737 MAX agreement positions county for future aerospace work

On Wednesday, the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers and the Boeing Company announced that they had reached agreement over a contract extension that would ensure the 737 Max is built in the Puget Sound.

Congratulations to both parties for their selfless, forward-thinking attitude during contract negotiations. This agreement will benefit thousands of individuals and families and secure jobs for years ahead. It also positions the state and Snohomish County for future aerospace work.

I recognize that this contract is not without its sacrifices, but I applaud the women and men of the IAM for making those sacrifices to protect the future of aerospace in Washington State. I also thank the Boeing Company for its good-faith, responsible negotiations.

Wednesday's agreement signals the evolution of a stronger partnership between the two – one that is rooted in mutual respect and a continued recognition that Boeing and its workers make the best airplanes in the world.

Sincerely,

Coffee sleeve campaign raises DUI awareness
Snohomish County’s DUI & Target Zero Task Force and local law enforcement agencies will be distributing coffee sleeves to area coffee stands to raise awareness about drinking and driving this holiday season.

This awareness campaign has been made possible through a $1,000 traffic-safety grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

Their “Choose Your Ride” logo, which is a picture of a vehicle that is half police car and half taxi is being printed on more than 6,000 coffee sleeves. The printed message is a stark reminder to not drink and drive, with an emphasis on the letters D, I, E to help bring the message home.

“This coincides with the statewide DUI Emphasis Patrol called ‘Night of 1000 Stars’ in which 1,000 law enforcement officers will be looking for impaired drivers throughout Washington,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said.

Volunteers with law enforcement agencies will be distributing the coffee sleeves beginning Dec. 9 and will ask coffee stands to start handing them to their customers on Dec. 16.

“We want everyone to have a safe holiday season and are asking those celebrating to think before they drink and to choose a safe way to get home,” said Conrad Thompson, chair of the Snohomish County DUI & Target Zero Task Force. “With shrinking budgets and resources, community support is more important than ever.”

Themed guide to focus on county’s historic corners

Corner (noun) \ˈkör-nər\: b: the place of intersection of two streets or roads.
What do you know about the corners in your neighborhood? Are they just places where streets or roads meet? Or does their significance run deeper?

The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission and the Snohomish County Arts Commission are interested in the stories about corners in your town or city that mark places of cultural significance. It can be local, state or even national significance, but it has to be in Snohomish County. The goal is to identify corners to use in a specially themed guide to Snohomish County.

If you have a place like this in your community, we’d like to hear from you. Contact Wendy Becker, Economic and Cultural Development Officer, at 425-388-3186 or wendy.becker@snoco.org.

Keeler’s Corner near Lynnwood

**County seeks marine resources volunteers**

The Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRC), part of the nationally recognized Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, is seeking three motivated members to serve as citizen advisors on a committee that addresses local marine issues.

The MRC's mission, guided by sound science and the needs of the marine ecosystem, is to “address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local authorities and build local awareness of issues and support for remedies.”

The committee works to address issues affecting the marine environment
in order to protect resources for generations to come.

The Snohomish County MRC has four main focus areas: education and outreach, stewardship, marine water quality, and near-shore habitat restoration.

Interested individuals do not need to be experts in marine management issues, but they are expected to have a willingness to learn about marine conservation, participate in research founded on sound science, and contribute to marine projects during a three-year term that runs 2012-2014.

Membership is open to Snohomish County residents or organization representatives. Interested parties representing local governments, recreation, or environmental/conservation groups are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to those who can advise on the development of proposed marine stewardship areas and have specific skills to assist in project planning and implementation.

The MRC meets in Everett on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Members must be willing to volunteer at least 15 hours per month for MRC project planning and implementation.

For more information about the MRC or to apply, go to www.snocomrc.org or contact Kathleen Herrmann, Snohomish County Marine Steward, at kathleen.herrmann@snoco.org or 425-388-6414.

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