

Snohomish County Executive
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Latest News & Upcoming Events

Friday, November 7, 2008

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 **Flood warnings added for Monroe, Snohomish**

Moderate flooding expected in low-lying areas

New Flood Warnings have been issued for the Snohomish River at Monroe and Snohomish.

Flood Warnings were issued Friday morning for the Skykomish River at Gold Bar.

Residents near Monroe and Snohomish should prepare for moderate flooding beginning this afternoon in low-lying areas near the river. Flooding already has been reported in Index, Gold Bar and Sultan along the Skykomish River.

River levels continue to fluctuate on the Stillaguamish River and its north and south forks. The river there is expected to crest near Arlington at 4 p.m.

No evacuations have been issued, but residents living near these rivers are urged to use caution through Saturday afternoon when rivers are expected to begin returning to normal levels.

In Monroe, forecasts predict the Snohomish River will crest slightly above flood stage in the early morning hours of Saturday. The Snohomish River is expected to crest at Snohomish later that morning.

Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management has tasked crews with shoring up low river banks near Index to minimize flooding impacts. Sand and bags have been prepped at Gold Bar, Granite Falls and other locations throughout Snohomish County.

The areas near Gold Bar and the Cascade foothills have received more than 8 inches of rain since weather conditions began

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Thursday, putting extreme pressure on the river systems flowing through the heart of the county. At least another 2 to 4 inches was expected to fall before the end of Friday.

Rising water has forced the county to close a few roads, including 399th Avenue Southeast near Gold Bar and First Street in Sultan. Snohomish County Public Works is inspecting other roads.

The Department of Emergency Management expects to continue operating at a moderate level, continually analyzing weather forecasts and river data throughout the Flood Watch.

Should flooding occur, citizens should stay away from rising waters and not drive through areas of flowing or standing water or around road closure barriers.

After hour and weekend road closures can be reported by calling 911.

Road closure lists and flood updates can be found at www.snoco.org. Additional flooding issues can be reported to Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

Veterans Day events, Tuesday, November 11

Flying Heritage Collection presents "Flying Heroes of World War II"

The Flying Heritage Collection (FHC) at Paine Field invites the public to attend "Flying Heroes of World War II" on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. This special event will commemorate the courage, innovation and sacrifice of WWII veterans, with features such as a reunion of World War II fighter pilots; a panel of veterans and experts discussing the evolution and impact of military aviations; and a ceremony led by Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, FHC Executive Director Adrian Hunt and historians Cory Graff and Andrew Himes. The event starts at 11 a.m., and the collection will be open all day.

As a special thank-you to veterans for their service to our country, they will be given complimentary entrance to FHC on November 11. For non-veterans, admission rates are: Adults: \$12; seniors: \$10; youths (6-15), \$8; children (5 and under) free; and groups (15 or more): \$10 per person. Free parking is

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available outside the hangar at 3407 109th Street SW, Everett.

For more information visit www.flyingheritage.com or call (877) 342-3404.

Arlington:

Veterans Day parade starting at 11 a.m. Olympic Avenue to Legion Park

Everett:

3RD Annual Veterans Day USO DANCE
Free for veterans of all wars – 55 years and older
1 – 5 p.m.
ESAC
3025 Lombard Ave.

Enjoy music from the 1930s and 1940s with the popular ROUTE 66, a 16-piece swing band.

For more information, contact ESAC at 425-257-8780.



Focus on Farming Conference returns Nov. 20

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon welcomes farmers, chefs, growers and retailers to the 5th annual Focus on Farming Conference to be held Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

The annual conference, initiated by Reardon and local farmers in 2004, continues to grow in attendance and participation from a broad sector, including new rural residents with an interest in farming, government agencies and individuals interested in food, sustainability and regional agriculture.

Titled “Breaking New Ground,” this year’s conference offers a diverse program featuring renowned speakers including 2008 MacArthur Fellowship winner David Montgomery, author of “Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations.”

Montgomery is a doctorate-level professor at the UW Department of Earth & Space Sciences, where he studies the evolution of topography and the influence of changing landforms on ecological systems and human societies. His most recent studies have taken him around the world, only to discover that humanity’s most necessary natural resource is most likely its

soils. Yet, current mechanized agriculture has eroded much of the land, putting humanity's future at risk.

Montgomery is expected to talk about ways to overcome these agricultural hurdles. In addition, participants will enjoy top-notch sessions on successful farming, new techniques and lucrative advice from regional experts.

All this will be pleasantly interrupted by a world-class lunch featuring local fare prepared by the Northwest's premier chefs. The evening will end with wine tasting featuring Washington State vintners.

Breakout sessions still are being planned but participants will have a chance to learn more about distillation and wine-making, green gardens, container gardens, polyculture, product marketing, seed drying for profit, pest control and much more.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th St. SW. Early registration is \$35 and runs through Nov. 6. After that, the cost to attend is \$45. Register online at www.focusonfarming.org or by calling 425-388-7492.

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