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## \#1 - Second Half of Property Taxes are Due October 31



## DUE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31



The deadline for Thurston County residents to pay their 2023 second half property taxes is Tuesday, October 31. 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 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 https://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. You can learn more on the Treasurer's Office website.

## \#2 - Ballots Available and Ballot Drop Boxes Open for the November 7 General Election



The Thurston County Auditor's Elections Division mailed ballots to voters in the county for the November 7 General Election.

Any registered voter who thinks they should have received a ballot, but hasn't by Wednesday, October 25, should contact the Auditor's Office at 360.786 .5408 or elections@co.thurston.wa.us. Ballots for military and overseas voters registered in Thurston County were mailed on Friday, September 22.

The Auditor's Office opened 30 secure ballot drop boxes throughout the county. A list of ballot drop box locations and addresses is included in the mailed ballot materials and online at ThurstonWAVotes.gov.

Ballots must be postmarked by November 7. Voters are advised to check mailboxes for pickup times to make sure their ballots will be postmarked by Election Day. No stamp is needed to mail your ballot. If you miss your mail pickup time, ballot drop boxes are open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day).
> \#3 - Thurston County Board of Health Expansion Recruitment and Treatment Sales Tax Advisory Committee Seeking Members


The Thurston County Board of Health $(\mathrm{BoH})$ is accepting the first round of applications to fill three community member positions on the expanded BoH. The Thurston County BoH oversees efforts to improve the public's health by providing leadership shaping the Public Health and Social Services Department's approach to public health policies and programs. The board works to ensure conditions, where children and families develop, are safe and healthy, so residents can grow into productive members of the community, thereby reducing future impact on the criminal justice and other systems.

The Thurston County Treatment Sales Tax (TST) Advisory Committee is also seeking additional advisory committee members. TST is a $1 / 10$ of $1 \%$ sales tax collected in Thurston County. TST works alongside federal and state funding, such as Medicaid, to meet mental health and substance use needs of Thurston County residents.

The TST Advisory Committee is a group of nine volunteers appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). The committee is recruiting diverse membership to assist in recommending how to spend funds for behavioral health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment assistance. Its primary role is to make non-binding recommendations to the BoCC regarding the use of TST funds. TST-funded programs serve individuals with behavioral health and substance use challenges, including people involved in the justice system, youth, and families. The committee also works to identify gaps in the local behavioral health system, promote collaboration, and review program data.

Read the full news release.

## \#4 - The Board of County Commissioners Proclaim October 15-21 as Flood Awareness Week



On Tuesday, October 17, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed the week of October 15-21 Flood Awareness Week. Thurston County Emergency Management staff in attendance encouraged residents to prepare for winter storms by checking their emergency kits, making plans with family members, and getting flood insurance before disaster strikes.

Watch the proclamation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leuwTSTZk6k
Read the Flood Awareness Week news release:
https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/news/take-steps-get-flood-smart-flood-awareness-week-0

## \#5 - Thurston County Public Health and Social Services is Hiring!

Thurston County Public
Health \& Social Services


Thurston County Public Health and Social Services is hiring for several positions! Learn more about the job opportunities below and browse other open positions at Thurston County.

Review the Affordable Housing Program Manager job description.
Review the Environmental Health Specialist II - On-Site Sewage Operations \& Maintenance job description.

Review the Community Health Nurse II job description.


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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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