



County Up Close

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Interest in County's Fish Passage Enhancement Program on the Rise

Thurston County has successfully implemented the first comprehensive program to replace fish blocking culverts in the region, opening more than 7.5 miles of fish habitat in the last two years alone.

Staff with Thurston County Public Works were invited to the regional meeting of Tribal governments to discuss initial program results and how working with Tribal stakeholders helped improve project outcomes.

[Read the full Story Here](#)

Commissioners to Hold Public Hearing on Courthouse and Regional Administrative Building Resolution

On Tuesday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m, citizens will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the Board of County Commissioners on a proposed ordinance to add a ballot proposition to increase the levy of the regular property tax to fund a new Courthouse and Regional Administrative Building. The ballot proposition would have to be approved by a majority of the voters at an upcoming election.

What: Public Hearing on the Courthouse and Regional Administrative Building Resolution

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, Building 1, Room 28

[See the News Release Here](#)



Commissioners to Hold Evening Board Meeting in Rochester

**Have Comments for Your Community?
Join us for a Commissioner Meeting in Rochester!**



**Board of County Commissioners
Off-Site Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019
At 5:30 PM**

**Rochester Middle School Commons
9937 US-12, Rochester, WA 98579**

OUR VISION

Thurston County is a vibrant community ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of generations to live, work, and play.

OUR MISSION

To create a community that promotes health, commerce, and environmental protection with transparency and accountability.



Ability Accommodations

Contact Whitney Parrish at wparrish@thurston.wa.us or 360-396-5444 at least five days prior to the meeting. Events with special seating or accommodations are available for those with disabilities. For more information, call 360-396-5444.

Learn more at www.thurstoncountywa.gov

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In an effort to enhance transparency and take government out into the community, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners are hosting one of their weekly Board meetings at the Rochester Middle School Commons on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**What: Board of Commissioners Meeting
When: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Rochester Middle School Commons,
9937 US-12, Rochester, WA 98579**

[See the News Release Here](#)

The Color of Justice

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Yu was the keynote speaker at Thurston County Superior Court's 'Color of Justice' program on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Chief Justice Yu shared her story of how she came to be a Chief Justice in Washington State.

The Color of Justice is a program that fosters diversity in the judicial system and seeks to inspire and encourage minority youth to consider a career and the law and judiciary system.



[Watch a Short Video Story Here](#)



Dedicated Staff Carry Out Election Despite Historic Snow Storm

While most people were listening to the dreadful forecast and making grocery lists to ensure they had what they needed during February's snow storms, the Auditor and Thurston County elections department were working with Emergency Management to ensure the February 12 Special Election went on without a snag.

[Read the full Story Here](#)

Celebrating Women's History



March was Women's History Month in Thurston County! The Board of Commissioners presented a proclamation to Dr. Thelma Jackson, a local activist, historian, and education advocate who served as a member and five-time President of the North Thurston School Board for 20 years. Dr. Jackson spoke about the many women who have contributed to making Thurston County what it is today, including Rebecca Howard. Mrs. Howard was a business woman in the Olympia area in the 1860s. We commemorated Women's History Month throughout the month of March by sharing the stories of women who are making a difference in our County and community!

[See Their Stories Here](#)

