National Night Out at McCollum Park

Executive Aaron Reardon with County PA Mark Roe and Sheriff John Lovick.

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, more than 1,500 adults and children took part in Snohomish County’s National Night Out Against Crime at McCollum Park to learn what they can do to help prevent and reduce crime in their neighborhoods.

NNO serves an important educational role in our community. Together, with the Mill Creek Police Department, the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Marshal’s Office, as well as Snohomish County’s DUI & Traffic Safety Task Force and Fire District’s 1 & 7, our residents learn the latest in crime prevention, have the opportunity to chat with first responders and send a message to criminals that their neighborhoods will not tolerate crime.
It also is a great opportunity for families to get to know their neighbors, enjoy good food and play games.

Thank you to each of you who came out to McCollum Park, as well as those that participated in your own neighborhood events. Taking these active steps keeps your neighborhood safe.

And of course, we could not make this annual event happen without the generosity of our food and entertainment sponsors: SnoCope Federal Credit Union, Silvana Meats and the Mill Creek Lions Club.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this great community event.

County selects High Road Promotions to manage speedway

Following a competitive bid process, Snohomish County has chosen High Road Promotions to manage, operate and maintain the Evergreen Speedway at Snohomish County’s Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

Snohomish County Parks has entered into contract negotiations with the group that also operates the Skagit Speedway in Burlington. High Road Promotions has been recognized in the past for its enthusiasm, commitment to the community, regional approach to motorsports and respect within the racing community.

The County’s goals for the Speedway include expanding the variety of motorsports at the venue as well as the promotion of non-racing events to make the venue a year-round attraction.

“The Speedway at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds is a valuable asset to Snohomish County,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “We are looking for new ways to use the facility that will translate into economic growth for this county and its local cities.”

As part of its bid, High Road Promotions has offered to improve the racetrack and grandstand at the Speedway by upgrading the 3/8-mile track, replacing the sound system and lighting, constructing private luxury suites, upgrading restrooms, replacing the track scoreboard and completing a major clean-up and painting of the facilities.

Contract negotiations are expected to be completed within the next 30 days so that High Road Promotions can take control of the venue.
this fall.

For more information, contact Parks Director Tom Teigen at 425-388-6600 or tom.teigen@snoco.org

County highlights improvements to 20th St. SE and SR 9

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and others will celebrate completed traffic and safety improvements at 20th Street Southeast and at State Route 9 on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

County staff also will be present to discuss the improvements and how they will benefit drivers, pedestrians and local businesses and neighborhoods.

The 20th Street Southeast corridor serves the greater Lake Stevens area and is a significant east-west arterial in Snohomish County. The work along both corridors will improve traffic safety as well as flow and capacity in and through central Snohomish County.

The 20th Street Southeast project, between 91st Avenue Southeast and South Lake Stevens Road, includes new sidewalks, bus pullouts, streetlights and additional lanes for travel.

Along State Route 9, between 20th Street Southeast and South Lake Stevens Road, improvements include new travel lanes, additional turn lanes and upgraded traffic signals.

Also included in both projects was the restoration of nearby wetlands, improvements to Centennial Creek and new plantings to enhance environmental protection and to provide new habitat for small mammals and birds.

Total cost of both projects, which began in 2008, was $39 million.

Elected leaders and staff will be available at the project from 2 to 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at the northeast corner of 20th Street Southeast and State Route 9.

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