

Snohomish County Executive  
**AARON REARDON**



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 **Reardon applauds decision favoring Boeing**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon applauded a federal decision Wednesday requesting the Boeing Co.'s bid to build the U.S. Air Force's next refueling tanker be reconsidered.

The General Accountability Office sustained Boeing's protest of the Air Force's decision to award the lucrative contract to a joint venture between Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. and EADS, parent of Airbus.

"We're pleased with today's decision and the steps Boeing has taken to try and win this contract fairly," Reardon said. "This isn't just about making the best airplanes in the world – as Boeing does – but it's about saving American jobs."

A recent report by the Economic Policy Institute suggests "at least 14,000 jobs that could have been generated in the United States if the contract had gone to Boeing will not be created" under the current contract award.

"We've worked hard to make Snohomish County the fastest growing job base in the state of Washington, and we're committed to supporting Boeing in its efforts to land this tanker," Reardon said. "We're doing our part, now it's time for the federal government to do its part."

Reardon also thanked the Washington Congressional delegation for its vigilance in bringing to light the flaws inherent in the bidding process.

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 **Help shape a sustainable future at Cathcart, Tues., June 24**

You're invited to participate in a workshop to help shape a sustainable future for the county's Cathcart property.

Executive Aaron Reardon's vision for Cathcart includes sustainable housing, an employment cluster and retail services on 20 percent of the 606-acre property, while protecting 80 percent for public space, parks and infrastructure.

On June 4, the Executive met with neighbors to discuss how that vision might look. We heard many great ideas and suggestions about the Cathcart concept.

This second meeting is another opportunity to offer input and help us refine ideas as we move forward in the planning process.

Join Executive Reardon for an interactive workshop where you and your neighbors will play the role of project planners charting a course to turn this vision of a sustainable, full-service community into reality.

7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 24  
Willis Tucker Community Park  
6705 Puget Park Dr., Snohomish

For information on future meetings, contact the Executive's Office at [county.executive@snoco.org](mailto:county.executive@snoco.org).

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 **Meadowdale Park repairs to provide trail access**

Snohomish County is completing its first round of repairs on the main trail at Meadowdale Beach Park, closed since flooding in December damaged access in three locations.

The initial repairs will allow the upper stretches of the 1.25-mile trail to reopen for public use. The lower part of the trail, which provides access to the beach, will remain closed until long-term repair work can be designed and completed.

The December storm caused damage in three locations

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along the trail. Landslides in two locations caused holes more than 20 feet deep. Damage also included heavy storm debris being deposited at the railroad trestle. Most debris has been collected but still remains in the park, causing safety hazards in some locations.

Initial trail repairs should be completed by the beginning of July. The upper portion of the park will be reopened up to the second damage location. There, the trail will be blocked to prevent further access.

Additional repairs to the remainder of the trail currently are being designed. Staff has been coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on repairs, and acquiring needed permits as some of the work is near sensitive wetlands and Lund's Gulch Creek, a salmon-bearing stream.

Work is expected to be completed next spring, and the entire park should then be reopened.

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## **Local artists give face to homelessness**

An art exhibit, now on display at the Snohomish County campus, draws awareness of the women who reside at Mary's Place, a Seattle day center for homeless and formerly homeless women.

The 16 portraits by 16 different artists highlight the stories of every-day, middle-aged women of various ethnicities, many of whom currently have no permanent residence.

"I wanted the public to see that homeless women don't look any different from other women," said Tina Marohn, an artist and Mary's Place volunteer who coordinated the project.

"That's a frightening aspect of homelessness – you look around and realize anyone could become homeless," Marohn continued. "Maybe that's why it's so difficult to get help solving the problem. It's too close to the bone for most people to acknowledge."

During Snohomish County's most recent Point in Time homeless count, nearly 2,200 individuals were homeless that

January night. Under the latest figures, 956 people had no shelter during the count, while 1,198 people were sheltered in emergency and transitional housing or were using hotel vouchers for the night.

“We have a responsibility to find solutions to homelessness, and drawing awareness to the issue is one part of that solution,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “This new exhibit does exactly that, and in a bold, powerful way.”

Marohn first asked 16 Mary's Place clients to give interviews about their lives. She then convinced 16 fellow artists to create portraits of the women.

The result is the "Women of Mary's Place" exhibition, on view June 25-July 25 in the lobby of the Robert J. Drewel Building on the Snohomish County Campus, 3000 Rockefeller Ave. Admission is free.

A newly published book, available for \$20, also contains a color reproduction of each portrait and a brief biography based on the subject's interview. All funds raised by the book go directly to Mary's Place.

For more information about the portrait exhibition, book sales or to arrange a slide presentation for a group or organization, visit the project Web site at [www.womenofmarysplace.org](http://www.womenofmarysplace.org), or contact Wendy Becker, Economic and Cultural Development Officer, at 425-388-3186 or [wendy.becker@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:wendy.becker@co.snohomish.wa.us).



### **Rural-lands meeting June 26 last in series**

Snohomish County will host one final public meeting June 26 in a series inviting input on how rural lands should be managed or developed in the future.

Since meetings began in early June, the county's Planning and Development Services Department has collected more than 1,000 comments from Snohomish County residents. More than 200 people have attended three meetings held in Arlington, Maltby and Monroe.

The final meeting in the series will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Snohomish County Campus, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett. Residents are invited to

offer their comments on how rural lands should look, feel and function.

The open-house-style meeting will include a presentation by Craig Ladiser, director of Snohomish County's Planning and Development Services, on the county's rural development policies and regulations, followed by open discussion and public comment.

During previous meetings, residents have raised various concerns regarding changes in the rural landscape brought about by growth. Longtime rural residents have pointed to negative impacts such as increased road traffic, obtrusive night lighting, water-quality and water-quantity issues as well as stormwater runoff problems.

In September, planning officials will return with a second series of meetings to present proposed revisions to the county's rural-lands planning policies based on discussions from these first meetings.

Meetings will be held:

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3  
Maltby Community Club  
8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish

6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11  
Pioneer Hall  
20722 67th Ave. NE, Arlington

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17  
Evergreen State Fairgrounds Longhouse  
14405 179 Ave. SE, Monroe

6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25  
Public Meeting Room 1,  
Snohomish County Campus  
3000 Rockefeller, Everett

For more information on Snohomish County's Rural Lands Planning Project, go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "Rural Lands Project," or contact Terri Strandberg at 425-388-3311 or [terri.strandberg@snoco.org](mailto:terri.strandberg@snoco.org).

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