

Snohomish County Executive
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 **Executive Reardon welcomes StockPot to Everett**

On May 4, StockPot Inc. opened a brand new, state-of-the-art, 220,000 square-foot Everett Culinary Campus. At more than double the size of their previous location in Woodinville, the new Everett location will allow StockPot to expand employment and meet growing product demand.

Mark Sarvary, President of Campbell North America says, "The significant investment that Campbell has made in Everett is testament to the confidence we have in our StockPot teams to lead our company's efforts to further develop the premium soup category, which is one of our company's key strategies. This state-of-the-art facility will help to create an environment where our chefs and employees will be inspired to imagine what flavor or variety might come next and will give them the tools to make it happen."

Executive Reardon, along with Congressman Rick Larsen, King County Executive Ron Sims and Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson spoke at the dedication.

"Today's dedication highlights a collaborative regional partnership, representing opportunity and business growth for our community," says Executive Reardon. "We are pleased to welcome StockPot to its new location."

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StockPot relocates to Everett from its previous location in Woodinville. In 2005, StockPot announced its plans to develop its Culinary Campus in Everett's Seaway Business Park. The facility will employ approximately 350 people, many of which worked at the company's previous location. StockPot built the larger facility to accommodate future employment opportunities with StockPot.

StockPot is renowned for its award-winning line of refrigerated soups and chili. StockPot is a subsidiary of the Campbell Soup Company.



In remembrance of Edmonds Police Chief David Stern

On Wednesday, April 25 we lost a true Snohomish County hero. David Stern, Edmonds Police Chief, was a greatly respected and admired man. Chief Stern dedicated his life to serving his community and was a selfless leader in Edmonds, Snohomish County and Washington State.

Chief Stern's compassion for his community and the people he served was evident in every aspect of his life. He was dedicated husband to his wife, Darlene and a loving father to his children Darrin and Dawn. He served his community as president of the Greater Edmonds Chamber of Commerce and president-elect of the Rotary Club of Edmonds.

Although Chief Stern has passed away, his unfaltering devotion to his family and community, his leadership and his loyalty to everyone around him will continue to resound with those that were blessed to know or work alongside Chief Stern. Snohomish County will continue to celebrate the life and work of Chief David Stern and mourn the loss of a valued and respected community leader.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

Executive Reardon gets "hands-on" firefighting training

Executive Aaron Reardon will participate in Washington State Council of Fire Fighters "Fire Ops 101," May 4-5, 2007 in Richland. The training will emphasize the required skills and inherent risks of professional fire fighting and emergency medical response.

Up to 30 participants will suit up in fire fighter protective clothing, don a self-contained breathing apparatus and experience a controlled live fire environment demonstration.

Reardon says, "The experience will help my understanding of the needs and the environment in which Snohomish County firefighters and emergency medical response personnel function daily."

Reardon's participation is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2597. Captain Mike Zimmerman, Snohomish County Airport Fire Department will accompany Reardon. Zimmerman said "There is no substitute for hands-on experience and this training demonstrates what is expected of first responders."

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Executive Reardon declares "Toastmasters Week"

On Monday, May 7, Executive Reardon will sign a proclamation declaring May 7-13 as Toastmasters Week in Snohomish County. Toastmasters Club is an international non-profit educational organization dedicated to improving communication skills. The first Toastmasters Club was formed in 1924 in Santa Ana, California. There are more than 17 Toastmasters clubs in Snohomish County, representing over 280 members.

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“The ability to speak clearly and effectively is a powerful and important skill that can help individuals overcome barriers to effective performance,” says Executive Reardon. “Toastmasters provides a wonderful educational service to its members and to our community.”

The Toastmasters program helps people learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking. In today’s competitive job market, employers are seeking employees who possess technical, leadership and communication skills. The mission of the clubs is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills.

To learn more about Toastmasters, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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