

# Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update

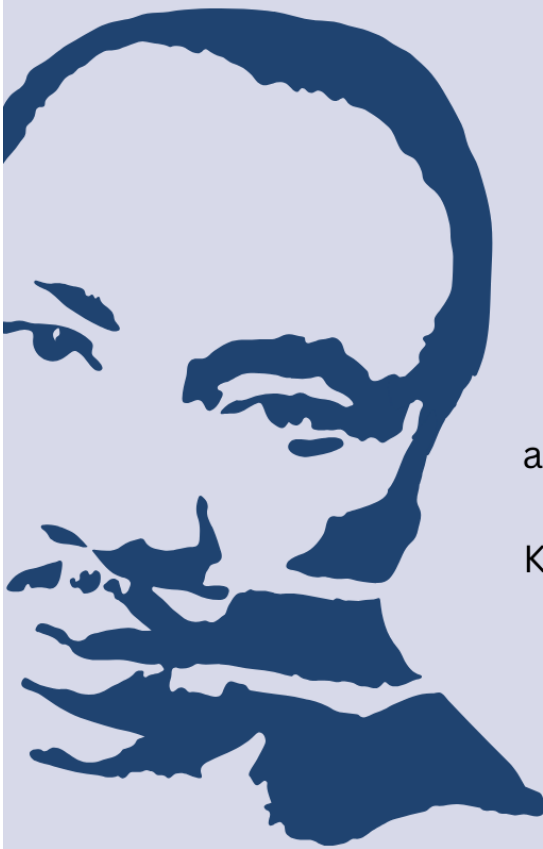


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## #1 - Thurston County Offices Closed January 15 in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



# **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY JANUARY 15, 2024**

Celebrating the life  
accomplishments and legacy of  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
King sought equality for African  
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injustice through peaceful  
protests.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024  
THURSTON COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED**



Thurston County offices are closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The day celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, accomplishments, and legacy. King sought equality for African American and all victims of injustice through peaceful protests.

The county's Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) in Lacey will be open. 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.

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## **#2 - Public Hearing to be Held January 16 on the Agriculture Code Update**



The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to accept comment on proposed changes to the Thurston County Code to clarify and expand allowed uses in agricultural areas on Tuesday, January 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 110, 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501. You can view more detailed information about the proposals at [www.thurstonag.org](http://www.thurstonag.org)

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

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## **#3 - Thurston County Parenting & Postpartum Support Group - New Meeting and Location Times**





# Thurston County Parenting & Postpartum Support Group

Join other parents navigating the highs & lows of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenting infants in an advice-free, non-judgmental space

## *New Location and Times!*



Where: **Thurston County Public Health and Social Services**  
412 Lilly Rd. NE, Olympia, WA 98506

### Winter/Spring 2024:

#### 10-11:30am

Jan. 4th

Feb. 1st

Mar. 7th

Apr. 4th

#### 5:30-7pm

Jan. 18th

Feb. 15th

Mar. 21st

Apr. 18th

1st Thursday of the month:

**10:00am-11:30am**

3rd Thursday of the month:

**5:30pm-7:00pm**

**DINNER PROVIDED!**

Please note that doors will close 15 minutes after start time to ensure a safe sharing environment.

We will kindly ask for you to join the next scheduled time!

For more information call or text our  
Maternal Childhood Health program at (360)968-4037



Thurston County's Public Health and Social Services, [Parenting & Postpartum Support Group](#), is a family support group in Thurston County. It is designed to support families in the community who are navigating the highs and lows of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenting infants. Starting January 2024, the group will be meeting at Thurston County Public Health and Social Services (412 Lilly Rd. NE, Olympia 98506) the first Thursday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the third Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This support group strives to provide a non-judgmental space to explore with families how they are feeling and doing. It is a wonderful place to get connected with other parents and experienced facilitators while navigating this journey into parenthood. The group offers parents a place to think about and process their experiences as new parents. Some topics of discussion include the impact of changes to identity, changes in our relationships with partner and others, the real impact of sleep deprivation, feelings around the birth experience, and differences between expectations and the reality of the perinatal period. This group is open to all parents in the period of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenting infants.

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## #4 - Business Organics Management Law Began on January 1, 2024

# Organics Management Law

effective January 1, 2024



<http://bit.ly/BusinessOrganics>

In 2022, the Washington State Legislature passed the Organics Management Law to reduce the amount of methane created when food and yard (organic) waste decomposes in a landfill. The law set specific targets based on 2015 organics disposal levels to achieve a significant reduction of this greenhouse gas to meet the state's climate goals. Starting January 1, this law began to impact businesses within Thurston County.

Thurston County Recycling and Waste Reduction Specialists are helping businesses understand the law and compliance measures available to them. Visit [bit.ly/BusinessOrganics](http://bit.ly/BusinessOrganics) to learn more and/or request assistance for your business.

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**#5 - New Year, New Career! Thurston County is Hiring**

# WE ARE HIRING

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Take the leap into a new career at Thurston County! There are dozens of open positions that may be a great fit for you or someone you know.

To browse and apply for a job, visit the Thurston County Careers webpage: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa>



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