

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - National County Government Month - Why I Work for Thurston County





Thurston County is celebrating [National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#) this April!

To celebrate NCGM, we interviewed several Thurston County employees, asking them "Why do you work for Thurston County?" Every week this April, we are highlighting several staff members where they share why they work for Thurston County.

This week, we interviewed [Fernando](#) and [Carrie](#), who work for the Sheriff's Office. Watch all the interviews on the [Thurston County YouTube channel](#).

#2 - First Half of 2024 Property Taxes are Due April 30

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Don't forget! The deadline for Thurston County residents to pay their 2024 first half property taxes is Tuesday, April 30. As required by Washington State law, late fees will be charged for those who do not make their payment on time. Treasurer's Office staff are available to answer your questions by phone or email during our business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. You can call 360-786-5550 or email trsr@co.thurston.wa.us. Taxpayers have four options for paying property taxes:

- Mail a check or money order to the Thurston County Treasurer, 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501.
- Drop off payments in the secure parking lot drop box – located at 3000 Pacific Ave SE, in Olympia.
- Online at www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/treasurer.
- In-person at the Treasurer's Office.

You can also sign up for paperless property tax bills to receive future property tax bills electronically, with the option to schedule your tax payment in advance of the due date. [Learn more on the Treasurer's Office website.](#)

#3 - In-Person Medication Disposal Event April 27

Get rid of meds you don't need.



Open daily!



Thurston Opioid Prevention Workgroup

It's spring cleaning time and one of the best things you can get rid of is old, unused medication you no longer need. Tomorrow, Saturday, April 27, the [Bucoda-Tenino Healthy Action Team \(BTHAT\)](#) will be sponsoring an in-person medication disposal event from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the [Tenino Police Department](#).

In Thurston County, we can safely dispose of old medications any day! Safely disposing of old medicines reduces the risks of poisoning or intentional misuse, and helps protect our soil and water. Dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications for free at a local disposal location in Thurston County. Find a location near you at www.thurstonmedicationtakeback.org.

#4 - Attend the Black Lake Water Quality Project Update Meeting on May 10



Project Updates!

Education Booths!

**Snacks and
Refreshments
Provided!**

MAY 10, 2024

BLACK LAKE WATER QUALITY PROJECT

A project update meeting will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the **Tabernacle Auditorium** in Black Lake Bible Camp for all community members to attend. This meeting will provide an overview of the project and be open for public comment.

For more information about this project, and to RSVP for the meeting, scan the barcode provided!

Where:

BLACK LAKE BIBLE CAMP
Tabernacle Auditorium
6521 Fairview Rd SW
Olympia, WA 98512

When:

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join Us!



(360) 387-2824

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Thurston County Public Health & Social Services - Environmental Health is organizing an in-person meeting on May 10, 2024, at The Tabernacle in Black Lake Bible Camp (6521 Fairview Road Southwest, Olympia WA) to provide the community with updates on the Black Lake Water Quality project and educate individuals on preserving natural resources while protecting public health. This FREE event will feature experts from the Thurston County Stream Team, Thurston Conservation District, and Thurston County Environmental Health Educators team to learn about best management practices, in addition to project updates on the [Black Lake Water Quality project](#) from the [Pollution Identification and Correction \(PIC\) team](#).

This event is open to the public and will be held at the Black Lake Bible Camp in the Tabernacle Auditorium from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Those interested in attending can [RSVP here](#) or by scanning the QR provided or by visiting the [Water Projects](#) page on the [Thurston County Public Health & Social Services](#) website.

If you have questions about this event or about water quality in Thurston County, please

#5 - Thurston County Board of County Commissioners Earth Day Proclamation



On April 16, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed April 22 as Earth Day! The day increases community awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment, and serves as a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability. Eli Sterling, organizer of the Procession of the Species, accepted the proclamation.

The Procession of the Species was founded in 1995 to commemorate Earth Day and to support Congressional renewal of the Endangered Species Act. The Procession emphasizes the use of recycled, natural, and donated materials in the construction of the props throughout the parade.

Be sure to check out the [Procession of the Species](#) parade tomorrow, April 27!



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