

# Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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## **#1 - National County Government Month - Why I Work for Thurston County**



Thurston County is celebrating National County Government Month (NCGM) this April! The theme for this year's celebration of NCGM is "Forward Together," inspired by the focus of National Association of Counties (NACo) President Mary Jo McGuire. The theme highlights the powerful role of county governments as intergovernmental partners.

To celebrate NCGM, we interviewed several Thurston County employees, asking them "Why do you work for Thurston County?" Every week this April, we will highlight staff members on our social media accounts and in the Friday Five, where they will share why they love working for Thurston County.

This week, we interviewed Summer, who shares why she works for Thurston County as Fiscal Manager for the Community Planning and Development Department. Watch her interview on the [Thurston County YouTube channel](#).

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## **#2 - Can This be Recycled? Test Your Knowledge!**

# SAVE THE DATE!

for the next event in our 2024 presentation series:



## CAN THIS BE RECYCLED?

Learn what to know before you throw!



Wednesday, April 24



1-2pm



LeMay Pacific Disposal

Test your knowledge with Thurston County's Master Recycler Composter Volunteers. Attendees are encouraged to bring samples of materials causing confusion at home or work.

Please note, there are only 30 spots available at this workshop, so make sure to register in advance!

Register at <http://Community.ThurstonSolidWaste.org> or by calling (360) 867-2491.

This event takes place in person on April 24 at 1 p.m. at LeMay Pacific Disposal in Lacey (2904 Hogum Bay Rd NE, Lacey, 98516).

Unable to attend? Contact us at [ThurstonSolidWaste.org](http://ThurstonSolidWaste.org) to request an alternate presentation or have your questions answered.

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**#3 - Get Involved in Local Government! Apply to be a  
Thurston County Advisory Board Member**

# NOW RECRUITING

## Multiple Advisory Board Positions

- Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
- Civil Service Commission
- Fair Board
- Historic Commission
- Noxious Weed Control Board
- Storm and Surface Water Advisory Board

Apply by April 25!



Thurston County is recruiting for several vacancies on citizen advisory boards. Advisory boards are vital to good government and one of the most effective ways to positively impact your community. You, too, can advise the Board of County Commissioners and county staff on policies, programs, and the many issues facing our community. [Apply by April 25!](#)

[Learn more](#) about each advisory board's membership.

- [Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials](#)  
One individual with Professional Personnel Management experience.
- [Civil Service Commission](#)  
One individual who has lived in Thurston County for at least the past two years.
- [Fair Board](#)  
One individual who resides in [Commissioner District 3](#) and one nominated by the Commissioner of District 3.
- [Historic Commission](#)  
Multiple vacancies for those with professional or vocational interest in historic preservation.
- [Noxious Weed Control Board](#)  
One individual who resides in [Weed District 4](#) and one who resides in [Weed District 5](#).
- [Storm and Surface Water Advisory Board](#)  
One individual who resides in [Commissioner District 2](#), and one member At-Large.

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**#4 - What Makes Thurston County Feel Like Home?  
Tell us with your Art!**

THURSTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT:

# THURSTON COUNTY ART CONTEST

FOR ALL  
AGES &  
COUNTY  
EMPLOYEES!

**THEME: WHAT MAKES THURSTON COUNTY FEEL LIKE HOME**



Questions?  
[artcontest@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:artcontest@co.thurston.wa.us)  
[thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-2024-art-contest](http://thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-2024-art-contest)



Are you an aspiring artist? Showcase your artistic ability and enter the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners art contest! This is an opportunity for county residents and employees to showcase their artistic talents. The contest is open to youth, adults, and Thurston County employees.

The theme for the contest is, "What Makes Thurston County Feel Like Home?" Whether it's the landscapes, landmarks, people, culture, or unique experiences, participants are encouraged to reflect on the elements evoking a sense of belonging and connection to this vibrant community. This theme provides an opportunity for artists to celebrate and showcase the diverse aspects of Thurston County that resonate with them personally, fostering a deeper appreciation for our shared home.

Acceptable forms of art include, but are not limited to:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Collages
- Prints
- Mixed media
- Digital art (must be printed)
- Photography
- Sculpture

Artwork submissions can be dropped off the week of May 27 – May 31 at the Atrium, located 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia 98501.

The submissions will be judged by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners. The categories for judging will be youth, adults, and Thurston County employees.

The winners will be announced in June. Winning artwork may be featured at county offices for public viewing.

For more information and to review the contest FAQs, visit:  
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/thurston-county-2024-art-contest>

## #5 - Vendors Wanted for the 2024 Emergency Preparedness Expo!

# PREPAREDNESS EXPO

# VENDORS WANTED!

### What is it?

The Preparedness Expo is designed to provide education and awareness to the public about being prepared for disasters and emergencies. It also offers an opportunity for vendors and participants to share their products and information. We do not charge for booths but encourage vendors to donate raffle prizes.

### When and where?

-  Saturday, September 28, 2024
-  10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Set up begins at 8:30 a.m.
-  Yelm Community Center  
301 2nd St SE, Yelm

### Register here!



For questions, contact Cherie Carey at [cherie.carey@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:cherie.carey@co.thurston.wa.us)

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"Proudly Serving Our Community"

Vendors wanted for Thurston County Emergency Management Council's [2024 Emergency Preparedness Expo](#).

The Preparedness Expo is designed to provide education and awareness to the public about being prepared for disasters and emergencies. It also offers an opportunity for

vendors and participants to share their products and information related to emergency preparedness.

Thurston County Emergency Management does not charge for booths, but encourage vendors to donate raffle prizes.

Sign up to be a vendor: <https://forms.office.com/g/Utrg02ipZX>

For questions, contact Cherie Carey at [cherie.carey@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:cherie.carey@co.thurston.wa.us).



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