

# Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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## **Snohomish County delegates approve ST2 package**

Snohomish County's three Sound Transit delegates voted Thursday to send a transportation package to voters as part of the November ballot.

The Sound Transit 2 Plan, approved unanimously for the ballot by the full board is the culmination of months of negotiations toward expanding a mass-transit system serving Snohomish, King and Pierce counties.

Led by County Executive Aaron Reardon, who serves as vice chairman of the Sound Transit board, the three members – including Edmonds City Councilwoman Deanna Dawson and Everett City Councilman Paul Roberts supported the package.

“With light rail to Lynnwood and substantially increased bus service, we’re offering Snohomish County residents long-term and short-term transit improvements,” Reardon said. “This is a strategic investment in our major corridors for the 21st century and beyond. This will help residents stay in front of the economic troubles they face in light of rising gas prices.”

Said Dawson, “This plan balances fiscal responsibility and a forward-looking transportation policy. We have reached the point where inaction is more risky than taking action. If approved by the voters, the benefits for Snohomish County could include less congestion, a cleaner environment, a more vibrant economy and an even better quality of life.”

“It is critical that we move forward and give voters the opportunity to make a decision on a transportation package,

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particularly in light of escalating fuel prices and rising demand for transportation alternatives,” Roberts said. The package will be paid for through a 0.5 percent sales tax increase, costing the average resident \$69 a year.

Improvements specific to Snohomish County are:

- Light rail to the Lynnwood Transit Center by 2023, including the option for parking expansions to accommodate transit ridership growth;
- A 30-percent increase in bus service to serve short- and long-term needs;
- As light rail opens in Lynnwood, bus service will be redeployed to other high-demand corridors;
- Additional parking for the Mukilteo Station, and funding for a permanent commuter rail station in Edmonds, including parking;
- Funding for park-and-ride expansions, pedestrian and bicycle improvements or other transit investments;
- Funding to further the planning of light rail to Everett.

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## **County sponsors Aug. 5 National Night Out event**

Join your neighbors and learn the latest in crime prevention during this year’s National Night Out Against Crime event, being held Aug. 5 at McCollum Park.

Sponsored by the Snohomish County Executive’s Office, the annual event will feature free food, live music, face painting, games and many more fun activities. More importantly, participants can find out what efforts Snohomish County and other fire and law enforcement agencies are making to prevent crime and protect property.

From 5 to 8 p.m., county officials will be available at McCollum Pioneer Park, 600 128th St. SE, Everett. Free hot dogs, corn on the cob and snow cones will be available as well as opportunities to win tickets to the upcoming Evergreen State Fair. Music will be provided by “Funny Feeling.”

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

Midway through the event, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office will offer a live flyover and demonstration of its search-and-rescue helicopter.

Safety booths and personnel will include the WSU Snohomish County Extension Office, Community Transit, Mill Creek Police Department, Snohomish County Fire District No. 1, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, YMCA of Snohomish County, United Way of Snohomish County, Snohomish County Parks and Recreation and more.

For more than 20 years, communities have gathered nationwide to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the event.

The Aug. 5 event at McCollum Park is in partnership with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, SnoCope Federal Credit Union, Farmer's Insurance, Mill Creek Police Department, Mill Creek Lion's Club and more.

For more information on the event, contact Amy Ockerlander at 425-388-3460 or [amy.ockerlander@snoco.org](mailto:amy.ockerlander@snoco.org).

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### **Summer movie series in full swing**

More than 1,000 people enjoyed "Night at the Museum" during the second week of Movies in the Park at Willis Tucker Community Park on Thursday. Attendance was buoyed by the grand opening of the park's new amphitheater. County Executive Aaron Reardon and his family were on hand for the ribbon cutting and movie.

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 Friday, 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. Popcorn and soda are available for purchase.

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

**Grease** (Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe)

Rated PG

9:35 p.m., July 25

**Happy Feet**

Rated PG

9:25 p.m., July 31

**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



## **Dub Championz to headline next plaza concert**

The Dub Championz will mix and remix the classic and contemporary sounds of freestyle reggae Wednesday, July 30, at the Music on the Plaza lunchtime concert series. The concert runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Snohomish County campus in downtown Everett.

“Dub” is a style of reggae music that originated from the studios of Jamaica in the early 1970s. Dubbing is the process of taking an already recorded song and remixing or alternating the vocals or other instrumentation to create a new song. The Dub Championz are a collective of musicians firmly grounded in dubbing fundamentals.

The Dub Championz are: Lennox Holness, bass; Mark Cardenas, keyboards; Adrian Xavier, percussion; Devec C, drums; and Mark Oi on guitar.

The lunchtime concerts are free to the public and run through Aug. 20 at the campus amphitheater located at Rockefeller Avenue and Wall Street. Kettle corn and fresh cut flowers also will be available during the concert.

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 **Advance discount tickets now on sale for Evergreen State Fair**

The Evergreen State Fair has several money-saving options for patrons who want to purchase tickets and carnival wristbands before coming to the Fair. Adult admission tickets are discounted to \$7 in advance; senior citizen tickets are \$6 in advance; youth tickets are \$4 in advance.

Carnival wristbands, which are valid on weekdays (except Labor Day) beginning at 11 a.m. are \$22 in advance. For each Pay-One-Price ticket sold, the customer will receive discount coupons at the Butler Carnival ticket booths, which are valid for \$1 off one large soft drink, large cotton candy or \$1 off one carnival game play.

Advance fair admission tickets and wristbands are on sale beginning Aug. 1.

Advance fair admission tickets can be purchased at Bartell Drug Stores, Snohomish County QFC Stores, Duvall Family Grocer, Gold Bar Family Grocer, Monroe 76 on Hwy. 2, Monroe Red Barn and the SnoCope Federal Credit Union.

Carnival wristbands can be purchased at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, SnoCope Federal Credit Union, Bartell Drug Stores and at the Fair Pass booth. For more information please visit [www.evergreenfair.org](http://www.evergreenfair.org).

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**Photos of recent events:**



*(Executive Reardon, joined by movie goers, cuts the ribbon at Willis Tucker Community Park's amphitheater grand opening on Thursday, July 24.)*



*(Executive Reardon joined by councilmember Mike Cooper, representatives of Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, the Paine Field fire department and others to break ground on the new Paine Field Airport fire station on Thursday, July 24)*

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