

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Walk-in Passport Services Now Available at the Auditor's Office



Passport Services are now offered without an appointment during regular business hours at the Thurston County Auditor's Office. While walk-in service is available, it's still highly encouraged you make an appointment to ensure prompt service instead of a potentially long wait time.

The Auditor's Office is the only provider of passport services in Thurston County during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Auditor's passport facility is located at 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

The Auditor's Office offers the following advice to facilitate the walk-in process:

- Walk-in hours for passports are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Walk-ins should check-in at the lobby kiosk to receive their number.
- Arrive early in the day when business is lighter. This typically results in faster service.
- Due to lunch breaks, staffing levels are limited between noon and 2:00 p.m.
- Complete all paperwork before arriving.
- If you plan to have your picture taken wear dark clothes, they produce a better photo. Please do not wear white or cream clothing.
- Your patience is appreciated.
- The U.S. Department of State portion of the fees must be paid by check or money order.

To make an appointment and find more information about Auditor Passport Services, visit ThurstonAuditor.gov.

#2 - Bronka Sundstrom: A Legacy of Resilience and

Tenacity Honored at the Chehalis Western Trail



A tribute to Bronka Sundstrom, a Holocaust survivor who embodies resilience and tenacity, was recently unveiled at Chambers Lake Overlook on the Chehalis Western Trail (CWT) in Thurston County. Sundstrom, who emigrated from Poland after surviving Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, left a lasting mark on the Pacific Northwest with her love for the outdoors and her record-setting achievement of scaling Mount Rainier at age 77. The dedicated bench along the trail captures her enduring spirit, serving as both a physical rest spot for travelers and a symbol of her passion for the natural world.

This monument provides an opportunity for visitors to reflect on Sundstrom's life, her triumphs over adversity, and her zest for life, embodying her mantra of "Never give up, always go forward." The bench exemplifies Thurston County's commitment to preserving and celebrating the region's natural beauty. Sundstrom's story and words are available in more detail on the [Holocaust Center for Humanity's website](#).

#3 - World Ocean Day Festival is Saturday, June 10



World Ocean Day is Saturday, June 10! Join [Stream Team](#) in acknowledging and celebrating the life-sustaining gifts of the sea! Guest speakers include County Commissioner Tye Menser, Kris Peters, Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribe, and State Representative Beth Doglio. Local community groups will share actions you can take to steward the Salish Sea and all the connected waterways. This fun, family-friendly event

features live music from Artesian Rumble, activities for kids, food trucks, raffle prizes, and more!

World Ocean Day Festival

Saturday, June 10

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Heritage Park, Capital Lake, downtown Olympia.

#4 - Now Hiring! Thurston County has 46 Positions Open



Thurston County has **46 open positions!**

No matter the type of position you're looking for, Thurston County has many potential career opportunities. You can find all current open positions and apply on the county's [employment opportunities webpage](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/employment).

#5 - Matt Unzelman Appointed County Road Engineer



On Tuesday, May 23, Matt Unzelman was appointed to County Road Engineer by the Board of County Commissioners. Unzelman has spent his entire career with Thurston County Public Works, starting as a student intern when he was 19 years old. He has consistently been promoted throughout the department over the last 18 years. When he addressed the board, Unzelman said he is humbled and excited for this new opportunity.

[Watch the May 23 Board of County Commissioners meeting](#) to learn more about Unzelman's time and commitment to Thurston County Public Works.

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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