

Snohomish County Executive
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Priorities in Action



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 **Community gathers to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King JR.**

On Wednesday, January 12, Snohomish County kicked off local celebrations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a breakfast that honored both Dr. King and students in Snohomish County that are paving the way in diversity issues.

The Prosperity for Peace Award was presented to essay contest winners from schools around Snohomish County. High school winners included Charlie Tran, Woo Song Do and Deziray Wilkins. Middle school award winners were Karalena Yates, Keely Killebrew and Elizabeth Blymyer. Winners at the elementary school level were Siobahn Lawson, Sage Dewdney and Hannah Mendro.

“These students are emblematic of the future of the civil rights movement hme in Snohomish County, they will lead us where we need to go,” says Executive Reardon.

The celebration continued with a march to the plaza of the County administration buildings and was followed by an inspiring speech by Dolores Huerta, renowned civil rights activist, about the importance of continuing Dr. King’s work and vision in today’s society.

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Executive Reardon kicks off sustainable building tour

On January 16, the Sustainable Development Task Force of Snohomish County will host an educational tour of Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream in Maltby. The event is planned to demonstrate to architects, designers, engineers, bankers, developers and real estate professionals how sustainable design can lower operating costs, overcome permitting barriers and generally increase project visibility and profitability.

“The County is excited to partner with businesses like Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream, to show that sustainable business practices and green building can be profitable and affordable in our area,” says Executive Reardon.

The Master Builders Association’s BuiltGreen program, University of Washington’s Urban Design Program and low impact development practitioners recognize Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream as a leading example in Snohomish County of low impact development and good systems design.

This is the first sustainable project that the Sustainable Development Taskforce The Taskforce is a public/private partnership comprised of members from the architectural, building and development communities, county government, local governments and the PUD.

The event will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream, 21106 – 86th Avenue SE, Maltby, and will offer networking opportunities and refreshments. For details and directions contact Deanna Carveth, 425-388-6473 or visit www.snoedc.org/ssc/. To register, please e-mail tlhooper@snopud.com.

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Executive Reardon participates in the 5th annual Students of Color Career Conference

On Friday, January 12, the fifth annual “Dare to Dream” Career Conference was held at Everett Community College. Students of color from middle and high school from around the community will had the opportunity to meet with renowned and respected business and community leaders to discuss educational and career opportunities.

“I am honored to participate in this important opportunity for our students to learn about the advantages of seeking higher education. I am working hard to bring a 4-year college to Snohomish County so our children have these advantages locally,” said Executive Reardon.

The conference provides one-stop shopping for the students attending. Experts in over 20 fields provided information on various career paths and education specialists were on hand to discuss funding a college education and pursuing higher education. The Students of Color Career Conference was held in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Snohomish County.

Brave citizens recognized

On Monday, January 8, Local citizens Jason Sprinkle, Tawni Kosnosky, Frank Vanleemput, Greg Famelos, Kathy Famelos, Donald Whitfield and Debbie Whitfield were honored for their bravery in coming to the aid of Snohomish County Deputy Rebecca Lewis.

Deputy Lewis was assaulted by a male suspect on December 2 in Marysville. Each of these courageous citizens came to her assistance and stayed with her until medical attention arrived. The suspect was later apprehended.

Executive Reardon and the Snohomish County Council recognized their actions in a Joint Resolution read at the Citizen Recognition Ceremony.

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