

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Updates to the Thurston County Fire Safety Burn Ban Prohibit Recreational Fires



As of July 19 at 3 p.m., the Thurston County Fire Marshal, in consultation with the County Manager, and in alignment with Washington State Department of Natural Resources, has determined current weather conditions within the county have met the fire danger level necessary to enact restrictions on outdoor burning to all lands regulated by Thurston County, including no longer allowing recreational fires.

The Fire Safety Burn Ban applies to residential yard waste burning, all land clearing burns, and recreational fires. The restrictions on outdoor burning during the summer have resulted in a significant drop in brush fires and property damage each of the past several years, according to fire officials.

At this time, recreational fires are no longer allowed. Campfires, recreational fires and charcoal briquettes are PROHIBITED. Cooking stoves, barbeques and recreational fire pits fueled by propane or gas with a shutoff valve are authorized.

For more information, read the latest [news release](#).

#2 - Join the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners at the Annual Pancake Breakfast

Commissioners Pancake Breakfast!



FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH ADMISSION TO THE FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 29th

8:30A.M. — 10:00A.M.

THURSTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

HERITAGE HALL

3054 CARPENTER RD SE, LACEY WA 98503



Join the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners at their annual Pancake Breakfast! The free breakfast, with admission to the Thurston County Fair, will be on Saturday, July 29, from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Heritage Hall, located at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. The pancake breakfast is a family friendly event with free pancakes and light refreshments. Other elected officials and county leaders volunteer at the event, making it a great way to connect with your county government!

#3 - Thurston County Accepting Applications to Fund Conservation Projects



Thurston County has opened a second round of Conservation Futures funding for 2023. The county is seeking qualified projects to apply, with an application deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023. This is a great opportunity for landowners who wish for their land to remain undeveloped but would like the financial benefits of selling their property.

Conservation Futures is a land preservation program allowing landowners to sell their property or future development rights to a qualified conservation organization. To be eligible, a property must contain unique or valuable wildlife habitat, agricultural, forestry, historic, or recreational features. Applications must be sponsored by an eligible organization, such as a land trust or city government.

For more information, visit the [Conservation Futures webpage](#).

#4 - Thurston County Partners with Boulder Care to Provide Accessible Treatment for Substance Abuse Disorders



In an effort to provide more options to individuals impacted by the justice system, Boulder Care, a digital health clinic offering long-term support and treatment for substance use disorders, has partnered with Thurston County's Resource Hub.

The Resource Hub, located in Olympia, on-site, at the Thurston County Courthouse Complex, is a drop-in resource center for people who are impacted by the justice system. Boulder Care joins an already extensive list of partner providers who are offering services directly to individuals accessing the Resource Hub.

Boulder Care has provided care to individuals in Washington since 2020 and offers medication assisted treatment through an app-based platform where participants can interact with clinicians, peer support specialists, and case managers. Boulder Care serves Medicaid patients across the state.

"As someone who has worked extensively in Thurston County, I am so excited for Boulder to be a part of this innovative new program. I have already seen the impact they are having on the lives of so many people, and it's a privilege to join a cast of incredible community partners," said Marshall Glass, Boulder Care's Washington Partner Success Manager.

"The Resource Hub launched in June 2022, and since then, the Hub has had more than 500 visits from those impacted by the justice system. One of the largest reported needs is assessment and treatment. Unfortunately, these services often come with long wait times," said Leah Landon, Thurston County's Criminal Justice Regional Program Manager. "We are incredibly excited for this partnership as it will allow clients seeking these services to get care and begin treatment more quickly. In addition, Boulder is app-based, meaning people can engage in services from wherever works best for them."

For more information about the Resource Hub, visit the [Resource Hub webpage](#).

#5 - Free Firewise Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire Course, August 3 - 4



Thurston County Scatter Creek Fire, August, 2017

August 3-4, 2023

NFPA® Firewise®, Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire

Thurston County is hosting a FREE two-day [Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ACAD28A0F8C52-nfpa) training based on fire science research into how homes and other structures ignite during wildfires. The course covers wildfire behavior, structure exposure, and the concept of the Home Ignition Zone. You'll learn how to analyze wildfire risks to structures and provide actionable advice to property owners through an activity-rich curriculum.

The training is delivered by experienced wildland fire specialists and focuses on both the physical and behavioral sciences behind successful wildfire mitigation. It's also the only national standardized training that offers factual solutions and action strategies regarding modern wildfire mitigation.

Who Should Attend: Fire Department personnel, Department of Natural Resources personnel, Homeowners Associations, Public Works personnel, Planning Department personnel, Emergency Management staff and landscape and construction contractors.

Please forward this information to anyone who could assist Thurston County in educating others with factual solutions and action strategies learned in this course.

Date & Time:

August 3-4, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location:

Thurston County Emergency
Management
9521 Tilley Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Registration: Scan the QR code or use the link to register!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ACAD28A0F8C52-nfpa>

Registration is required. Seats limited to 25 students per course.

Course Topics Include:

- Fire Characteristics
- Home Ignition Zone
- Preparing for Assessment
- Conducting the Assessment (offsite)
- Benefit of Ignition Resistant Homes

For more information, contact:

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Wildfire Ready Neighbors
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For more information, contact: Brandon Cheney, Thurston County Emergency Management at brandon.cheney@co.thurston.wa.us or 360-867-2800.

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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