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Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **County celebrates Lundeen Creek restoration**

Snohomish County, Lake Stevens and a host of community members and volunteers will join together Saturday, April 5, to celebrate the completion of the Lundeen Creek Restoration Project.

The celebration will include the planting of native vegetation by community volunteers and a ceremonial tree planting and ribbon cutting by local officials and community leaders. The volunteer planting event gets underway at 10 a.m. with the official ceremony scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Participants can meet at 2715 101st Ave. NE, following the signs for the event from 101st Avenue Northeast.

Lundeen Creek is a tributary of Lake Stevens. During the past century, the stream's natural functions have been compromised by logging, farming and development activities, which resulted in chronic flooding and drainage problems for nearby residents. In addition, once plentiful native fish runs in the creek were severely depleted.

Through a two-year cooperative effort between Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, stream-bank property owners and community volunteers, about 1,100 feet of existing stream channels now have been restored, 1,300 feet of new channels constructed and natural stream functions and habitat conditions recreated. As if to reward the community's efforts, hundreds of native Kokanee salmon returned to Lundeen Creek to spawn in late 2007.

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The Lundeen Creek Restoration Project is located at the north end of Lake Stevens in an area recently annexed into the city. It is bounded by Lundeen Parkway, Callow Road, 30th Street Northeast and 101st Avenue Northeast.

For more information on the project, contact Craig Garric at Craig.Garric@snoco.org.

 **Snohomish County Parks special events coming in April and May**

Subscribe to your Snohomish County Parks & Recreation's electronic newsletter. The e-newsletter contains brief updates on projects and events. If you would like to receive this newsletter each month, let us know at contact.parks@snoco.org.

Be sure to watch for several recreation events coming in April and May. Join Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Council and your Snohomish County Parks Department celebrating new additions to your county park system. For more information, go to www.snoco.org (search "parks").

diModa Homes on the Interurban Trail

diModa Homes, a subdivision of Sundquist Homes, re-aligned, paved and landscaped a portion of the Interurban Trail one block north of 164th Street. Watch for ribbon cutting celebration in mid-May.

Interurban Trail Overpass

Snohomish County Parks partnered with WSDOT to complete the Interurban Trail pedestrian overpass which crosses I-5 at 128th Street. Ribbon cutting celebration is scheduled for late April. [More](#)

Spray Pad at Willis Tucker Community Park

Construction of the Spray Pad at Willis Tucker Community Park is complete. Water flow testing, perimeter paving and two shelters will be completed next. A ribbon cutting celebration is tentatively scheduled for May 23rd. Read more at www.snoco.org (search "parks").

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Snohomish County, Community Transit partner to reduce traffic on 164th Street SW

Snohomish County will partner with Community Transit to offer incentives for reducing traffic on 164th Street Southwest from Lynnwood to Mill Creek.

The county will provide funding to Community Transit so the agency can offer bus passes, vanpool vouchers and personalized travel services in an effort to get people to take the bus, vanpool, carpool, bike or walk to their destinations during peak commute times.

“We’re creating useful alternatives to solve our traffic issues at 164th Street,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “We know working with Community Transit is a part of that solution.”

The six-year agreement allows the county to pay Community Transit up to \$128,000 in 2008 for expenses incurred in implementing the program. Funding in future years will depend on money collected by the county from developer fees.

Community Transit will offer subsidies in the amount of \$45 per participant during a six-month period (May through October) to cover the cost of riding a bus or using a vanpool. The subsidy will be in the form of a Puget Pass for those using a bus, or a voucher good toward vanpool fare for those choosing that option.

In mid-April, Community Transit will send a brochure to approximately 21,000 households along the corridor explaining the program and how to register. Community Transit staff will then work with those interested to help meet their personal transportation needs.

Contact Community Transit at (425) 353-RIDE or (800) 562-1375 for bus information, or

(888) 814-1300 for carpool or vanpool information, or go to www.communitytransit.org.

Salary Commission approves cost-of-living adjustments

The Snohomish County Citizens' Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials approved Monday its first salary schedule without need of county executive and council approval, as written in a 2006 voter-approved charter amendment.

This is the first time in Snohomish County that a change in salaries for elected officials will go into effect without approval from the council or executive. A 2006 voter-approved amendment to the county charter eliminated the need for council and executive approval of the salary changes. By law, salary recommendations must be made by May 1 for the next two-year period.

The commission is an independent group that meets every two years to set the salaries of elected officials in Snohomish County. Elected officials whose salaries are determined by the commission are the members of the county council, the executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and treasurer.

The commission is made up of 10 members, nominated by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. Six of the commission members are selected by lot by the county auditor from among all registered voters in Snohomish County. The remaining four members are required to have experience in the field of personnel management and come from four sectors: business, professional personnel management, legal profession and organized labor.

The commission approved cost-of-living adjustments for each elected official with no increase to their base salary, save the county prosecutor, each year during 2009 and 2010.

The commission agreed to continue allowing the prosecuting attorney's salary be set by the state salary commission for superior judges.

The cost-of-living adjustment approved for Snohomish County's elected officials is the same as a non-represented county employee will receive. For 2009, the adjustment is estimated to be between 3 percent and 4 percent.

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