

Snohomish County Executive
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 **Snohomish County Ag Summit to feature visit from Senator Murray**

On Tuesday, February 20th, Snohomish County will host Senator Patty Murray as she and Executive Reardon convene a panel of local growers, farmers, and producers to discuss the issues facing our local agriculture community and the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization.

“Senator Murray’s visit highlights the powerful partnership we have with our federal delegation,” says Executive Reardon. “By partnering locally, regionally and nationally we are preserving our agricultural heritage and promoting profitable farms for future generations.”

In 2007, Congress will reauthorize the Farm Bill, which outlines provisions on commodity programs, trade, conservation, credit, agricultural research, food stamps, and marketing. Senator Murray is interested in learning more about the unique programs, initiatives, and challenges facing Snohomish County farmers/growers as well as receiving input from the local agriculture community on current farm bill programs.

This event will be held from 10:00 am -11:00 am at the Waltz Building, 116 Avenue B in Snohomish, WA.

It is not necessary to RSVP. Please contact Christy Gullion at 425.259.6515 or Christy_Gullion@murray.senate.gov if you would like additional information.

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Have a Heart for Kids Rally

On January 31, Executive Reardon and the Snohomish County Council declared February as “Have a Heart for Kids Month.” The joint resolution is in response to a recommendation made by the Snohomish County Children’s Commission, who serve as advisors regarding issues of the health, safety and welfare of children.

Local residents interested in children’s issues will also have a chance to speak with local elected officials and network with child advocates in a kids rally this coming Valentine’s Day. The *Have a Heart for Kids Rally* will occur on Wednesday, February 14 from Noon to 1:30pm at the Courtyard Plaza on the Snohomish County Campus at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue in Everett.

“The more than 180,000 children and youth in Snohomish County are the foundation of our community’s future success,” Executive Aaron Reardon says. “Our County grows stronger when all of us become aware of the issues that impact children and their families.”

Have a Heart for Kids Month and the *Have a Heart for Kids Rally* in Snohomish County were declared to bring public awareness to children’s issues, and to show support for the Children’s Alliance’s *Have a Heart for Kids Day* held at the State Capital Building in Olympia. Their annual day of advocacy, happening this year on February 19, has become host to the largest gathering of child advocates during the legislative session.

“In Snohomish County, there is a heartfelt desire to create a community that takes action in building the safest, healthiest, most supportive environments in which to raise our children,” says Teena Ellison Chair of the Snohomish County Children’s Commission.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

County receives funding from HUD for domestic violence victims

Earlier this week, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded Snohomish County a grant in the amount of \$109,270 to support 20 transitional housing apartment units through the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women.

“The Center for Battered Women is a valuable resource for victims of domestic violence” says Executive Reardon “It provides hope and a chance for victims to rebuild their lives in a caring, supportive environment.”

The Center allows victims of domestic violence to stay in transitional housing for up to 2 years and provides continued support after leaving the residences. In 2005-06 the Center housed over 70 people.

“The unending dedication and support Center for Battered Women has received from Executive Reardon and Snohomish County has helped us earn and sustain recognition as one of the State's leading domestic violence agencies,” says Teresa Cox, Vice President of the Center’s Board of Directors. “The continued support we have received is instrumental in fostering the hope and strength essential to ending the violence for so many families.”

Executive Aaron Reardon and Council Chair Dave Gossett declare February 12-16 Meth Awareness Week

In recognition and support of the many hours residents and community leaders have dedicated to educating people to about the devastating consequences of using meth, Council Chair Dave Gossett and Executive Reardon have declared February 12-16th Snohomish County Meth Awareness Week. This proclamation falls in conjunction with Governor Gregoire’s declaration of the same week as Washington State Meth Awareness Week.

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There has been a concerted effort by citizens, county officials and departments in Snohomish County to address the problem of methamphetamine use and production in our area. Methamphetamine is one of the most dangerous drugs that exists today and we are all affected by its presence in our community.

“I would like to personally thank those individuals who have been so diligent in their efforts to significantly impact and reduce the existence of this destructive drug in Snohomish County,” says Executive Reardon. “I encourage all citizens to join me in the observance of Meth Awareness Week.”

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