

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - County Offices Closed Monday, June 19 in Observance of Juneteenth

JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

**THURSTON COUNTY
OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**



Thurston County offices will close Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, commemorates the day when news of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans reached the last remaining slaves in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. This date marked the effective end of slavery in the United States, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

As an organization, we recognize the importance of acknowledging this significant moment in our nation's history and celebrating the resilience, strength, and contributions of African Americans to our society.

The county's Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) in Lacey will be open for regular hours. Check with your waste disposal company for curbside garbage and recycling collection schedule.

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.

County parks and trails are open for regular hours. This includes Burfoot Park, Frye Cove Park, Kenneydell Park, Deschutes Falls Park, and the Off-Leash Dog Park at the WARC.

#2 - Board of Health Proclaim June 7 Food Safety Day



The Board of Health proclaims June 7 Food Safety Day in Thurston County and calls upon all residents, communities, organizations, and businesses to make food safety a priority, raising food safety awareness and promoting collaboration across sectors.

Watch the proclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qpSS4gXoo>

#3 - Smoke Ready Week is this week, June 12 - 16

SMOKE
READY
CHECKLIST

S **STAY INFORMED**
Keep up-to-date with local air quality reports and weather forecasts.

M **MITIGATE EXPOSURE**
Decide with your healthcare provider if using a "particulate respirator" or N95 respirator is right for you during outdoor activities.

O **OPTIMIZE INDOOR AIR QUALITY**
Close windows and doors, use air purifiers (purchased or DIY), and avoid activities that generate indoor air pollution.

K **KEEP A SMOKE READINESS PLAN**
Develop a specific plan for household members who are sensitive to smoke, such as individuals with respiratory issues or the elderly. This plan may include additional precautions, evacuation plans, and access to necessary medications or specialized equipment.

E **EMPHASIZE MENTAL HEALTH**
Consider ideas to stay mentally strong during a smoke event, such as meditation, connecting with loved ones, or seeking support from mental health professionals if needed.

Are you
#SmokeReady?

Wildfire season is almost here and while we cannot predict how much smoke we may get, we can be prepared. Each day this week, we shared on [social media](#) how to be smoke ready. Today is the final day of Smoke Ready Week, focusing on preventing wildfire smoke. Every action we take to prevent wildfires helps to reduce smoke exposure. This includes careful handling of fire, like extinguishing campfires thoroughly, and not dragging chains while driving. Remember, preventing wildfires is everyone's responsibility.

To learn more about how you can prevent and get prepared for an emergency, visit Thurston County's Emergency Management webpage:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management>

#4 - Boat Tab Renewal Deadline is June 30



The Thurston County Auditor's Office encourages boat owners to renew their boat decals before June 30, when all boat tabs in the state expire. We recommend boat owners renew their decals early to avoid possible wait times during this particularly busy time of the year. Boat owners can renew their registration any time after January 1. As long as registrations are current, renewals will be valid through June 30, 2024, and the fees are the same regardless of when and how boat owners renew.

A list of eight local businesses providing boat licensing services is available here:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/subagents>

#5 - Two Public Hearings will be held Tuesday, June 20

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing



Two public hearings will be held Tuesday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m. The two public hearings include:

- Public Hearing to receive public comment on the 2023 - 2027 HUD Consolidated Plan Including Program Year 2023 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Annual Action Plan
- [Public Hearing to receive public comment on the 2023 Terry Open Space Application](#)

For more information about meetings, public hearings, and work session agendas, visit: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>

Before you go...

Due to limited staffing, you will not receive a Friday Five in your inbox next Friday, June 23. **We'll be back with county news and updates on Friday, June 30!**

Stay current on upcoming public hearings, meetings, and work sessions by bookmarking the [Board of County Commissioners' 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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