

Friday Five

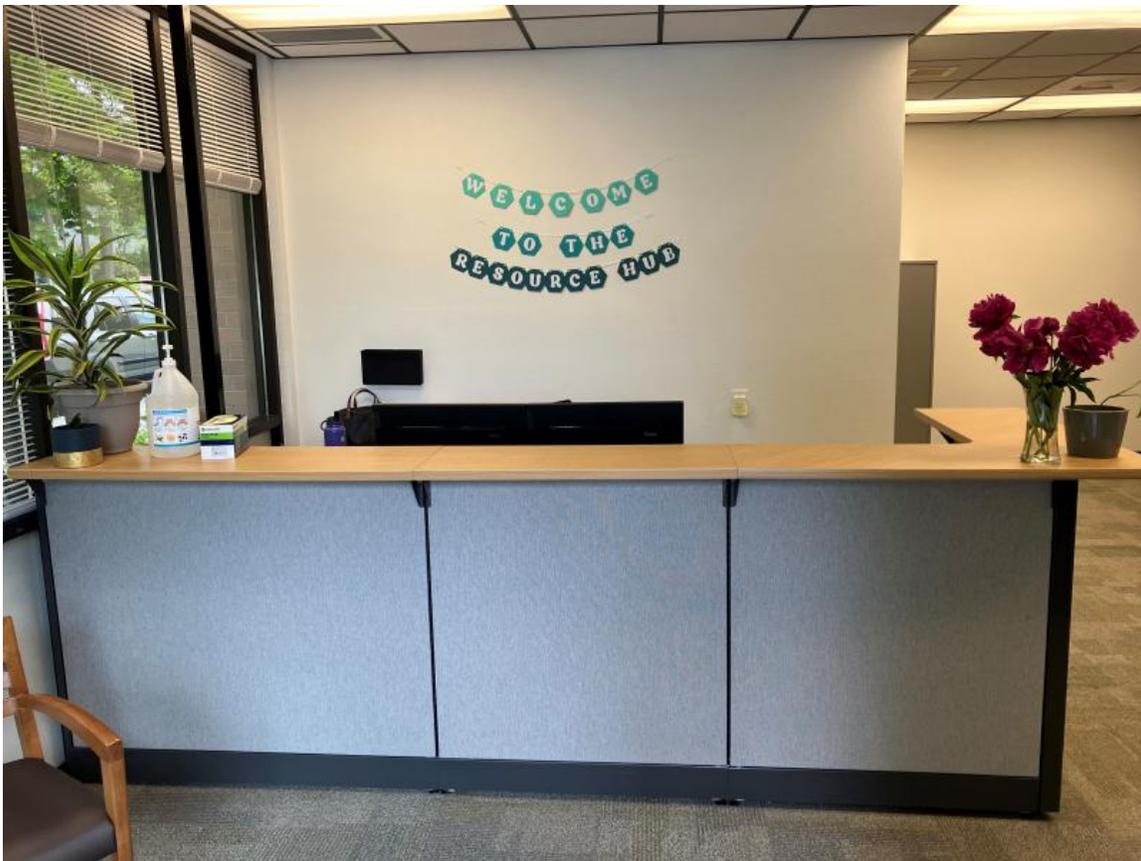
Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Thurston County Resource Hub Celebrates 1,000 Visitors!



Just over a year after its opening, the Thurston County Resource Hub is celebrating serving its one-thousandth visitor!

The Resource Hub (Hub) is the product of more than a year of work and collaboration between the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners, Pretrial Services, Public Defense, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, District and Superior Courts, and Public Health and Social Services. The Hub opened as a drop-in center in June 2022 with the intent to serve community members who are justice-impacted. By quickly connecting people to resources, the Hub seeks to reduce repeat involvement in the justice system for individuals with behavioral health needs, and support the safety, health, and wellbeing of all Thurston County residents.

