

Snohomish County Executive
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 **Town hall meeting, Wednesday Feb. 20**

On Feb. 20 in South Everett, County Executive Aaron Reardon, Sheriff John Lovick and Councilmember Brian Sullivan will hold the second in a series of public-safety town hall meetings.

The town hall, which will take place from **6 pm. to 8 p.m. at Mariner High School**, will be an opportunity for officials to gather input on public-safety issues facing Snohomish County residents.

“Nothing is more important than the work we do to keep our communities safe,” Reardon said. “These town halls offer the opportunity to hear from our residents, exchange ideas and ensure we’re looking at every public-safety option.”

Public-safety topics likely to be discussed include efforts to reduce local crime and graffiti, preparation for emergencies and safety resources available to residents.

“People care very much about their neighborhoods. Even a little bit of crime can impact their quality of life,” Lovick said. “We’re serious about listening to them and learning how we can help make their neighborhoods safer. And we want to give them useful information they can put into practice when they leave these meetings.”

Mariner High School is located at 200 120th S. S.W., Everett

Another meeting will be held in Sultan from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Sultan High School, 13715 310th Ave. SE, with Councilman Dave Somers, who represents the area.
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Reardon is planning future town halls, which will focus on various topics and include other county officials and agency representatives.

“Engaging the public on the important issues facing this county is important,” Reardon said. “We need to make sure we’re continually talking with our residents as county government belongs to them.”

Federal funds offered for housing, homeless projects

Snohomish County will receive and share more than \$1.1 million in federal funding this year for homelessness projects and more than \$5.2 million in federal grants to provide housing opportunities.

Both sets of funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are to be used to reduce the number of homeless living in Snohomish County as well as to provide new affordable housing and community development opportunities.

“Utilizing this mix of federal funds and local resources allows us to achieve our goals of providing more housing to low- and middle-income families and to ending homelessness in Snohomish County,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “The amount of funding we’re receiving speaks to the efforts that our human services department and coordinating agencies are making to tackle these issues.”

The county successfully applied for funding from HUD’s McKinney-Vento homeless assistance program and was awarded \$1,102,317. The county will use the money to provide leasing and operating costs and supportive services for homeless households participating in 11 different projects and programs.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon



Honored author highlights Black History Month

Snohomish County's Diversity Council, along with honorary host County Executive Aaron Reardon, will sponsor an evening with award-winning author and journalist Jack Hamann in observance of Black History Month.

On the evening of Feb. 28, Hamann, a resident of Seattle, will discuss his book "On American Soil: How Justice Became a Casualty of World War II," a nonfiction investigative account of one of the largest and most controversial events in American civil rights history.

The event will be held from **5:30 to 8 p.m. at the New Everett Theatre, 2911 Colby Ave., Everett**, and includes a performance by the Second Baptist Church Youth Choir. Second Baptist is one of the oldest African American churches in Everett.

Admission is free, but seating is limited.

"On American Soil" was selected as the outstanding investigative book of 2005 by Investigative Reporters and Editors. The book was directly responsible for an Oct. 26, 2007, decision by the U.S. Army Board for Correction of Military Records to overturn the verdicts of the African American soldiers in the infamous 1944 Fort Lawton court-martial.

On Aug. 15, 1944, two U.S. Army military policemen discovered the body of Guglielmo Olivotto, an Italian prisoner of war. Olivotto had been held at Fort Lawton, located just north of downtown Seattle.

Three months later, 43 African American soldiers were accused of rioting in connection with the death, and three of the soldiers were charged with Olivotto's murder.

Hamann's career spans 27 years, including a decade as a network correspondent and documentary producer for CNN and PBS. His work has earned dozens of journalism honors including 10 regional Emmy awards.

Kim Henderson, a 12th-grade student at Mariner High School, also will read her essay, which recently won the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest conducted at schools throughout Snohomish County.

 **Everett Community College to host business roundtable**

It's time to make your reservation for the upcoming International Business Roundtable hosted by Everett Community College.

Dr. Lance T. LeLoup will be the featured speaker. Dr. LeLoup is the Vice Provost of International Programs and Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Washington State University. Professor LeLoup has lived in England, France, Hungary and Slovenia, and has lectured worldwide. He is the recipient of several Fulbright awards, the most recent as a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, in 2006.

His focus as the Senior International Officer at WSU has been on internationalizing the campuses and expanding the global engagement of the university -- topics that he will discuss as part of his presentation.

Make your reservation for lunch by calling Cheryl Blackburn at 425-388-9572 or e-mailing cblackburn@everettcc.edu.

Date: March 14
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Whitehorse Hall, Room 105
Everett Community College
2000 Tower St., Everett

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