



SAFESTREETS

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Associated Press covers Everett's lawsuit against Purdue Pharma

EVERETT – The Associated Press (AP) recently visited Everett to take an in-depth look at the City's lawsuit against Purdue Pharma. The AP spoke with Mayor Ray Stephanson, as well as the [Community Outreach and Enforcement Team \(COET\)](#), to see how City leaders and law enforcement are working to address the addiction epidemic in our community.

The City in January [filed the lawsuit](#) against Purdue for allowing OxyContin to be funneled through the black market, causing the current opioid crisis in Everett. OxyContin is recognized as a gateway drug for heroin, and in addition to OxyContin abuse, Everett is also dealing with a current heroin crisis throughout the community.

[Read the full story](#) from AP, or visit the Associated Press YouTube channel to [watch the coverage](#). For more information, visit everettwa.gov/Purdue.

Learn more about addiction at upcoming forum

Join Mayor Stephanson and an expert panel on Thursday, March 23, to learn more about the complexities of drug addiction and how our community can respond. The [free public forum](#) will include a panel discussion featuring:

- Penny LeGate, former news anchor and founder of [The Marah Project](#)
- Randy Humphrey, co-founder, [Bella Monte Recovery Center](#)
- Dr. Richard Ries, associate director, [University of Washington Addiction Psychiatry Residency Program](#)
- Wendy Grove, executive director, [Everett Recovery Café](#)

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists during a moderated question-and-answer session.

Learn more about the [Community Streets Initiative](#) or the [Everett Safe Streets Plan](#).

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