

Snohomish County Executive
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Priorities in Action



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 **Third annual Native American Heritage Celebration**

The Snohomish County Diversity Council and Snohomish County will host the third annual Native American Heritage Celebration, Thursday, September 20, 2007, 11a.m. to 4 p.m., at the County Campus Plaza, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, in downtown Everett.

The celebration is free and open to the public.

“The event highlights our efforts in Snohomish County to celebrate the rich diversity of our region,” Executive Reardon said. “The Heritage Celebration offers citizens a unique opportunity to learn more about the culture and heritage of our Native American neighbors.”

The event will begin at 11a.m. with a welcome and presentation by the Salmon Ceremony Group. Other performing artists will include storyteller Roger Fernandes and contemporary blues singer Pura Fe (Tuscarora Nation).

The 2007 event will highlight Native American artifacts, beadwork, basketry, jewelry, musical instruments and masks, outreach booths and educational displays by Everett Community College, Edmonds Community College, Cascadia Community College and Snohomish County.

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 **Sound Transit expands Sounder commuter rail options and announces third round trip from Everett**

On Thursday, Executive Reardon joined Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Norm Dicks and other Sound Transit Board Members for a public announcement of expanded Sounder commuter rail service starting September 24th that includes two new weekday round trips on the south corridor and one on the north corridor. The new service in the north corridor will begin on September 24th, with a third round-trip train between Everett and Seattle with a stop in Edmonds. A fourth Everett-Seattle round trip train will begin on August 18, 2008.

“This is a great day for Sounder commuters in the north line, as well as the south,” said Snohomish County Executive and Sound Transit Board member Aaron Reardon. “The more service we can provide, the more transportation options people have for getting around our region and reducing traffic.”

More trains, more hours, and the new reverse commute train all add up to more choices for commuters who want to ride Sounder commuter rail and leave traffic behind. For more information about Sound Transit bus and train schedules, please visit www.soundtransit.org.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

 **The return of the pinks**

Every two years more than 20,000 pink salmon journey up the Sultan River to Spawn. Join Snohomish County Surface Water Management and the City of Sultan in Osprey Park on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the banks of the Sultan River to watch. This event is free and no pre-registration is required. If Saturday, September 29 doesn't fit your schedule, visit on your own. Osprey Park is open everyday from dawn until dusk.

Snohomish County Public Work-Surface Water Management is sponsoring the event. To RSVP and for more information contact Suzi Wong Swint at Snohomish County Surface Water Management, 425-388-6476 or s.swint@co.snohomish.wa.us.

 **SAVE THE DATE: University of Washington North Town Hall Meeting**

As part of the directive from the State Legislature in 2007, the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the University of Washington (UW) will recommend sites for a new UW campus in North Puget Sound. A preliminary implementation plan and site recommendations are due to the Governor in November 2007.

As part of the process, the UW and OFM are partnering with Snohomish County and other regional governments to hold a series of town hall meetings to engage the public in the site recommendation process.

Please come and share your thoughts and learn about the progress being made at a town hall meeting **Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Comcast Arena at Everett Events Center.

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 **SAVE THE DATE: SnoGold 2010 to hold community forum, unveil logo**

On Wednesday, October 17 please join Executive Reardon and SnoGold 2010 for “Get in the Game,” a community forum about opportunities for Snohomish County and the 2010 Vancouver B.C. Olympics.

The event will include a ceremony to unveil the SnoGold logo, a panel discussion on the 2010 Olympics including representatives from Washington State, the Tulalip Tribes, Comcast Arena at Everett Events Center and more to be announced.

Hear what’s happening to prepare Washington State for increased tourism and see the unveiling of the official SnoGold logo.

The logo, commissioned by Tulalip artist James Madison, will be the symbol for all participating SnoGold 2010 business and organizations.

Date: Wednesday, October 17th

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Location: Everett Station, Weyerhaeuser Room

About SnoGold:

SnoGold's mission is to serve as a liaison to position Snohomish County for increased business and tourism opportunities before, during and after the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics in nearby British Columbia, Canada.

SnoGold welcomes all persons interested in helping promote Snohomish County as a visitor destination to teams, spectators and the Olympic family. For more information, please visit www.snogold2010.com.

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