

E-Newsletter



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Welcome . . .

to the inaugural issue of *your* Snohomish County Parks e-Newsletter. This monthly newsletter includes information about programs and events, new park developments, volunteer opportunities, and our regional trail system.

your Snohomish County Park System is incredibly diverse and boasts nearly 10,000 acres of parks and open space; 34 miles of regional trails; extensive camping and destination recreation facilities, more than 47 miles of fresh and saltwater shoreline, and regional assets like the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Kayak Point Park and Golf Course and Lord Hill Park.

We work with many non-profit, community organizations and municipalities to deliver quality programs and services. By sharing our human, financial and community resources, we achieve more and are committed to building the next generation of *your* Snohomish County Parks.

Make time to reconnect with family and friends ~ register for a class, learn a new skill, take a walk or enjoy a bike ride. Parks, trails and open space are vital in building livable and sustainable communities. Enjoy *your* Snohomish County Parks.

2007 Highlights

2007 has been a very exciting year for *your* Snohomish County Parks and Recreation. Many new events were offered and amenities added to existing parks. This e-newsletter highlights many of those events. Watch for more newsletters *highlighting more activities brought to you by your Snohomish County Parks.*

New Playgrounds

County Executive Aaron Reardon, County Council, and Park Department staff dedicated six new playgrounds this summer featuring state-of-the-art play equipment. This level of investment in playgrounds was unprecedented and communities across the county appreciate the new play opportunities. Read articles . . .

09/24/2007
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[Park gets into swing of things](#)
[Space-age playgrounds](#)



County Executive Aaron Reardon dedicates the play structures at Kayak Point and North Creek Parks

Everett Herald
Everett Herald

Sundquist Homes Movies in the Park

More than 2,500 people attended the inaugural Sundquist Homes Outdoor Movies at Willis Tucker Park this summer. As title sponsor, Sundquist Homes provided more than \$16,000 to underwrite costs for the series. In addition, movie goers donated more than \$1,000 supporting the Snohomish County Parks Youth Scholarship Fund. Read article . . .

08/08/2007

[Movies in the park at dark](#)

Seattle Times

Off Leash Dog Areas

County Executive Aaron Reardon, County Council members, Park Department staff, and volunteers are teaming up to open three more off-leash dog parks in the county over the next few years. The county has set aside \$250,000 this year to create off-leash dog parks. A new volunteer group, Sno-DOG, was created in March to help the county secure more open space where dogs can run. For more information about Sno-DOG, go to www.sno-DOG.org. Read article . . .

07-26-2007

[Park goes leash-free near Mill Creek](#)

Everett Herald

Evergreen Fair

The 99th annual Evergreen State Fair finished strong, with attendance close to last year's 900,000 people. The Fair collected \$3.37 million from entrance fees, carnival rides and food



Fall Classes and Activities

Find classes and events or activities offered at <http://www.snoco.org> (search "parks") and register on line or call 425-388-6600. See classes and events also offered by [Evergreen State Fairgrounds](#), [WSU Extension](#), and [Adopt-A-Stream](#).



A Happy Visitor at the new off-leash area at Willis Tucker Community Park chases a ball.

The 99th annual Evergreen State Fair finished strong, with attendance close to last year's 900,000 people. The Fair collected \$3.37 million from entrance fees, carnival rides and food sales, despite a small drop in attendance. The Bunny Hop on August 24th may set a new Guinness World Record. 1,886 people tapped their feet, hopped forward, backward, then hopped three times forward during the Bunny Hop. Read articles . . .

Solicitation for Ideas/ Proposals

Snohomish County is actively seeking ideas and proposals for entrepreneurial efforts supporting Snohomish County parks, trails, facilities, programs and events through a public-private ventures agreement. "It's not about splashing a corporate name on something," Director Tom Teigen says, "but how community groups and corporate entities can assist us in developing parks programming and generating revenue." Although the deadline for this particular project was July 18th, the Park Department encourages proposals year-round. For more information, visit <http://www.snoco.org> (search "parks") and click SIP 2007-1 to access a .pdf version of this project or contact Russ Bosanko at 425-388-6602.

08-25-2007	Group Bunny Hop May Set Record	Seattle Times
09-06-2007	They really hopped to it at the fair	Everett Herald
10-03-2007	Monroe fair sees record sales	Everett Herald

Tom Teigen, new Parks & Recreation Director

In January, Tom Teigen came on board as the new Parks and Recreation Department Director. He is working closely with the County Executive and Council to build a more sustainable park system. Together, we are building the next generation of *your* Snohomish County Parks. Read articles . . .

04-11-2007	New direction for county parks	Seattle Times
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Other Articles Highlighting *your* Snohomish County Parks

02-01-2007	Deal will open up isolated park land	Everett Herald
05-03-2007	Think outside the tent: yurts, cabins in parks	Seattle Times
06-08-2007	Disc golf soars into Arlington	Everett Herald
07-04-2007	Parks seeking community partnerships	Seattle Times
08-03-2007	Keeping Kids Safe	Everett Herald
08-24-2007	Rabbits rule at Evergreen State Fair	Everett Herald
08-26-2007	A Walk on the Centennial Trail	Everett Herald
09-26-2007	Good ol' days come to life at fairgrounds	Seattle Times

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