

Snohomish County Executive  
**AARON REARDON**



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 **Executive Reardon hosts graffiti summit**

On Thursday, Executive Reardon hosted a summit with leaders from across Snohomish County to begin tackling graffiti in Snohomish County.

“Snohomish County is a growing and vibrant community – and we want to keep it that way,” said Executive Reardon. By cracking down on graffiti, we send a message that we will not tolerate crime in our community.”

The event brought together elected officials, city and county staff, law enforcement, code enforcement, parks and schools, courts and community organizations. Jurisdictions from all across Snohomish County were represented, including Everett, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Marysville, Monroe, Gold Bar, and Mill Creek.

The summit featured presentations from Jon Schmidt on county efforts including an online graffiti reporting system, 24-hour graffiti eradication goal and recent paint out activity. Sergeant Steve Haley of the Sheriff’s Office spoke about types of graffiti in Snohomish County and how to recognize gang-related graffiti. Marysville City Administrator Mary Swenson gave a city perspective, while Snohomish County Executive Director Deanna Dawson gave a presentation on the new ordinance that Executive Reardon presented to the County Council last month.

“Taking on graffiti will require countywide coordination,” said Mountlake Terrace Councilmember John Zambrano. “I appreciate Executive Reardon’s leadership in bringing us together to partner on this important issue.”

“Coordination on fighting graffiti is key,” Marysville City Administrator Mary Swenson said. “If we do not work together, we will just push the problem from one

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jurisdiction to another.”

At the summit, leaders from throughout the county committed to partnering together to combat graffiti. Many committed to naming a single point of contact within their jurisdiction to enable better coordination across agencies and to identify graffiti trouble spots. The participants also agreed to reach out to other partners within their communities, including service clubs, Chambers of Commerce and local businesses, churches and faith based organizations, youth groups and homeowners associations.

Executive Reardon also announced that the County is organizing a Paint-Out Day to be held later in the year. Helen Martin and Laine Ross of Paint-Out Seattle were on hand to lend their expertise in organizing a community-based Paint Out event.

“The Paint Out will give citizens the tools and training they need to help in eliminating graffiti in our community,” explained Reardon. “We can stop graffiti in Snohomish County, but it will take the efforts of all of us working together.”

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## **Reardon to dedicate playground and picnic shelter at Machias Trailhead**

County Executive Aaron Reardon will dedicate a newly constructed playground and a new picnic shelter at the Centennial Trail Machias Trailhead, July 31, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

Machias Trailhead is located on the Centennial Trail, south of the City of Lake Stevens and is part of the completed 17.5 mile Centennial Trail. The trail is built on what was originally the right-of-way for the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad, constructed in 1889. Snohomish County purchased the abandoned right-of-way in 1989.

“The playground and shelter will give the many families that use the Centennial Trail a place to play and picnic as part of their day of biking or hiking,” Executive Reardon said. “The Centennial Trail is a valuable community asset enjoyed by over 250,000 visitors annually.”

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Aaron Reardon

The project is funded by the Enhanced Community Infrastructure and Development Initiative (ECIDI) launched by Executive Reardon last year.

Executive Reardon proposed the ECIDI initiative which was later approved by the County Council in 2006, and since has leveraged the County's improved bonding capacity and existing available construction funds to build over \$50 million in needed infrastructure projects in three years—almost ten years ahead of schedule.

Already hard at work, the initiative is delivering 46 critical infrastructure projects to neighborhoods across Snohomish County. Snohomish County Parks was allocated \$150,000 to assist in the construction of the playground and picnic shelter at the Centennial Trail Machias Trailhead.

Featured at the Machias Trailhead are a restroom in the style of the original Machias Depot, picnic tables, benches, a watering station for horses using the trail, parking, the paved multi-purpose Centennial Trail and is located at 1600 Virginia St., Snohomish.

For more information on the event, please call Snohomish County Parks at 425.388.6600.

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 **Snohomish County to dedicate first off-leash dog park**

Executive Reardon officially opened Snohomish County's first off-leash dog park on Tuesday, at Willis Tucker Community Park.

The three-acre off-leash dog park was developed in partnership with Sno-Dog, a community-based organization that has assisted Snohomish County Parks in the construction of the facility. Their participation is part of Parks "Triple Bottom Line" which includes community and stakeholder equity; creates a partnership to help cover maintenance and operations; and generates new revenue.

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“Partnership between citizens and the County allowed us to identify and prioritize a neighborhood project that accurately reflects local community needs,” Executive Reardon said. “The off-leash area combines two great passions, our connection with the great outdoors and the love of our dogs.”

Willis Tucker Community Park is located at 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish.

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## **County to conduct 2007 CHALENG survey**

The Snohomish County Veteran’s Assistance Fund Program in conjunction with the Veteran’s Administration Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) will conduct the 2007 CHALENG survey July 30, at 1 p.m., in the Snohomish County Campus Administration East Building, in first floor conference room F-103.

Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans, is designed to enhance the continuum of services for homeless veterans provided by the local VA medical center and regional offices.

“Snohomish County is home to the third largest population of veterans in Washington State,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “It is important the (County) Veterans’ Assistance Fund outreach accurately identifies need and assists local homeless veterans achieve self-sufficiency.”

The County Veterans’ Assistance Fund provides limited emergency financial assistance for honorably discharged veterans, veterans’ widows, and qualified dependents for alcohol and drug assessment and treatment at a VA Medical Center, outreach to veterans at home or incarcerated and assistance in filing for VA benefits.

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## **Future of Flight Welcomes 250,000th visitor**

The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour will welcome its 250,000th visitor on July 25, 2007. County Executive Aaron Reardon and Boeing and Future of Flight officials were on hand to welcome the lucky visitor and their family.

The 250,000th visitors, Alain and Gisele Pomier and their two boys Alexandre and Arthur received special gifts, which included a VIP tour of the Boeing Assembly Plant, a VIP gallery tour and a Boeing Dreamliner 787 model airplane.

"The Future of Flight Aviation Center is symbolic of both the innovations of the past and the limitless potential of the future," County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "In Snohomish County, we are creating a future where dreams take flight."

"We've had record breaking attendance this month, with averages exceeding 1,000 visitors per day so we could predict with certainty when this special visitor would arrive," said Barry Smith, executive director of the Future of Flight Foundation. Since opening in December 2005, the center has more than doubled the number of visitors previously taking the Boeing Tour.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center is a unique learning and interpretive facility designed to let visitors experience the marvel of commercial jet aviation and production. It celebrates the historic accomplishments of the last 50 years since the first flight of the Boeing 707 and highlights the technological possibilities for powered, winged flight during the next 50 years.

The Pomier's are from Paris, France, and are enjoying their fourth trip to the USA. They were traveling from San Francisco to Vancouver, BC when they stopped for their first visit to the Future of Flight on Wednesday.

For more information, visit [www.futureofflight.org](http://www.futureofflight.org).

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