Trying to navigate the system can be a barrier to success for many. The Hub helps by directly connecting people to services they may need. Community members can drop-in or call the Hub to be connected to the following services:

- Behavioral Health
- Employment and/or Education
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Legal Support
- Telehealth treatment for substance use disorders
- Clothing and food bank

"The most important function of the Hub is that the services and direction offered here are effective and meet the needs of any community member. When people come into the Hub, I tell them they are in the right place, and we ensure they leave with a plan," said Nate Block, the Resource Hub Program Manager.

The quick growth of the Resource Hub is a testament to its success, with some months seeing double the number of visits from the previous month. In the future, the county and partners hope to add additional partners and staff, and increase space to continue expanding services.

Commissioner Tye Menser added, "Reentry services are vital to an effective and equitable justice system. I have been a huge advocate for our county's Resource Hub as a common-sense way to help folks get their lives back on track and reduce burdens and costs to our courts and law enforcement agencies. I am pleased with the initial growth and development of the Hub, and I intend to help it grow even bigger and better in the future."

You can learn more about the Resource Hub, see a list of partners, and find the schedule at: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/living-thurston-county/law-and-justice/resource-hub>

#2 - Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 26: Proposed Six-year Transportation Improvement Program for 2024 - 2029

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing



On Tuesday, September 26 at 3:30 p.m., in Room 110, at 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed six-year Transportation Improvement Program for calendar years 2024 - 2029.

For more information on meetings and public hearings, visit:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>

**#3 - The Commissioners Proclaimed September 19 as
National Voter Registration Day**



The Board of County Commissioners proclaimed September 19, 2023, National Voter Registration Day in Thurston County. The proclamation encourages all eligible county residents register to vote, vote when they receive their ballot, and encourage their neighbors to vote. Guests from the Thurston County Elections Office and the Timberland Regional Library spoke about voter registration initiatives throughout the county.

Register to vote at: VoteWA.gov.

Watch the proclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EevAQKKfQ0>

#4 - Thurston County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program Celebrates Two-Year Anniversary

LEAD

Annual Celebration

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE YEAR TWO OF THURSTON COUNTY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION PROGRAM!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
● 11AM - 2PM ●

TUMWATER HISTORICAL
PARK PICNIC SHELTER

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSN5JTH>

Thanks to our partners and the many other supporters of the LEAD program!

Thurston County Pretrial Services, and Public Health and Social Services



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The Thurston Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program celebrated its two-year anniversary this July. The LEAD program empowers individuals with substance use, mental health challenges, and/or extreme poverty to address their unmet needs in hopes of preventing entry into, or further involvement with law enforcement and the legal system. Being part of LEAD is voluntary and participants are supported by the team in meeting their self-identified goals.

LEAD is a referral-based case management program meeting people where they are without the expectation or requirement of abstinence. The program uses a harm-reduction approach, which focuses on dignity, honesty, and providing a judgement-free space. Participants have someone on 'their side' who has been there, a person who has experienced similar struggles and offers a kind word, rides to appointments, and assistance navigating community resources and systems.

To celebrate the accomplishments of the more than 370 individuals served since the program launched, we are hosting a celebration event on Friday, September 29, 2023, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Tumwater Historical Park picnic shelter. Please join us as we honor the work and accomplishments of our LEAD participants and the LEAD team.

#5 - Sign up for Thurston County Public Health's Home and Garden Newsletter



SUBSCRIBE

Sign up to receive our free **Thurston Home & Garden** e-newsletter delivered to your inbox every other month. Learn simple, low-cost ways to keep your home and yard healthy and safe for your family and our community!



Looking for low-cost, common sense ways to care for your home and yard? Want to protect the health of your household and pets, and protect our community's drinking water? Learn to prevent and deal with mold, rodents, weeds, and so much more!

Sign up to receive Thurston County Public Health's, Home and Garden Newsletter delivered to your in-box every other month. We offer seasonal solutions to keep your home, yard, and our community healthy and safe!

Sign up for the newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jYdE0Sx>

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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