

Thurston County Voting Center

April 4 - April 24 (Election Day)

8am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday, 8am - 8pm on Election Day.

You can:

- Register to vote - new residents must register in person by Monday April 16.
- Request a ballot.
- Update registration for future elections.
- Vote using the AutoMARK™ accessible voting machine.
- Drop off your ballot.

Contact us:

In person: 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg 1 Rm 118,
Olympia, WA 98502

Phone: 360.786.5408 711 Washington Relay

Email: Elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Web: ThurstonVotes.org

If mailing your ballot, use a \$.50 first class stamp. It must be postmarked by Election Day.

Get connected with the Auditor's Office!

Find us online for important election
information and updates all year long at
ThurstonVotes.org



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What is the AutoMARK™?

The AutoMARK™ is a voting assistance device that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, illiteracy, or limited mobility to vote independently and secretly.

Cast your vote with the AutoMARK™ at Olympics West Senior Living Community!

Monday April 16, 2018, 1 pm - 2 pm
929 Trosper Rd SW, Tumwater

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Olympia

Church of the Good Shepherd	1601 North St SE
Haggen NW Fresh	1313 Cooper Pt Rd SW
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Dr SW

Tumwater

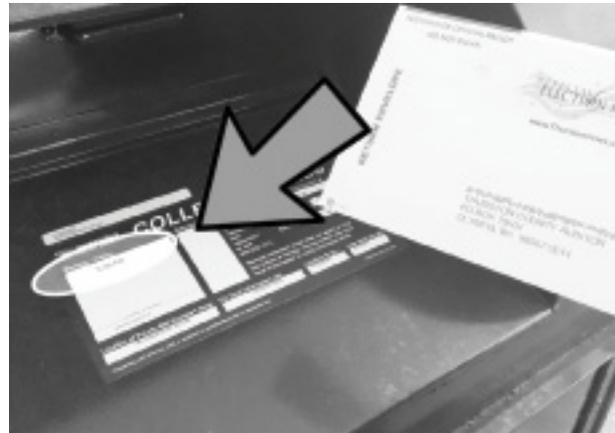
Tumwater Timberland Library	7023 New Market St SW
Tumwater School Admin Office	621 Linwood Ave SW

Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day and close promptly at 8pm on Election Day. It's free! **No stamp required.**

Check your mailbox's pickup time!

Mailing your ballot on Election Day? Make sure it gets postmarked on time!

- Check your mailbox's pickup time!
- If the last pickup time has passed, you'll need to find another mailbox.
- Or, drop your ballot in a ballot drop box!



Official Thurston County

LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET City of Tumwater

Special Election, April 24, 2018

Thurston County Voter:

Whether you feel that voting is a privilege, a right, a responsibility, a civic duty, or something else entirely; your local library can help you prepare for the April 24, 2018 Special Election.

Your local library is so much more than books, we are:

- A community resource where you can find unbiased, useful, and easily accessible information on current topics, research your candidates, and learn about ballot measures.
- Your go-to place whether you need to use a computer to register to vote online, pick up a mail-in application, or get directions to the Thurston County Courthouse where you can register in person.
- A source for your state and local voting guides, a place to make arrangements for accessible voting, and we can direct you to the nearest ballot drop box as well.

We strive to provide useful resources that cover timely information so your voice can be heard.

In this, and every election, we encourage you to make your vote count.

Cheryl Heywood

Library Director
Timberland Regional Library

Timberland Regional Library District provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. For more information visit TRL.org

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City of Tumwater

Initiative No. 1

An Act Relating to the Regulation of Consumer Fireworks

Ballot Title

Tumwater Initiative No. 1 concerns the right to buy, possess and discharge consumer fireworks. This measure would permit the sale, possession and discharge of those fireworks allowed by state law (repealing Ordinance number O2016-034), restrict the number of permits issued to sell fireworks, set the dates of sale of fireworks from June 28 through July 4th, and allow the City Council to restrict (but not eliminate entirely) the hours of fireworks use during periods of extreme fire danger.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Explanatory Statement

This Initiative allows the sale, possession and use of consumer fireworks. It repeals the ban enacted by Ordinance No. O2016-034, on December 6, 2016 after passage of an advisory ballot measure supporting a ban on the sale, possession and discharge of consumer fireworks.

