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Evergreen State Fair Park Commercial Building Comes Down after 70 years

The demolition is part of a plan to optimize the 193-acre fair park for future community space.

MONROE, Wash., February 22, 2023 – The well-known Commercial Building #400 at the center of the Evergreen State Fair Park is being demolished after nearly 70 years of serving Snohomish County. This central fair park building has been used for countless year-round events, fair-time activities, and recently supported the community during the COVID-19 pandemic by storing personal protective equipment (PPE).

The Commercial Building was first built in the mid-1950s and has served many functions including a low-class dairy barn; hosting exhibits, small animal shows and craft shows; as commercial vendor space; and food concession stand during The Evergreen State Fair. More recently, the building was instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic and was used not only to store and distribute thousands of items of PPE, but also as a space for a distiller to manufacture hand sanitizer.

Elected officials, Evergreen State Fair Board members and Snohomish County staff gathered on February 21 to celebrate the life of the Commercial Building and commemorated the start of its demolition.

“The mission of the Evergreen State Fair Park is to create an inclusive and accessible space for Snohomish County’s residents and visitors,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “This demolition is the next step towards optimizing the 193-acre Fair Park for what our community wants and needs: a safe and welcoming place for all to learn, grow, and make community connections.”

“Updating aging infrastructure to provide functional spaces is part of looking to the future,” said Tom Teigen, Director of the Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. “The Fair Park, Evergreen Equestrian Park and Evergreen Speedway serve over 500,000 people year-round. There are so many potential ways we can maximize this space for the community. We are excited to discover what comes next for this space.”

The 25,000-square-foot area will remain open once the building is demolished for this year’s fair. The contract for demolition included a component to salvage parts of the building in an effort towards environmental sustainability. If any community members are interested in salvaging material from the demolition, please email Contact.Parks@snoco.org.

About the Evergreen State Fair Park

The Evergreen State Fair Park in Monroe, WA collaborates with its partners to sustain, maintain, and innovate for the purpose of creating an inclusive and accessible space for Snohomish County's residents and visitors. Since 1949, the 193-acre Fair Park has been home to the Evergreen State Fair which attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Several permanent facilities including the Gary D. Weikel Events Center, the Evergreen Speedway, the Evergreen Equestrian Park, two RV campgrounds and other exhibition spaces are used year-round for horse shows, trade shows, swap meets, auto races and more. www.evergreenfair.org

About Snohomish County Parks & Recreation

The Snohomish County Parks system is incredibly diverse and boasts almost 12,000 acres of parks and open space; over 121 park properties; 100s of miles of trails and access to fresh and saltwater shorelines. Major regional park assets such as the Evergreen State Fair Park, Kayak Point County Park, Lord Hill Regional Park and the Centennial and Interurban Trail systems host local, regional and national events that draw millions of visitors each year to Snohomish County. www.snocoparks.org

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