

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Public Hearing on August 22 to Hear Objections to the Proposed Roll of Rates and Charges for Offut Lake Management District No. 24

Thurston County Public Hearing



The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 110, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501. The hearing is to hear objections to the proposed roll of rates and charges for the Offut Lake Management District No. 24.

For more information on meetings and public hearings, visit:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>

#2 - Appropriate Use of Charcoal or Charcoal Briquettes Now Allowed Under Updated Fire Safety Burn Ban

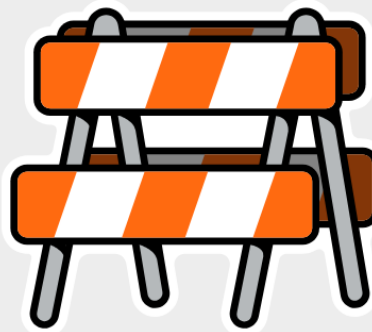


An update to the [2023 Fire Safety Burn Ban in Thurston County](#) now allows the use of charcoal or charcoal briquettes, if use involves a barbecue or other appliances specific for the purpose and occurs over a non-combustible surface like concrete or brick. To stay up-to-date on the status of burn bans, visit the [ORCAA website](#) or the Washington Department of Natural Resources [burn portal](#).

#3 - Road Closure of Elderberry Street SW from US 12 to 196th Avenue Begins August 29

ROAD CLOSURE

Elderberry Street SW from
US 12 to 196th Avenue
Begins August 29



Be prepared! On August 29, 2023, Elderberry Street SW between US 12 and 196th Avenue will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a mill and fill pavement preservation project.

“Mill and fill” is a road maintenance and repair technique used to extend the lifespan of deteriorating asphalt. In this process, the top layer of the existing road surface, which has seen significant wear and tear due to traffic and weather conditions, is removed through milling. The milling machine grinds away the damaged asphalt, creating a smooth and even surface. Once the milling is complete, the freshly exposed base is cleaned of debris and refilled with new asphalt material. This overlay restores the road’s structural integrity, enhances ride quality, and improves safety for motorists.

Find a map of the detour routes at: <https://bit.ly/43VRFS5>.

For questions or concerns regarding the road closure, email TCPWProjects@co.thurston.wa.us or call 360-867-2300.

Drivers are reminded to follow posted speed limits and use caution while driving in work zones.

**#4 - Agriculture Zoning Open House on Monday,
August 21**



Come learn more about proposed changes to agriculture zoning, learn how to participate in the process, and ask questions of county staff at the Agriculture Zoning Open House on Monday, August 21, at 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Suite 110, Olympia, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. If you're unable to attend, learn more in this [online presentation](#) and check out the [agriculture program web page](#).

#5 - Thurston County Board of Health Proclaim August Breastfeeding Awareness Month



On August 8, the Thurston County Board of Health proclaimed August Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Representatives from Thurston County Public Health and Social Services shared why breastfeeding support is so important and to center conversations on the babies and families who need support.

Staff also shared information on Thurston County's [Drop-In Lactation Support Group](#), which is open to all expecting, nursing, or pumping parents and their babies.

You can watch the full proclamation on the county's [YouTube channel](#).

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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