Snohomish County Executive

AARON REARDON

Priorities in Action



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Executive Reardon to present 2008 Budget

Snohomish County Executive Reardon will present his 2008 Recommended Budget in a 10:00 a.m. speech on Friday, September 28. Executive Reardon will address highlights and priorities in his budget and present an outlook for 2008.

"I look forward to sharing our plans for 2008," said Reardon. "Our budget lays the foundation for our work as a County to meet our fundamental obligations to a safer community, a healthier environment and a better quality of life."

The Budget Address will be held on the Snohomish County Campus in the First Floor Conference Room (3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett). The public is welcome.

Graffiti Paint-Out Day

Tired of graffiti in your neighborhood? Snohomish County is teaming up with cities and community organizations from across the county to wipe out graffiti - and you can help!

On Saturday, October 6 join a crew of volunteers and experienced staff who will clean up and paint out graffiti along a heavily vandalized section of the Interurban Trail. Volunteers will organize at Mountlake Terrace Fire Station 19 before traveling to the paint-out site where the trail crosses under 220th Street SW in Mountlake Terrace and Edmonds (behind Funtasia).

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"Graffiti makes people feel that their neighborhoods are being lost to crime- and if allowed to remain, it sends a message that the community does not care," says Executive Reardon. "Snohomish County is a growing and vibrant community – and we want to keep it that way. By cracking down on graffiti, we send a message that we will not tolerate crime in our community."

In July, Executive Reardon hosted an anti-graffiti summit where leaders from throughout the county committed to partnering together to combat graffiti. At the summit, Executive Reardon committed to partnering with local cities, service organizations and local business to organize a community Paint-Out Day.

"The Paint Out will give citizens the tools and training they need to help in eliminating graffiti in our community," explained Reardon. "We can stop graffiti in Snohomish County, but it will take the efforts of all of us working together."

For more information, visit www.snoco.org and search "graffiti."

Snohomish County Fall Farm Festivals

Beginning September 22, farming communities throughout Snohomish County invite the public to share some wholesome family fun on the farm.

"The festivals are a celebration of farming in our community," County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "Agriculture is one of Snohomish County's most sustaining community resources."

The festivals celebrate the harvest and offer many unique activities from hay rides, farm tours and a barn dance to agriculture displays, workshops, kid's activities and plenty of opportunities for farm-fresh eating.

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Sincerely,

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Snohomish County Fall Farm Festival Series

Where & When: In farming communities throughout Snohomish County, times vary by events and activities.

- Stanwood-Silvana-Camano Island: Harvest Jubilee, September 22
- Arlington-Marysville: Farming Yesterday and Today, October 6 and 7
- Monroe-Sultan-Gold Bar: Sky Valley Fall Farm Festival, October 13 (Monroe only), October 20 (Sultan, Startup, Gold Bar only)
- Snohomish Festival of Pumpkins, October 1-31

All festivals are free; some activities charge fees. Food and merchandise are available for purchase.

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