

Thurston County Voting Center

January 23 - February 12 (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, February 4.
- 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

Email: Elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Web: ThurstonVotes.org

Postage is paid for all ballots! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Missed the last pickup time? Use a drop box!

Get connected with the Auditor's Office!

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



Thurston County Auditor's Office



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Ballot Drop Box Locations

Lacey Area

Lacey Fire 3, Station 34.....8407 Steilacoom Rd SE
Lacey City Hall.....420 College St SE
Lacey Post Office.....5815 Lacey Blvd SE
Martin Village.....5600 Martin Way E
Woodland Retirement & Assisted Living.....4532 Intelco Lp SE

Olympia Area

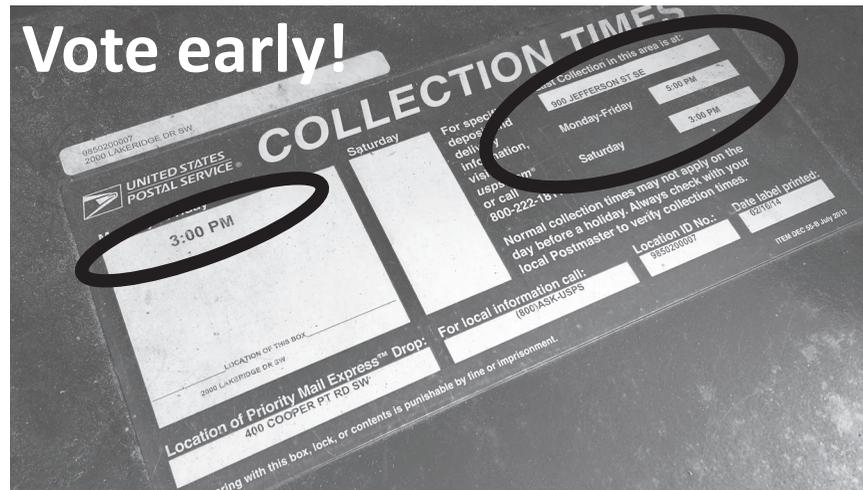
Thurston County Courthouse*.....2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
*The Auditor's Office, Bldg. 1, Rm. 118 is the only place to get a paper ballot.

Southeast County

Lackamas Elementary.....16240 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm
Nisqually Tribal Admin Bldg.....4820 She Nah Num Dr SE, Olympia
Rainier City Hall.....102 Rochester St W
Yelm School Administration.....110 1st St N

Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day and close promptly at 8pm on Election Day.

Mailing your ballot?



Don't forget to check the pickup time listed on the mailbox! **Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted.**
Missed the pickup time? **Use a drop box!**



Official Thurston County Local Voters' Pamphlet Yelm Community Schools Special Election, February 12, 2019

Thurston County Voter,

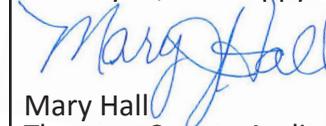
As we begin a new year, I've reflected a lot on the past 12 months and thought about different ways to make positive changes in our community in 2019 and beyond. I'm reminded every day in my role as Auditor about one way to do this—participation in our democracy.

Your vote matters in every election, but is especially important in smaller, local elections. One vote can determine the outcome, and it's so important to educate yourself about the measures on the ballot and make informed decisions. That's why I'll continue printing a local voters' pamphlet for every election.

As your Auditor, I am committed to bridging the gap between local government and its citizens and making voting as accessible as possible. We recently installed a new drop box—our 28th in the county—at the Nisqually Administration Building, which opened in time for the November General Election.

Our mission is to run transparent, accessible, and open elections because we want you to vote with confidence in the security of your ballot. I invite you to join us for a tour of our Ballot Processing Center, where you can learn what happens to your ballot once it's returned, how it gets counted, and what our election staff do to protect the security of every vote, and the integrity of our elections. Call us at 360.786.5408 or email us at elections@co.thurston.wa.us to schedule a tour.

Thank you, and happy voting!


Mary Hall
Thurston County Auditor

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Yelm Community Schools

Proposition No. 1

Bonds to Improve Safety and Replace Schools

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 02-18-19, concerning a proposition to finance safety improvements and replace schools. This proposition would authorize the District to: make safety and security improvements at all schools, which will include control entry/access, security cameras, lighting and fencing; replace Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary School and remove portable classrooms from these schools; issue no more than \$98,985,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 02-18-19.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Approval of the bond measure will provide funds for Yelm Community Schools to improve safety and alleviate overcrowding. Since the last bond in 2003, the District has grown by over 1,300 students. The District is projected to grow by an additional 411 students over the next five years. Replacing Yelm Middle School (to serve 720 students) and Southworth Elementary (to serve 550 students) with two story construction will address the anticipated growth, class size requirements, and eliminate portable classrooms that are 20-40 years old and costly to maintain. The remaining seven campuses will receive safety and security improvements based on the needs of each campus. Due to local levy rates being reduced by an estimated \$2.19 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2019, the overall property tax rate is estimated to decline. Further information is available on the district's website at www.ycs.wednet.edu/bond. Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are disabled, senior citizens, and/or who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call Thurston County - 360-867-2200 or Pierce County - 253-798-2169, depending on property location.

For Statement

Yelm Community Schools (YCS) are asking voters to approve a \$98.9M bond. The last construction bond was passed 15 years ago, which built Ridgeline Middle School and completed other projects. Some of our schools exceed 30 years old, qualifying them for state funding assistance. Since the February 2018 failed vote, the costs of these projects have increased \$22M.

This year, YCS formed a committee of citizens from different employment backgrounds to study all facilities and funding options, while remaining sensitive to costs. The community also weighed in. Besides replacing aging schools to expand capacity, the final package bolsters security measures at all schools. Safety upgrades are school site-specific, not a 'one-size-fits-all' model. This plan also replaces Yelm Middle School, Southworth Elementary School and removes 30 portables.

Bonds are the primary funding source for school construction in WA. We can't build new schools without passing a new construction bond. By law, these funds *can only be* used for building schools. The recent McCleary decision also didn't provide money for brick-and-mortar.

When fully implemented, taxpayers will experience a *decrease* in their school tax rate per \$1000 property value. Visit YCS' website tax calculator. This is due to a combination of new tax restructuring measures adopted by the legislature while paying off our last bond, yr2023. The two replacement schools also qualify for \$23.4M in state aid. Please consider using the money saved and investing it in our local education system. Vote Yes: for our schools, our kids and our future.

Citizens for Support of Yelm Schools: Sandra Manwiller (360.350.9553, citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com, citizens4yelmschools.com), Frank Hudik, Joe DePinto

Your signature matters!

Did you know that Thurston County Elections has a team of signature checkers trained by the State Patrol Fraud Division? They compare your signature on the return envelope's voter declaration to the signature we have on file for you.

Sometimes signatures change. If that's the case, no worries! Contact us at 360.786.5408 or elections@co.thurston.wa.us.

Against Statement

No against committee was formed.

Come to the Thurston County Auditor's Office to vote, or call to set up an appointment to use the AutoMARK™.

What is the AutoMARK™?

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

Don't forget to bring your ballot!

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