National Night Out highlights county’s commitment to public safety

From 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, my office will once again host Snohomish County’s National Night Out Against Crime at McCollum Park.

In partnership with the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, local police departments and nonprofits, this annual event always features free food, face painting, games and more, including live music this year by Trainwreck, a local band from Stanwood.

More importantly, however, National Night Out is an excellent opportunity to learn how you can help make our community safer, and it’s a great chance to meet the women and men who work and serve in public safety throughout Snohomish County.

Law and Justice remains a critical priority of Snohomish County government and the largest area of our general fund. Each day our county residents are kept safe by a dedicated team of professionals – a larger team now than a decade ago. The partnership between these dedicated men and women, other law enforcement agencies and members of the community is critical to keeping our streets safe.

Public safety also means preparedness. In 2006, I directed Snohomish County to stand up its first-ever county level Department of Emergency Management. Since then, DEM has successfully responded to and recovered from six Presidential Disaster declarations. Our DEM helps coordinate efforts for both natural and manmade disasters, and we are recognized by other departments for our quick response and coordination between law enforcement, fire and other public safety offices.

National Night Out highlights these achievements and more. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Helicopter upgrades further prepare county for disaster response

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and other local officials unveiled the county’s completely rebuilt security helicopter Thursday during a Puget Sound Homeland Security Aviation Rollout and Celebration at Paine Field.

The UH-1H “Huey” helicopter was upgraded with funding secured by the county’s Department of Emergency Management through the Seattle Urban Area Security Initiative. It will be maintained and operated by the Sheriff’s Office in partnership with other Puget Sound communities.

“We have made great strides to stand prepared and respond to a variety of events that might otherwise disrupt our region’s quality of life,” Reardon said. “I am truly proud of the part Snohomish County has played in these advancements.”

The helicopter is used in a number of situations, including response operations during natural disasters. It also is now equipped to conduct heavy rescue operations, which will be beneficial to the entire Puget Sound area if an earthquake event occurs.
Reardon thanked the state’s Congressional delegation and state and local officials for their part in coordinating, funding and helping oversee emergency preparedness in the region.

Since the area is considered high risk for both manmade and natural disasters, Reardon stressed the importance of continued training and funding despite tight budgets.

Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

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**County seeks members for urban centers design review board**

Snohomish County is seeking well-informed citizens with a passion for neighborhood land-use issues, design standards and design review to serve as members of a newly created Urban Centers Design Review Board.

The Urban Centers Design Review Board was created as part of the adoption of the Urban Center Development Code, chapter 30.34A of the Snohomish County Code (SCC). The Board is authorized under SCC 30.34A.175 and serves in an advisory role for urban center development applications.

Proposed projects will be reviewed by the new board only when an applicant fails to reach a design agreement with the city or town in whose urban growth area the project is located or borders. The board’s responsibility then is to hold a public meeting and provide recommendations to Snohomish County’s Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) and the applicant.

To apply, [click here](#). Applications will be accepted until Aug. 19.

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**Music on the Plaza, Movies in the Park**

**Music on the Plaza**
Snohomish County Campus
Free, starts at 11:30 a.m.
*Aug. 3, Magazine, classic rock
*Aug. 10, Wild Snohomians, rock and roll
*Aug. 17, Nathan Arneson, country
*Aug. 24, Sepals Gritty, indie rock.

**Movies in the Park**
Willis Tucker Park, Free
*Aug. 11, "Up," Rated PG, 9 p.m.
*Aug. 18, "Enchanted," Rated PG, 8:45 p.m.
*Aug. 25, "Up," Rated PG, 8 p.m.
Movies in the Park is sponsored by [Sundquist Homes](#).
For more events sponsored by Snohomish County, click here.

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