T-shirt that they were able to decorate as they toured the many educational booths learning about Snohomish County's local streams and wildlife.

"We want to keep our streams healthy for salmon," said Cole Jacobs, age 9, after he stamped the image of a tree onto his T-shirt.

In addition to participating in the hands-on fun at the sponsor booths, many participants put on gloves and worked to restore the forest along Allen Creek. Volunteers planted 70 native trees and shrubs, spread mulch and dug out non-native blackberry roots.

Like many of the small creeks in Snohomish County, Allen Creek is home to several species of salmon.

"Many of our stream corridors have become overgrown with non-native weeds or lack vegetation altogether," said Cindy Flint, a Snohomish County Watershed Steward. "Planting a healthy forest along our creeks helps keep water temperatures cool and provides a better environment

Sincerely,

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for fish and wildlife.”

Mercedes Smith, age 6, expressed the true message of the event best when she said, “If we take care of the planet, the planet will take care of us.”

The AQWA Team is a partnership of local agencies and organizations working together to restore and protect the health of Allen and Quilceda Creeks. AQWA Team members include Snohomish County Surface Water Management, the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force, Adopt-A-Stream Foundation, city of Marysville, city of Arlington, the state Department of Ecology, Snohomish Conservation District, the Tulalip Tribes, Evergreen Fly Fishing Club and local citizens. Other event participants included WSU Extension Beach Watchers and Shore Stewards and the Snohomish County Noxious Weed Board.

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## **County solicits proposals to operate fairgrounds' speedway**

Snohomish County Parks & Recreation is soliciting proposals from competent business partners with a proven track record who are interested in managing, promoting, marketing, operating and maintaining its motorsport and multi-event venue located at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. SE in Monroe.

The Evergreen State Fairgrounds has a proud 57-year history of successful operation of a motorsports and multi-event venue. This venue currently has a paved 3/8 and 5/8 oval track, 1/8 drag strip and figure-eight track, grandstand seating for 5,900, a parking lot that accommodates 6,000 cars, and 18 acres of RV/Tent camping.

The motorsports venue is the only NASCAR sanctioned track in the Pacific Northwest. More than 24,000 cars pass the site daily on U.S. Highway 2. The Fairgrounds also boasts more than 1.2 million visitors annually and in 2010 will host the 103rd running of the Evergreen State Fair.

“We are seeking an innovative business leader with ideas and expertise in promoting, marketing, managing and operating a major regional venue” said Tom Teigen, the county’s Parks director. “This is a very special opportunity to foster an important business partnership.”

Qualified individuals or firms interested in submitting a proposal may pick up a Request for Proposal (RFP) package. The package may be obtained at the Snohomish County Purchasing Division, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 507, Everett, WA 98201, by download at

[www.snoco.org/Departments/Facilities/Divisions/Purchasing/default.htm](http://www.snoco.org/Departments/Facilities/Divisions/Purchasing/default.htm)  
or by calling 425-388-3344.

RFP submittals must be received by the Snohomish County Purchasing Division no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 2010. The contact person at the Purchasing Division is Don Wolfe, [dwolfe@snoco.org](mailto:dwolfe@snoco.org).

For more information on the track, contact Tom Teigen at 425-388-6600 or [tom.teigen@snoco.org](mailto:tom.teigen@snoco.org)

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