County launches residential energy loan program

Snohomish County has partnered with Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union (PSCCU) to launch a new Energy Smart loan program for Snohomish County homeowners.

By participating in this program, Snohomish County homeowners can get help with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, including energy efficient windows and doors, insulation, heat pumps and solar system installations.

“This loan program is an asset for Snohomish County homeowners as it provides a new option for financing energy efficiency projects during a tough economic time,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “The county’s Energy Smart loan program compliments existing financing options, rebates and incentives offered through the Snohomish County Public Utility District (SnoPUD), Puget Sound Energy, and others.”

The energy loan program is made possible, in part, through Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the federal Department of Energy. The public-private partnership allows the county to leverage $644,000 in federal grant funds into approximately $12 million in energy efficiency loans during the next 20 years.

One of the goals for the program is to provide financing options for a wider pool of applicants who may not qualify for SnoPUD’s existing energy efficiency loan program or home-equity lines of credit through a financial institution. This will make it easier for homeowners to invest in their home, save energy and money, and will help create local jobs.

“Investing in energy efficiency is one of the best ways to meet future energy demand and we thank PSCCU, SnoPUD and all of our local utilities for their commitment to this program,” Reardon said.

For more information on Snohomish County’s Energy Smart Loan program or to apply online, go to http://www.psccu.org/efficiency.php.

Seatbelt enforcement results for Snohomish County
Don’t let some of the summer’s hottest events pass you by - get your tickets now for events at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe.

From racetrack favorites like demolition derbies and figure 8's to grandstand performances by country and rock favorites – this year’s Evergreen State Fair is home to summertime fun you and your family will not want to miss.

This year the Evergreen State Fair is excited to present its most diverse and exciting lineup of grandstand entertainers yet. This year’s entertainers performing on the grandstand stage include country singers Jake Owen and Rodney Atkins, classic rock band Styx, pop rock/folk pop artists Gavin DeGraw and Colbie Caillat, and rock/pop artist Demi Lovato with special guest Hot Chelle Rae.

The Fair begins on August 23rd and ends on September 3rd. Find more information about the 2012 Evergreen State Fair and for the full entertainment lineup, visit www.EvergreenFair.org.

Advance Fair tickets, as well as rodeo, concert and race tickets may be purchased online at http://www.evergreenfair.org/prices.asp. For no-service fees, tickets may be purchased in person at the Fairgrounds Administration Office weekdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.). The Evergreen State Fairgrounds office is located on the fairgrounds at 14405 179th Ave. SE, Monroe.

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Classic rock band Styx will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. Styx’s hit singles include “Come Sail Away,” “Renegade,” “Blue Collar Man” and more. Spawned from a suburban Chicago basement in the early ’70s, Styx transformed into an arena rock band with its big rockers and soaring power ballads. Tickets are $22-$45 and include fair gate admission.

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m., the Evergreen State Fair presents country music star Rodney Atkins. See Atkins perform “Farmer’s Daughter,” “Watching You,” “If You're Going Through Hell” and more. The East Tennessee native has an impressive track record with sentiments that strike a chord with country listeners. He’s had six number one hits from his first three albums. Tickets are $22-$45 and include fair gate admission.

Gavin DeGraw and Colbie Caillat will perform their special brand of pop and folk rock music on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. DeGraw is known for “Not Over You,” “I Don't
Want to Be,” “Follow Through” and more. He recently competed on the "Dancing with the Stars" television show. Pop singer-songwriter-guitarist Caillat's hit singles include “Brighter Than the Sun,” “Bubbly,” “Realize” and “The Little Things.” Caillat was part of the group that won Album of the Year at the 2010 Grammys for her background vocals and writing on Taylor Swift’s “Fearless” album. Tickets are $27-$50 and include fair gate admission.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., pop rock singer Demi Lovato with special guest Hot Chelle Rae hits the stage. Along with her new hit single, “Give Your Heart a Break,” Lovato is known for her hit singles “Unbroken,” “Skyscraper” and “Remember December.” Her emotional debut single, “Skyscraper,” is certified platinum and the music video has reached more than 10 million YouTube views. Rock band Hot Chelle Rae is known for “Honestly,” “Tonight Tonight,” “I Like It Like That,” “I Like to Dance,” and their new album “Whatever.” Tickets are $32-$55 and include fair gate admission.

Rounding out the series, country singer Jake Owen brings his style of American country music to the stage on Friday, Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m. See Jake perform his hit songs “Barefoot Blue Jean Night,” “Eight Second Ride,” “Don't Think I Can't Love You” and more. Owen earned a Grammy in 2008 for his revival of “Life in a Northern Town” and was named Top New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music in 2009. Tickets are $22-$45 and include fair gate admission.

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