

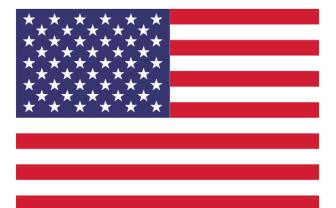
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#1 - County Offices Closed Tuesday, July 4 in **Observance of Independence Day**

4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Thurston County Offices Closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023



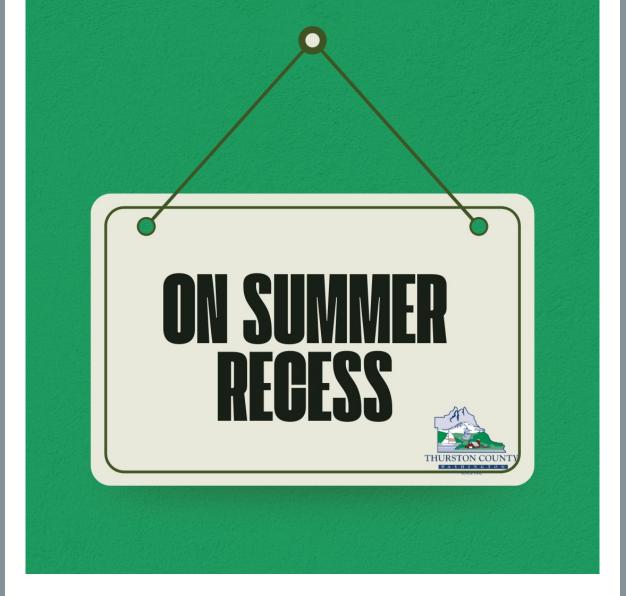
Thurston County offices will close on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Call 9-1-1 for emergency police, fire, and medic services. Use 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies only.

Residents of unincorporated Thurston County are urged to call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at (360) 704-2740 for non-emergency issues like noise complaints.

Read more about the holiday closure.

#2 - Board of County Commissioners in Summer Recess June 26 through July 14



The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is taking a summer recess. The recess began Monday, June 26, and will end Friday, July 14. During this time, no board briefings or regular meetings will occur.

The BoCC approved the 2023 schedule in January. "This is an attempt to be proactive on the summer vacations of the board and staff and to streamline the business of the BoCC during the summer months," said County Manager, Ramiro Chavez.

Read more about the summer recess schedule.

#3 - Thurston County Auditor Announces 2023 "I Voted" Sticker Contest Winner



The Thurston County Auditor's Office chose a design by Bryan Ketola as the official "I Voted" sticker for 2023 Elections. Ketola is a motivational speaker, para-athlete, semi-professional soccer coach, and professional graphic designer.

"Bryan's design says a lot about our community and our democracy," said Mary Hall, Thurston County Auditor. "'I Voted' stickers are important symbols of civic participation and democracy in action. I encourage voters to wear them proudly. These small, colorful badges carry significant meaning, as they represent an individual's engagement and contribution to the democratic process."

Read more about the contest and how you can get the winning sticker.

#4 - Fireworks Safety Tips



Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year. Here are a few ideas from the National Fire Protection Association and Thurston County Emergency Management to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

- 1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
- 2. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores, or you can make your own.
- 3. Have an outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
- 4. Red, white, and blue silly string is fun for all ages.
- 5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- 6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake!

#5 - Joint Animal Services is Hosting National Adoption Weekend, June 30 and July 1

Adopt a pet









as unique as you.







<u>Joint Animal Services</u> is partnering with <u>Best Friends Animal Society</u>, a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs in shelters by 2025, for the fifth National Adoption Weekend happening June 30-July 2. All adoption fees are reduced to \$50.

Joint Animal Services is located at 3120 Martin Way E in Olympia. Operation hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To view adoptable pets, please visit the website at https://jointanimalservices.org/available-pets/

Stay current on upcoming public hearings, meetings, and work sessions by bookmarking the <u>Board of County Commissioners'</u> master calendar! Please call the Board of County Commissioners office at (360) 786-5440 if you're having problems viewing the calendar.

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