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County officials to celebrate Paine Field park opening

Snohomish County officials and other community leaders will celebrate the grand opening of Paine Field Community Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18.

The 14-acre facility, located at 11928 Beverly Park Road in Everett, was purchased in 2002 from Paine Field Airport, and has been host to Mukilteo Little League games for many years.

Part of Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon's Community Infrastructure Development Initiative, the \$1.65 million project adds a soccer field, restrooms, paving near the ball fields and parking for more than 150 vehicles. Playground and lighting equipment also have been included.

In addition, the park features a plaza shelter in the shape of a 16-foot-diameter flying saucer by well-known artist Peter Reiquam. The structure was purchased through the county's 1 percent for the arts program, initiated by Reardon and requiring a contribution to the county arts fund from certain county construction projects costing at least \$100,000.

With the addition of an irrigation system following the Little League season, Paine Field Community Park will become one of the leading recreational facilities in Snohomish County, adding to the already numerous county parks offering ball fields and soccer fields for team sports.

Families will have the opportunity to participate in multiple sports at the park while enjoying the grounds and art.

For more information on this park or others within the county's parks system, go to www.snocoparks.org or call 425-388-6600.



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