The Initiative amends the previously enacted Tumwater Municipal Code Chapter 8.30, which allowed the sale, possession and use of fireworks, by 1) allowing the retail sales of consumer fireworks to begin each year on June 28, three days earlier than previously allowed; 2) reducing the maximum allowable number of retail sales permits from one permit for each two thousand residents to one permit for each four thousand residents; and 3) eliminating the fire chief's authority to temporarily restrict or prohibit the discharge of fireworks in the event of extreme fire danger and, instead, requiring the fire chief to notify the City Council when three specific thresholds are met after which the Council may restrict, but not eliminate entirely, the hours of use.

For Statement

Please join over 2,000 of your Tumwater neighbors who signed petitions to get Proposition 1 on the ballot and Vote *Yes* to overturn the misguided ban on state-approved fireworks on July 4th. Vote *Yes* to restore that long standing tradition of allowing Tumwater residents to safely celebrate the 4th of July with State-approved fireworks. It provides a safer, legal alternative to dangerous bottle-rockets and firecrackers.

With 4 tribal reservations within a short distance from our city limits, there won't be any shortage of illegal fireworks being used in Tumwater every July 4th. Vote *Yes* to provide residents a legal alternative to illicit fireworks sales from outside the community.

Vote *Yes* to allow local non-profit community groups, like the Tumwater Lions Club which has raised funds through fireworks sales since 1961 to continue their charitable work in the Tumwater community. Vote *Yes* to keep private family backyard celebrations on the 4th of July legal in Tumwater. Let's not criminalize family fireworks celebrations just because many people choose to bring illegal fireworks into Tumwater.

Vote *Yes* to preserve this cherished family tradition and save the joy it brings to children of all ages! Vote *Yes* to enable local non-profit and community groups like the Tumwater Lions Club, Search & Rescue and local youth sports teams to raise money for their programs. Vote *Yes* for the common-sense approach to keeping dangerous illegal fireworks out of Tumwater by providing a safer, legal alternative. Make the smart choice, please vote *Yes*!

Citizens for Legal Fireworks: Jack Whittenborn (360.407.8100, jackdavid@aol.com), Dave Nicandri, Karen Gower

Rebuttal of For Statement

Signatures were gathered using high pressure tactics by paid signature gatherers. "Safe" fireworks still cause numerous injuries and fires, threatening our peace and safety. Banning fireworks simplifies enforcement and encourages voluntary compliance. Violations are handled like traffic tickets; only reckless behavior is criminal. This is not about charitable work; it is about corporate profits. Nonprofit organizations in Olympia and Lacey found other funding sources. So will Tumwater groups. Protect your pets. Vote *no*!

Against Statement

Tumwater citizens voted to ban fireworks in 2016. That ban takes effect this year. This initiative, backed by the fireworks industry using paid signature gatherers, is an attempt to reverse that vote. It is costing taxpayers over \$100,000 to revote on an issue we already decided.

If passed, this initiative would prevent the city council and fire chief from banning fireworks even under extreme fire hazard conditions such as happened in 2015. We were fortunate that a major firestorm did not occur. Let's not take that risk again.

The current ban does not apply to the public display of fireworks by licensed technicians. Our city will continue to sponsor a magnificent public fireworks show for all to celebrate the holiday. The ban also does not apply to small trick and novelty fireworks such as party poppers, snappers or toy paper caps.

Shocks and explosions from fireworks rock our community and disrespect the rights of fellow citizens to live in peace. Our brave veterans suffering from PTSD feel they have returned to the battlefield. Indiscriminate use of fireworks scares children and animals, damages property, litters our streets, pollutes our water, and causes fires and injuries. Nonprofit fundraisers will find other ways to raise money for their worthy causes. The brief excitement of detonating fireworks is not worth the significant cost to our community. Don't be fooled by patriotic arguments. This is about corporate profits, pure and simple. To keep the ban, vote *no*.

Freedom from Fireworks: Pete Kmet (360.943.4550, BetterTumwater@yahoo.com, www.FreedomFromFireworks.org), Chris Colton and Dale Larson.

Rebuttal of Against Statement

In 2016, Tumwater voters were presented with a misleading ballot where *Yes* meant *no* and *no* meant *Yes*. In this election *Yes* means *Yes*. The proposed ordinance specifically allows for extreme restrictions on fireworks due to drought conditions. We respect our veterans, many who feel they fought for the freedom to celebrate with fireworks. The valuable programs provided by the nonprofit groups cannot be replaced by other fundraisers. Protect your rights. Vote *Yes*.