1,200 triathlon athletes take to county roads July 15

For the seventh year in a row, athletes from across the United States and around the world will gather in Snohomish County to compete in the Ironman 70.3 Lake Stevens Triathlon.

The Ironman 70.3 is a series of races across the world featuring other races in locations including Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Germany, Brazil and multiple locations across the United States including Lake Stevens.

The event will take place throughout the day on Sunday, July 15, beginning at 6:30 a.m. when the first swimmers enter the northeast corner of the lake.

The first cyclists are expected to be on the road by 7 a.m., and while all county and city roads along the course will be open to the public, drivers may experience slowdowns in some areas. Snohomish County Sheriff’s deputies and local police, as well as event staff, will be stationed at key points along the route to maintain the flow of traffic and to guide the athletes.

Signs will be posted in advance along the routes. The route is a single loop for bicyclists on county roads and a double loop for runners on city roads.

For a map of the course and a list of impacted roads, click here.

Summer recreation area opens from Index-Galena Road

Snohomish County has repaired flood damage to one area of the Index-Galena Road, reestablishing access to the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lands along the North Fork of the Skykomish River, Salmon Creek and Silver Creek.

The new access will allow for general recreation, camping, and access to mineral claims in the area.

Flooding several years ago on the Index-Galena Road washed out a section of roadway

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between mile posts 6.0 and 6.9 and closed two campgrounds. A locked gate was installed at
the eastern end of the road where it meets the national forest area to prevent access to the
campgrounds.

Snohomish County’s road repairs were made at the same time the U.S. Forest Service
repaired damage to the Troublesome Creek, which is now open, and San Juan campgrounds,
which will open soon.

The Index-Galena Road remains barricaded at mile post 6.11 where the eastern end of the
road washout begins. A barricade has been placed across the road at that point to prevent
vehicles from proceeding west toward the river.

For more information on repairs and access, click here.

Arts Commission hosts 2012 photo contest

The Snohomish County Arts Commission seeks original photo-based submissions for its 2012
Snohomish County Photography Contest.

The photo entries that best respond to the theme of “play” will be selected for a group
exhibit. A purchase prize of $1,000 dollars will be awarded to one photographer.

Artists should consider the following definition of “play” for their work: “It is an activity which
proceeds within certain limits of time and space, in a visible order, according to rules freely
accepted, and outside the sphere of necessity or material utility. The play-mood is one of
rapture and enthusiasm, and is sacred or festive in accordance with the occasion. A feeling of
exaltation and tension accompanies the action. Play was derived from plega in Anglo-Saxon,
which means to sing, dance, clap, quick movements and gestures. A creative process in which
we learn, challenge, and develop, play reveals our relationship to the world and to those in
it.”

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 10. A group exhibit is scheduled for Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 at
the Snohomish County Campus, with an artist reception to be held Oct. 5.

There is a $25 entry fee, which allows each artist to submit up to three images.

To view the entire submission criteria, go to www.snoco.org. For more information, contact
Wendy Becker at 425-388-3186 or wendy.becker@snoco.org.

Road project closes through-route from Lowell-Larimer

The 56th Avenue SE/116th Street Southeast intersection has been closed to through traffic for
a Snohomish County road improvement project. The road is on a popular commuter route
between Lowell-Larimer Road and Seattle Hill Road.

Snohomish County has designed a mini-roundabout for the intersection to improve traffic
conditions. The roundabout will provide a clearly defined path through the intersection for drivers and bicyclists, and improve crossing options for pedestrians.

The project is also designed to improve sight distance. The rise in the middle of the intersection will be lowered, and the existing roadway grades, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and planter strips will be adjusted to accommodate the roundabout.

The $400,000 project is being funded through the County Road Fund.

Access to the neighborhood north of the 116th Street Southeast/56th Avenue Southeast intersection will be available from Lowell-Larimer Road. Access to neighborhoods south of the area will be maintained from Seattle Hill Road.

The intersection will be closed to all through traffic until about Aug. 31. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the project web page and can be found by clicking here.

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