

# Friday Five

## Your weekly Thurston County update



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## #1 - Register for the Southwest Washington Grazing School

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# SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON GRAZING SCHOOL

MULTI-DAY INTENSIVE

April 18 - April 21 - Skookumchuck Grange - Tenino, WA - 8:00am-8:00pm

Save the date! The Southwest Washington Grazing School Multi-Day Intensive will be held April 18 - 21, 2024. At the Grazing School, you will learn how to evaluate biomass for

planned grazing, portion out forage through grazing paddocks, design grazing cells for targeted stocking rate and density, assess pasture health, and so much more! The course is for beef, sheep, or goat producers, dairy operators, horse owners, and technical service providers supporting livestock producers including NRCS, Conservation District, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees. For more information and to register, visit the [WSU Extension website](#).

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## #2 - Apply for the Veterans Assistance Fund

A poster for the Veterans Assistance Fund. It features a background of an American flag. In the top right corner is the Thurston County logo with the text "THURSTON COUNTY" and "Public Health & Social Services". In the center, a white semi-circular graphic contains five yellow stars at the top, followed by the text "ARE YOU A VETERAN?" in large, bold, red letters. Below this, in smaller black letters, is "You may be eligible for assistance!". At the bottom of the graphic, in white letters, is "CALL THE THURSTON COUNTY VETERANS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT 360-867-8236 TO SCHEDULE AN ELIGIBILITY APPOINTMENT".

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The Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Veterans Assistance Program works with the Lacey Veterans Hub to provide wraparound services to veterans. Examples of services provided include housing support, medical resources, assistance with insurance, food services, mental health support, employment resources, and more. If you are a veteran who lives in Thurston County, you are encouraged to apply. Call 360-867-8236 or apply online at the [Veterans Assistance webpage](#) to see what services you may qualify for.

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## #3 - Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire Training

# Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire

## NFPA® Training



March 26-27  
8am-5pm



Yelm Community Center

### Topics include:

- Wildfire behavior
- Home Ignition Zone
- Structure risk analysis
- Providing advice to homeowners

### Who should attend?

- Fire Department and Conservation District personnel
- Landscape and construction contractors
- Realtors and home inspectors
- Homeowners Associations
- Others interested in wildfire mitigation solutions

**FREE  
TRAINING**

(360) 890-5173 | [emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us)

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



We know it's still winter and wildland fire danger is low, but what better time to learn how you can make your property more fire safe!

Thurston County Emergency Management is partnering with the City of Yelm to bring a FREE training opportunity to Yelm on March 26 - 27, 2024.

Register for the free training [here](#). Contact Emily Schoendorf at 360-890-5173 or [emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us) if you have questions.

## #4 - What Conservation Goals are Important to You?



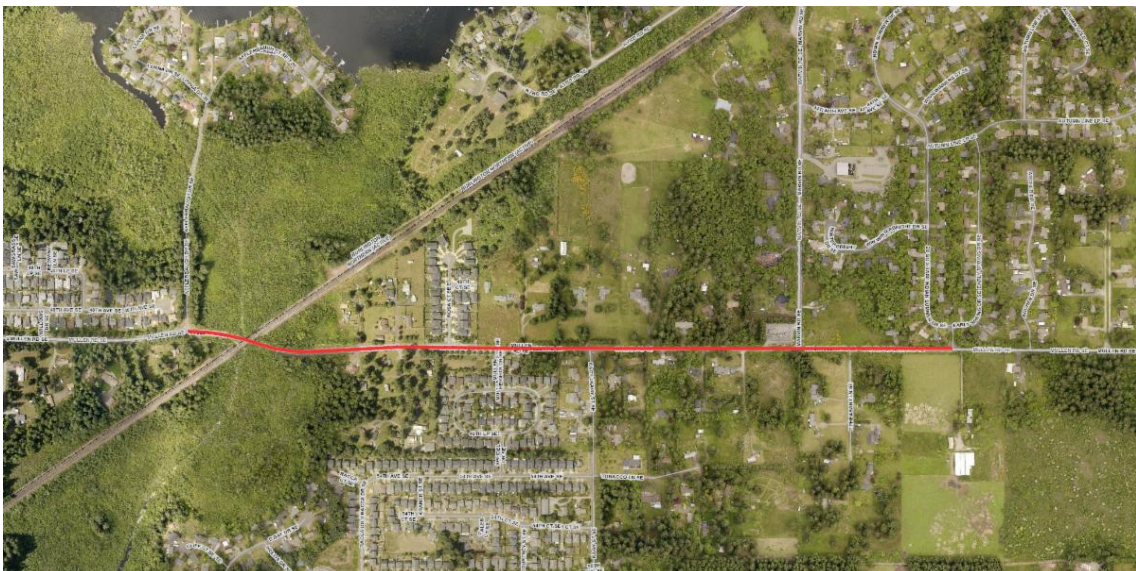


Farms and forests are amazing resources that help our communities prosper and provide benefits to our natural environment. To protect these lands and the benefits they provide, Thurston County develops programs to make it easier for land owners to make a living and conserve natural resources.

Help Thurston County find out what conservation goals are the most important to you by taking a [short survey](#) on your conservation goals and priorities.

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## #5 - Upcoming Traffic Delays Due to Construction on Mullen Road SE



Thurston County Public Works Department is alerting the public about expected traffic delays on Mullen Road SE, between Early Spring Drive SE and Afflerbaugh Drive SE, starting March 11, 2024, and continuing until May 13, 2024. During this time, a contractor will perform sewer connection and road improvement work along Mullen Road SE.

The project will include the installation of offsite sewer connections, shoulder restoration, and a grind and overlay of the existing roadway. To accommodate the construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane in the affected area, with flagging staff on hand to direct vehicles.

Reader boards will be in place along Mullen Road SE to inform the public of the upcoming work and anticipated delays. Commuters are encouraged to allow extra travel time or consider alternate routes during this period.

For additional information regarding lane closures, please contact Becky Conn, Thurston County Public Works Traffic Engineering & Operations Manager, at [becky.conn@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:becky.conn@co.thurston.wa.us) or 360-867-2300.



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