

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Thurston County Public Works Achieves American Public Works Association Accreditation for the Fourth Time



The Thurston County Public Works Department recently received full accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the fourth time. This accreditation formally verifies and recognizes the agency fully complies with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual.

Open to all governmental agencies with responsibilities for public works functions, initial accreditation from APWA is for a four-year period, during which time semi-annual updates will be required to demonstrate continuing compliance. After that time, there is a re-accreditation process which builds on the original accreditation, encouraging continuous improvement and compliance with newly identified practices.

Read the [full news release](#).

#2 - The Board of County Commissioners Proclaim October Breast Cancer Awareness Month



On Tuesday, October 10, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Thurston County. The proclamation honors those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, recognizes the courageous women and men living with this disease, and celebrates breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer survivors and caregivers spoke at the proclamation, and emphasized the importance of screening for cancer.

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

#3 - Sign up for Thurston Community Alert (TC Alert) to Receive Emergency Notifications

Text THURSTON to 67283

Sign up for TC Alert!
Receive important notifications
via text message.



SCAN ME!



Stay Informed



TC Alert is Thurston County's primary alert and notification system for notifying residents of emergencies or hazards. The system is activated when Emergency Management believes residents need a heightened level of warning to protect life or property.

Residents can choose to receive texts, phone calls or email messages, and the types of notification they would like to receive, all based on their preference.

Visit tcalert.org to sign up.

For more information, visit [Thurston County Emergency Management's Alerts and Notification](#).

#4 - Upcoming Training: Assessing Structure Ignition

Potential from Wildfire



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Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire

NFPA® Training

FREE 2-day course that covers wildfire behavior, the Home Ignition Zone, and more. Learn how to analyze wildfire risks to structures and how to provide actionable advice to property owners through an activity-rich curriculum.

Who should attend?

- Homeowners Associations
- Fire Department personnel
- Landscape and construction contractors
- Planners
- Public Works personnel
- Others interested in wildfire mitigation solutions

2 FREE course offerings:

Oct
19-20
8am-5pm

Littlerock
Fire Station

Nov
6-7
8am-5pm

McLane Black Lake
Fire Department

Register:
Scan QR code
or click [here](#)



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Thurston County Emergency Management is hosting a training titled [Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire](#), a National Fire Protection Association course. The free two-day course covers wildfire behavior, the Home Ignition Zone, and more. Learn how to analyze wildfire risks to structures and how to provide actionable advice to property owners through an activity-rich curriculum.

The course is recommended for homeowners associations, fire department personnel, landscape and construction contractors, planners, public works personnel, realtors and inspectors, and any community members interested in wildfire mitigation solutions. The course is being offered at the following dates and locations, in partnership with West Thurston Regional Fire Authority and McLane Black Lake Fire Department:

- October 19 and 20, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at West Thurston Regional Fire Authority (10828 Littlerock Rd SW) – [Registration link](#)
- November 6 and 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at McLane Black Lake Fire Department (125

Please contact Emily at emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us or at (360) 890-5173 with any questions or for assistance registering.

#5 - Submit a Fall Photo for the Thurston County Fall Photo Contest!



We are hosting our annual Fall Photo Contest to celebrate the new season. If you are interested in participating, send your fall photos to smedia@co.thurston.wa.us by Friday, October 27. We will post all your submissions on Monday, October 30, to the [Thurston County Facebook](#). The picture with the most likes and comments will be the winner!

The winning photo will be our county's Facebook cover photo for the rest of the season! Last year, Jennifer Waller won with this image of her beautiful pup framed in front of vibrant fall foliage.



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