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 **County to break ground on new airport fire station**

Snohomish County will break ground July 24 on its new Paine Field Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Station.

When completed next April, the new station will provide better protection to all airfield operations, structures and facilities located at Snohomish County's Paine Field. The airport has more than 615 base aircraft – the most of any in the state – and has 150,000 flight operations per year.

The station will house two aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) vehicles, a structural firefighting engine and a rescue vehicle. It will provide living quarters for staff, which includes a training and exercise room, as well as offer storage and work space for equipment maintenance.

The Paine Field Fire Department provides fire and rescue protection for all airfield operations and facilities at the airport, and the new location provides quicker access to runways. The fire department also offers off-site assistance for major fires and mass-casualty incidents.

The new station replaces the current fire station – a 60-year-old structure that fails seismic standards, has no internal fire-protection system and is too small for today's more modern equipment. To accommodate services, staff has been working from a trailer since September 2005.

Total cost for the project is \$6 million with about \$4.5 million provided by the Federal Aviation Administration. The remaining funding comes from the county's Airport Enterprise Fund.

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The groundbreaking will begin at 11 a.m. July 24, at the new site, one block north of the present fire station, which is located at 3601 109th St. SW.



Summer movies kick off at Willis Tucker Park

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation kicked off its annual Movies in the Park series Thursday, with a showing of the animated film “Bee Movie.” More than 500 people attended, with the crowds sure to grow larger as the summer progresses.

Sundquist Homes, in partnership with Snohomish County Parks, sponsors the summer movie series held at Willis Tucker Community Park and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds through Aug. 21.

Open seating begins at 7:30 p.m. for each movie at Willis Tucker, and seating is on the grass. Families and individuals should bring low-back lawn chairs and blankets for comfort.

As an added feature this year, “Grease” will be shown July 25 in the fairgrounds’ west parking lot, drive-in style with audio broadcast through car radios.

Admission to all movies in the series is free, though donations to the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department are accepted. Popcorn and soda are available for purchase.

Below is a list of remaining movies. Starting times are approximate.

Night at the Museum

Rated PG

9:35 p.m., July 24

Grease

Rated PG

9:35 p.m., July 25

Happy Feet

Rated PG

9:25 p.m., July 31

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

School of Rock

Rated PG-13

9:15 p.m., Aug. 7

We Are Marshall

Rated PG

9 p.m., Aug. 14

Evan Almighty

Rated PG-13

8:45 p.m., Aug. 21

**County establishes, enforces new burn ban**

Due to high fire danger and expected dry weather conditions, Snohomish County has established an outdoor burning ban for unincorporated areas which began at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 17.

The ban will remain in effect until there is a sustained period of rainfall and fire risk lessens. All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for agricultural burning, are suspended until this ban is lifted.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office instituted the ban based on input from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources regarding fuel moistures and firefighting resources in cooperation with local fire districts, the Northwest Clean Air Agency and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

This ban does not include recreational fires in approved enclosures. For recreational fires, the enclosure must be constructed of a noncombustible material such as concrete or metal, and water must be immediately available.

Citizens within the boundaries of incorporated cities and towns should check with local fire departments for their current burn ban information.

For more information on this and other county fire issues, contact the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office at 425-388-3557.

County awarded homelessness prevention, assistance grant

Snohomish County will combat homelessness through a pilot housing assistance program made possible by more than \$1.6 million in state funding.

The program, called Project ANCHOR, provides help to individuals and families who are having trouble paying rent or are losing their housing. Services include short- and long-term rent assistance to low-income working individuals and families.

Funding comes from the state's new Homeless Grant Assistance Program through the State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development. Snohomish County is one of three selected for funding out of nearly 40 applicants.

"We have an excellent opportunity here to decrease the number of families living on the fringe of homelessness," County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "Fighting homelessness starts by reducing the number of working families close to losing their homes."

Project ANCHOR was developed by the county's Office of Housing, Homelessness and Community Development, part of the county's Human Services Department. Services are tiered based on need, ranging from three months of assistance with minimal case management support to three years of housing assistance. Specialized case management will also be a central part of this program.

These efforts follow the county's recent awarding of more than \$2 million in grants to countywide agencies and nonprofits fighting homelessness in Snohomish County.

More than \$1.54 million was awarded to 20 projects specifically serving homeless individuals and families through a variety of housing and assistance programs. Another \$500,000 is being used to support a housing voucher program tied to local human services.

Among those receiving funds are Volunteers of America, Cocoon House, the Salvation Army, Snohomish County Legal Services, the YWCA and Domestic Violence Services

of Snohomish County.

“These groups are finding creative ways of administering projects with fewer available dollars,” Reardon said. “When we have the chance, we should reward them with more funding so as to make those programs go even further.”

In January, Reardon began a timely initiative geared toward ending homelessness and increasing affordable housing by convening the Housing & Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee.

Represented are leaders from local and state government, the housing and real-estate industry, educators, nonprofit executives, business leaders and members of the faith community with the charge of suggesting how best to establish benchmarks for forthcoming homeless and housing initiatives as well as guide long-term strategies.

Music on the Plaza features Sister Monk

Sister Monk, one of the hottest emerging funk acts in the Northwest, will perform live at the 4th Annual Music on the Plaza lunchtime concert series, **Wednesday July 23rd** on the **Snohomish County campus**. The concert runs from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The concerts are presented by the Snohomish County Office of the Executive.

Sister Monk, known across the country for their unusual mix of diverse instruments and a sound some have called Gypsy Funk, also embrace world, jazz, rock, classical and folk styles to create a culturally varied and spiritually nurturing sound.

The lunchtime concerts run through Aug. 20 at the campus amphitheater located at Rockefeller and Wall in downtown Everett.

Bring your lunch or grab a burger or brat hot off the grill. Kettle corn, gourmet ice cream and fresh cut flowers will also be available during the concert.

For more information, please contact Wendy Becker at wendy.becker@co.snohomish.wa.us or www.snocoarts.org.

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