

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **Did you miss Executive Reardon's State of the County address?**

If you were unable to attend the State of the County address on Tuesday, a transcript of Executive Reardon's speech is available on the [Executive's webpage](#). To listen to an audio recording of the speech please visit [KRKO AM radio](#).

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Executive Reardon, along with officials from Snohomish County and the surrounding region hosted U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell for a roundtable discussion on methamphetamine use and its relation to gang activity in Snohomish County.

Senator Cantwell assembled the group to discuss local efforts and what assistance is needed from the federal government. Executive Reardon highlighted local triumphs, as well as challenges.

“We have brought law enforcement, code enforcement, and human services together in a holistic approach to our County's meth problem,” says Executive Reardon. “In order to implement a lasting solution we must clean up our neighborhoods and refuse to allow our county to become a breeding ground for crime.”

Senator Cantwell will convene similar roundtable discussions in the coming week throughout the state.

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Sego Jackson has been a champion of recycling in Snohomish County for many years. He has pioneered innovative, progressive programs in our County and is recognized state and nationwide for his stewardship programs and legislative accomplishments, such as the E-Waste recycling Bill.

"Sego's efforts have helped to put Snohomish County on the right track to transition to a community that focuses on reuse and renewal of the products that we consume," says Executive Reardon. "We are working together to create a healthy, sustainable environment for our future generations to enjoy."

Programs and negotiations are underway for similar approaches to other products containing toxics. In 1980, Snohomish County led the nation in landfill technology, by installing one of the first landfills in the country with a bottom liner and leachate collection. A quarter of a century later, we are leaders in promoting product stewardship. A program which encourages manufacturers to provide recycling for their products and cycle them back into commerce, away from landfills.

"We are pioneering new approaches to managing product waste in Snohomish County and the pay-off to citizens and our environment will be substantial," says Jackson. "As a result of our work with a diverse coalition, the Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2006. Television and computer manufacturers will begin to provide a no-charge recycling system for their products in 2009."

For more information on recycling programs in Snohomish County please visit [Snohomish County Solid Waste](#)

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Executive Reardon recognizes Soroptimist International of Everett

On February 23, Executive Reardon honored the efforts of a local group of women committed to helping women achieve economic and political equality throughout the world. Soroptimist is an international organization, spanning 120 countries and nearly 100,000 members, for business and professional women who provide volunteer services and financial support to their communities. Soroptimist International of Everett was chartered in 1946 is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls locally and internationally.

Service projects include ending domestic violence, providing mammograms to low-income women, sponsoring scholarships for young girls making a difference in their community, and acknowledging women who work to improve the lives of women and girls.

In recognition of the efforts by the women of Soroptimist, Executive Reardon declared February 28, 2007 as a day to “Make a Difference for Women in Snohomish County.” He also recognized the 2007 nominees, Cynthia Burns, Janice Ellis, Gayle Hayden, Judy Hoff, Beth Kerwin, Gail Manahan and Threesa Milligan, for the Soroptimist “Making a Difference for Women” award.

“The 60-year outreach of the local Soroptimists is significantly important and continues to make a positive difference in Snohomish County,” says Executive Reardon. “I join with our greater community in acknowledging the contributions of the outstanding 2007 nominees for the “Making a Difference for Women” award.”

For more information about Soroptimist International, please visit their [website](#)

Opportunities remaining to weigh in on major regional “Roads & Transit” proposal

Four open houses remain to discuss the comprehensive proposal for reducing freeway congestion and improving mass transit service. The open houses will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m. .

Remaining open houses:

February 28

Bellevue High School, 10416 SE Wolverine Way, Bellevue

March 5

Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave., Tacoma

March 15

Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th St. SW, Lynnwood

March 20

Highline Community College, 2400 S. 240th St., Des Moines

The open houses will gather final public input on the “Roads & Transit” package before it goes to voters in November 2007. The Roads and Transit plan is a combined effort by the Regional Transportation Investment District Board (RTID) and Sound Transit. Both agencies are governed by local elected officials in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

You may also visit Sound Transit and RTID’s websites to comment: www.soundtransit.org or www.rtid.org

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