

Snohomish County Executive  
**AARON REARDON**



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 **Horizon Air proposes flights at Paine Field**

*FAA will require negotiations with regional airline*

The airline notified county officials Thursday morning of its desire to start flights as early as next summer.

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, who opposes commercial flights at the airport, said his office will continue to follow federal law, which requires good-faith negotiations with any airline.

“For personal reasons, I don’t believe commercial air is compatible with current operations at Paine Field or the numerous households now surrounding the airport,” Reardon said Thursday. “But we will continue following the law.”

Horizon Air indicated it will introduce daily service from Paine Field to Portland and Spokane, with scheduled times to facilitate same-day business trips between cities. Horizon intends to use 76-seat Bombardier Q400 turboprop airplanes.

In May, Allegiant Air, which offers flights to recreational destinations from smaller cities, indicated its flights would begin between Paine Field and Las Vegas.

At that time, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) directed Snohomish County to “negotiate in good faith” with any airline expressing interest in using Paine Field.

Reardon instructed his staff to comply with federal requirements, and conversations between Allegiant, Paine Field operators and the Transportation Security Administration, which provides protection and safety at the nation’s airports, have been ongoing.

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Reardon said Thursday that Horizon will be added to those conversations.

In 2005, Reardon formed a panel of 12 community members to review and update the role of Paine Field defined by the Snohomish County Commissioners in 1978, and charged the community panel to update the Mediated Role Determination (MRD) Document.

The MRD Document, created between 1978 and 1979, identified general and industrial aviation as the primary uses of Paine Field. It also encouraged growth of aircraft-related industries, business and corporate aviation, air taxi and commuter service. It discouraged growth beyond 1978 service levels of air cargo aviation, supplemental and charter air passenger service, large transport crew training operations and military aviation.

The panel concluded that federal law does not allow the county to prohibit or limit scheduled passenger air service.

Paine Field occupies more than 1,300 acres of land and has three paved runways. It is home to major aeronautics companies that account for more than 30,000 jobs in the Puget Sound, including The Boeing Co., Goodrich, ATS and the soon-to-be-relocated Korry Electronics.

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## **Reardon declares October Down Syndrome Awareness Month**

Executive Reardon has declared October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Reardon signed a proclamation Wednesday drawing awareness to Down syndrome and the 12th annual Buddy Walk of Puget Sound, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 5.

“Citizens with Down syndrome are active members of society and contribute to the overall quality of life in their communities,” he wrote in the proclamation. “Greater public awareness and acceptance of these persons will increase their access to community housing, employment, education, social and recreational opportunities.”

Reardon has long supported the Down syndrome community and has participated in past Buddy Walks.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

To read the proclamation [click here](#).



*(Executive Reardon and guests after signing a proclamation declaring October Down Syndrome Awareness Month)*

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## **County tightens codes against illegal junkyards**

Reardon applauds County Council for supporting tougher regulations.

Illegal junkyard operators beware. Snohomish County's code enforcement regulations just got tougher.

On Wednesday, the county council approved recommendations for strengthening ordinances against code enforcement violators.

Under the changes, county code enforcement crews now will be able to:

- issue citations for less severe violations;
- use a streamlined warning process to facilitate rapid voluntary compliance;

- use a new schedule of monetary penalties of up to \$75,000 per violation;
- record a Certificate of Noncompliance against a property in violation – invaluable information to prospective property owners and lenders.

These new provisions were developed through stakeholder groups and recommended by County Executive Aaron Reardon, who has increased awareness of code enforcement issues in Snohomish County since taking office in 2004. They will allow code enforcement crews to be even more efficient in ridding county neighborhoods of violators.

“Illegal junkyards and code-enforcement violations will not be tolerated,” Reardon said. “They create environmental hazards, are a neighborhood eyesore and become a breeding ground for crime. I want to thank the County Council for standing with us in this effort to stamp out crime.”

In 2006, Reardon proposed a junkyard abatement pilot project, which assesses the cost of property cleanup against the property owner. Since then, the county’s code enforcement division has completed abatements on six sites, removing more than 300 junk vehicles, 100 tons of debris and more than 300 used tires from the sites.

Twelve other owners have voluntarily cleaned up junkyard conditions on their property in response to the tougher stance.

In addition, the county hosted a neighborhood cleanup in May near Mariner High School, resulting in the removal of 108 computers, 308 tires, 5.5 tons of metal, a dozen refrigerators and 330 gallons of paint and oil from area homes. The county also hosts an annual graffiti paint out, another code enforcement violation.

“As we move forward with this new code, we’ll be able to better promote sustainable and livable communities within Snohomish County,” said Snohomish County Fire Marshal Tom Maloney, who oversees the code enforcement division. “In addition, these initiatives will enable us to continue providing outreach and education to our citizens on complying with county code.”

Snohomish County only pursues abatement on sites that have gone through the entire Code Enforcement process and have a judgment from the courts authorizing the county to abate.

When the County Code Enforcement Division receives a complaint, the first approach is to resolve the issue through voluntary compliance. If that fails, code enforcement pursues a court order from Superior Court to require abatement by the violator. After failure to comply with the court order, the county may pursue a warrant of abatement, which allows the county to clean up the site and charge the costs to the property owner.

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### **Snohomish County to co-host multicultural job fair**

Snohomish County is co-sponsoring the seventh semi-annual Multicultural Employment Fair at Edmonds Community College.

As many as 50 businesses will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the college's Triton Union Building, 20000 68th Ave., Lynnwood, to discuss job opportunities. Entry level jobs and more are available.

Businesses are interested in meeting diverse job candidates, including those who are multilingual. Interpreters will be onsite providing translation services for Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Bosnian and Serbo-Croatian speaking job candidates.

Originally started as an annual event in 2003, the fair is now held twice each year due to community demand. Last year's fall fair attracted more than 45 businesses as well as 230 job candidates and community college students.

Job seekers are asked to pre-register at [www.eventbrite.com/event/172202061](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/172202061) and come prepared with résumés. However, résumé assistance is available through WorkSource Snohomish County and Refugee Immigrant Services Northwest or by calling 425-673-3304.

The county is working together with a number of co-sponsors, including WorkSource Snohomish County, which

provides a wide range of employment and training-related services to local businesses and job candidates. To learn more, visit [www.worksourceonline.com](http://www.worksourceonline.com).

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## **County offers new round of lodging-tax tourism grants**

Snohomish County is currently accepting applications from public and nonprofit agencies for projects that promote tourism and overnight stays in the county.

This county is home to a thriving tourism industry. It ranked second only to King County in hotel/motel room occupancy during August of this year. With world-class figure skating, vintage airplanes, antiques shopping, farm festivals, outdoor recreation and much more, it's important to highlight opportunities for potential visitors.

Funding, which comes from taxes collected on Snohomish County's hotel and motel room rentals, will be available in January and will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible projects best demonstrating the ability to draw visitors to Snohomish County.

Historically, the average project allocation has been about \$6,500.

To assist potential applicants, the county will host a workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine St., Everett. The workshop will provide information about the objectives of the funding program and how applicants can develop competitive proposals.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements also are available by contacting Brent Lambert, Snohomish County Economic Development, at 425-388-3263 or [brent.lambert@snoco.org](mailto:brent.lambert@snoco.org).

Completed applications are due to Snohomish County's Economic Development Division, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S #411, Everett, WA, 98201, by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2008. Applications received after that time and date will not be considered for funding.

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