

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **Historic Preservation Week in Snohomish County**

On Tuesday, May 8 Executive Reardon proclaimed the week of May 20-26 as “Snohomish County Historic Preservation Week.” Thousands of individuals around the country will celebrate National Preservation Month in May. “*Making Preservation Work!*” is the theme of the month-long celebration, which is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“Preserving our heritage makes a substantial contribution to the county’s quality of life,” says Executive Reardon. “Historic preservation makes an important economic contribution through rehabilitation projects and by encouraging heritage tourism.”

County residents are urged to join in the spirit of the event by researching and recording the history of their homes or other historic properties they may know of. That information can be shared with local historical groups and the County’s Historic Preservation Commission to benefit the widest possible audience. Properties that meet established criteria may be eligible for listing in the County’s Register of Historic Places and, in certain cases, economic incentives.

Information on the [Historic Preservation Commission](#)

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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 efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](#).

Enhancing Parks and Recreation facilities in our community

Executive Reardon and Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department Staff hosted a community forum on Wednesday, May 2 to discuss active recreation and building sports field capacity in Snohomish County.

“Opportunities for both active and passive recreation are critical in creating livable and sustainable communities,” says Executive Reardon. “We are committed to leveraging capital funds and building capacity through effective community partnerships.”

Forty-five representatives from communities including Bothell, Edmonds, Everett, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Snohomish and Stanwood participated in the forum. Staff from several municipalities and school districts, and as well as volunteers from local youth and adult sports organizations, the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau and Snohomish County Sports Commission provided valuable information and insights regarding the needs and importance of active recreation amenities in our communities.

Those in attendance agreed that the best way to address issues relating to active recreation and sports field development will be a result of sharing resources throughout the County. Snohomish County will host another meeting in later this year to draft an action plan of how best to address ball field development and capacity issues.

Guide to local agriculture and healthy eating

The 2007 Puget Sound Fresh guides are hot off the press! Pick up your year-round family fun guide for exciting activities and the best fresh food throughout the region. The guides are located throughout the Snohomish County campus or in public places countywide.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

“By supporting our local farmers, we will continue to revitalize our agriculture industry and promote a sustainable community,” says Executive Reardon.

Keep copies of this handy resource in your kitchen, in your car, or on your desk. Find out what’s fresh and when from farms around Puget Sound, discover what stores carry local products, find nearby farmers markets and plan family adventures throughout the year. The guide contains information on “U-Pick” farms, corn mazes, pumpkin patches, county fairs, farm stands, special events for all ages and recipes that all support our local farmers.

Buying locally helps farmers stay in business and contributes to the quality of life we all enjoy in Snohomish County. This is just one of the many ways you can support a safe, nutritious food supply for future generations.

For more information, please visit [Puget Sound Fresh](#)

Sno-Dog works to bring an off-leash dog park to Snohomish County

On Wednesday, May 9 the Snohomish County Parks Department met with residents of Snohomish County to discuss the development and operation of off-leash dog parks in Snohomish County.

“It is wonderful to see County government and County residents working in conjunction to achieve a common goal,” says Executive Reardon. “It will be a tremendous asset to have a clean, safe facility in our community where people can go to enjoy the company of their dogs.”

The staff of the Parks and Recreation department and county residents who are committed to the concept of off-leash areas have created “Sno-Dog” in support of this initiative. The goal of Sno-Dog is to “...enhance our community by bringing high-quality, well-maintained off-leash dog parks to Snohomish County.” The group is working with Executive Reardon, the Parks Department staff and the County Council to create several off-leash areas around the county.

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Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department staff is working with the Sno-Dog organizers to create 3 – 5 off-leash areas in the next 24 months.

For more information please visit [Sno-DOG](#) or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (425) 388-6600.

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