Executive Reardon to deliver 2013 Budget Address

On Friday, September 28, Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon will deliver his annual Budget Address where he will unveil his spending plans for 2013.

Executive Reardon’s speech will take place at 11:00 AM on the first floor of the county’s East Administration Building and is open to the public.

“We have consistently met the challenge of providing for critical services while maintaining a balanced budget and healthy rainy day fund,” said Executive Reardon. “In 2013 we will once again chart a responsible path forward that allows us to invest in the future of our community.”

Recently, the county’s strong financial management was confirmed by credit rating agency Moody’s which improved the county’s already solid bond rating. As a result, the county is able to sell bonds at a lower cost which reduces the cost of infrastructure improvements.

Following his presentation, the County Council will deliberate on the Executive’s proposals over the next two months before adopting a final budget.

Human Rights Commission seeks input with survey

Snohomish County’s Commission on Human Rights has created a short survey in order to gather input on how the community views human-rights issues in the region.

In addition, the commission is hosting an International Human Rights Day observance and invites residents to help in planning.

“Ensuring human rights in Snohomish County is something that every resident plays a part in,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Here’s a chance for...
everyone to participate in how we move forward as a community.”

The survey is an opportunity to tell the commission more about human-rights activities within Snohomish County and how the commission can play a greater role in assessing human-rights issues.

The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete but will be used to help the commission as it plans its agenda for 2013. Responses will be collected through September and made available for discussion in October.

Planning meetings for the International Human Rights Day, which will be Dec. 10, are being held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room of the Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett.


For more information on the survey, contact Andrea Pettit at Andrea.Pettit@snoco.org or 425-388-7308.

**Historic Preservation Commission seeks new members**

The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission is seeking 4 new members to advise the county on matters of history and historic preservation.

The mission of the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission is to identify, evaluate and designate historic resources; assist property owners in accessing tax incentives for preservation; preserve archeological and historic resources; and, to provide preservation information services and educational tools.

Commissioners are county residents representing a variety of disciplines including historic preservation, architecture and archeology to local history, law and real estate. Nine members are appointed by the County Executive and are approved by the County Council.

Commissioner Duties include nominating properties to the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places, reviewing State and National Register nominations, approving projects for Special Valuation tax benefits and providing design review.

Interested persons can find an application [here](#).
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