

# Friday Five

## Your weekly Thurston County update



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### #1 - New Restroom Facility at Kenneydell Park



Exciting news for Kenneydell Park! Thurston County Public Works completed the installation of a new, modern restroom facility at Kenneydell Park. This project represents the county's ongoing commitment to improving public spaces for everyone's enjoyment. The new restroom is a prefabricated structure chosen for its quick installation and ease of maintenance. This enhances the park's experience with practical and user-friendly facilities.

Public Works is proud to bring this upgrade to Kenneydell Park and hope it makes your visits even more enjoyable.

Watch the installation of the new restroom facility on the [Thurston County Youtube Channel](#).

Learn more about [Thurston County Parks & Trails](#).

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## #2 - Racial Equity Action Plan Approved by Thurston County





On Tuesday, November 28, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners approved the Racial Equity Action Plan. The Racial Equity Action Plan has been in the works for two years, beginning when the county declared racism a crisis, along with the Board of Health proclaiming racism as a health crisis in Thurston County. Both were adopted on March 9, 2021, through Resolution No. 15995. The plan has five phases, with the county currently in Phase 1, Diagnosis. Phase 1 involves acknowledging current practices and policies do not serve the intersectionality of our community and the county will work to identify barriers and build trust between government and community members to effectively make change.

Multiple members from the Racial Equity Council and Thurston County's League of Women Voters were present at the November 28 presentation. They spoke passionately about the importance of the plan and the council's work bringing the plan to fruition.

To learn more about the Racial Equity Action Plan, the Racial Equity Council, and the next steps in the plan, review the plan on the [Thurston County website](#).

[Watch the Racial Equity Action Plan](#) presentation from the November 28 board meeting.

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### **#3 - Stay Safe this Season from the Flu, COVID-19, and RSV**

# BEST WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19, INFLUENZA, OR RSV



- Get all the vaccines recommended for you
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19
- Consider masking indoors when respiratory virus levels are high and if you are at high risk of severe disease or are in close contact with people at high risk of severe disease
- Wash your hands often
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces

It is common to get sick from respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), especially in the fall and winter. There are actions you can take to protect yourself and others that include:

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Follow Thurston County Respiratory Illness Rates at [www.thurstoncountywa.gov/respiratory-illnesses](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/respiratory-illnesses) and register for upcoming COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine clinics at: [www.thurstoncountywa.gov/COVID-19](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/COVID-19)

## **Order COVID Tests (Ordering Re-Opened):**

Needing at-home COVID-19 tests for you and your family? Order online at: [www.covid.gov/tests](http://www.covid.gov/tests)

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## **#4 - Town Hall with Commissioner Mejia**

A promotional poster for a town hall event. The background is dark blue with decorative green and orange leaf patterns in the corners. At the top, the text "Town Hall with Commissioner Mejia" is written in a white, curved font. In the center is a circular photo of Commissioner Carolina Mejia, a woman with dark curly hair wearing a pink blazer. To the left of the photo, the text "Join US!" is written in a white, handwritten-style font. Below the photo, the text "Let's collaborate to address community issues and strive towards a brighter future for everyone in Thurston County." is written in white. Below that, the date and time "December 11th 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm" are written in orange, followed by the location "Well80 Brew House" in white. At the bottom, the address "514 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501" is written in white inside a dark blue rectangular box.

**Town Hall with Commissioner Mejia**

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**December 11th  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

Well80 Brew House

514 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501

Join Commissioner Carolina Mejia, District 1, for her last town hall of 2023. This is an open forum for members of the community to come together to discuss important issues, ask questions, and share their thoughts and concerns with their commissioner. The town hall will be held at Well80 Brewhouse, located at 514 4th Ave E, Olympia, 98501, on December 11, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3036852983115108/?ref=newsfeed>

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## #5 - Take the Leap! Thurston County is Hiring

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Take the leap into a new career at Thurston County! From [Court Security Officer](#) to [Clerk's Judicial Proceedings Specialist](#), there are dozens of open positions that may be a great fit for you or someone you know. To browse and apply for a job, visit the Thurston County Careers webpage: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa>



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