

Snohomish County Executive
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 **Executive Reardon proclaims April 22
"Earth Day in Snohomish County"**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon earlier this week issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 22, "Earth Day in Snohomish County."

First celebrated on April 22, 1970, by 20 million people nationwide, today Earth Day is celebrated throughout the world. The original event led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species acts and has spurred environmental stewardship around the globe.

In honor of the 39th annual celebration of Earth Day, events are planned throughout Snohomish County. Here is a sampling of scheduled activities:

Earth Day Walk Adventure

Sponsored by Snohomish County Surface Water Management, City of Marysville, Pilchuck Audubon, Tulalip Tribes and more, this family-friendly event will feature themed exhibits and hands on activities.

The event will be held **Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. at Ebey Waterfront Park in Marysville.** For more information, [click here.](#)

Edmonds Earth Day Beach Cleanup

The City of Edmonds will host an **Earth Day Beach Cleanup Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to noon.** Participants will meet at the **visitor station at Olympic Beach.** For more information, [click here.](#)

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Mill Creek Earth Day Volunteer Event

The City of Mill Creek is hosting an Earth Day Volunteer Event on **Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers will install storm-drain markers, plant trees and shrubs and pick up trash. Participants will meet at Mill Creek City Hall. For details, [click here](#).

Snohomish County Campus Earth Day Activities

On **Tuesday, April 22**, Community Transit will host a table at the **Snohomish County Administration East Building Lobby**. Interested people are invited to visit Community Transit while on campus to learn more about transit alternatives. The Snohomish County Campus is located at **3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett**.

To view Executive Reardon's Earth Day proclamation, [click here](#).

WSDOT to hold US 2 Traffic Safety Corridor meeting in Monroe

On Tuesday, April 22, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will hold a public meeting on the recently designated U.S. 2 Traffic Safety Corridor.

The meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the YMCA, 14090 Fryelands Blvd., Monroe.

Once a roadway is designated as a safety corridor designation by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) it becomes eligible for specific education, engineering and enforcement efforts.

The stretch of U.S. 2 between Monroe and Stevens Pass will receive more than 40 miles of rumble strips, additional patrols from the Washington State Patrol, regular safety reviews by the WTSC and more.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

To fund the effort, WSDOT will provide \$3.9 million, while Snohomish County is contributing \$1.5 million. An additional \$1.7 million is being provided by the federal government.

Roadways identified as Traffic Safety Corridors have a history of significant and frequent collisions, which typically can be eliminated or reduced with additional yet low-cost road improvements.

Snohomish County is a partner with the WTSC, Washington State Patrol, U.S. 2 Safety Coalition and the city of Monroe in the effort to improve safety on U.S. 2.

For more information about the U.S. Safety Corridor please visit www.us2drivesafe.org.

 **County to present honorees with DUI/Traffic Safety**

The Snohomish County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force will host its annual awards ceremony on Friday, April 25.

Awards are given to honor individuals and organizations for their work in raising awareness of traffic safety. In the past, the county has recognized a range of individuals, including police officers, school crossing guards, crash-scene witnesses, senior citizen volunteers and victim panel speakers.

Specifically, the task force honors achievements in varied fields, often including education, treatment, media, transportation, medicine, corrections, politics, the arts and community organizations.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Snohomish County PUD Auditorium, 2320 California St., Everett.

For more information on the awards or Snohomish County's efforts to reduce drunken driving, contact Tracy McMillan at 425-923-7179 or Tracy.McMillan@co.snohomish.wa.us.

 **Works of prominent artist featured at courthouse**

“The Book of Fishing,” a series of seven linocut block prints by Seattle-based artist and author Barbara Earl Thomas, will be on exhibit in the first-floor lobby of the Snohomish County Courthouse beginning Friday, April 18.

The visual narrative of the pieces interprets the rituals of fishing while exploring the historic and cultural activity that stretches across all cultures.

“I am from a family of fishermen who migrated from the South in the early 1940s, specifically Louisiana, Texas and Florida. While they left much behind, what they brought with them was a love for being out of doors on the lakes fishing for food to feeding the family and sometimes the whole neighborhood,” Thomas says of the new work. “For years after my family’s arrival in the Northwest in the 1940s there was no concept or talk of trout or steelhead. It was catfish, crappie and perch that lived in our dreams. Hence my narrative starts with a search for night crawlers and earthworms.”

Thomas was born, raised and educated in Seattle where she attended the University of Washington. There, she studied with contemporary African-American artist Jacob Lawrence and received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the fine arts. She has exhibited her artwork at the Bellevue and Whatcom art museums and has been included in a number of prestigious private and public collections including the Safeco Corporate Collection, the Microsoft Corporate Collection and the Seattle Art Museum’s permanent collection.

In 1998 and 2000, Thomas received the Seattle Arts Commission award for new non-fiction. Her essays have appeared in numerous publications and anthologies, including “Raven Chronicles,” “Intimate Nature: The Bonds between Women and Animals” and “Storm Watch: The Art of Barbara Earl Thomas,” which was published in 1998 by the University of Washington Press.

Thomas is currently the deputy director and curator for the Northwest African American Museum in Seattle.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Snohomish County Arts Commission, is free to the public and available for viewing through April 2009 at the Snohomish County Courthouse, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett. The courthouse is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on this exhibit or others located on the Snohomish County campus, contact Wendy Becker, economic and cultural development officer, at 425-388-3186 or go to www.snohomishcountyarts.org.

For more information on Thomas and her work, go to www.barbaraearylthomas.com.

 **EvCC to hold International Business Roundtable Friday, May 2**

Everett Community College will host an International Business Roundtable on Friday, May 2.

The last of a four-part series, the roundtable will feature Pat Lein, senior manager of Americas and Pacific Sales at Fluke Corp.

Employed by Fluke Corporation since 1984, Lein currently manages sales and marketing in Latin America, Canada and Australia. He has previously held positions in Asia and Europe.

The event is free and will begin at 7:30 a.m. in Whitehorse Hall, Room 105 at Everett Community College.

Please make your reservation with Cheryl Blackburn at 425-388-9572 or cblackburn@everettcc.edu.

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