

**MASON COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS**



The Board of Mason County Commissioners appoints community members to the following advisory boards. For more information on any of the boards listed, please contact the appropriate office at the phone extension noted.

Mason County's phone number is 360-427-9670, from Belfair, please dial 275-4467.

Our website is www.co.mason.wa.us.

The Commissioners would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all those who serve Mason County. It is because of their dedication that these boards are successful. Thank you.



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The three-member Civil Service Commission is authorized under RCW 41.14 whose purpose is to establish a merit system of employment for county deputy sheriffs and other employees of the office of County Sheriff, thereby raising the standards and efficiency of such offices and law enforcement in general. This commission ensures that employees are recruited through an open, competitive process; are promoted on the basis of merit and are demoted, suspended, removed from office or discharged only for cause. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. For more information please contact the Civil Service Secretary, Penny Campos, at 360-482-4560.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM

This board is recognized as Mason County's Community Corrections Board as authorized by RCW 72.09.300 and was organized to reduce the demands on, and respond to the needs of the criminal justice system. Meetings are held approximately every quarter. For more information, please contact the Probation Department, ext. 337.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA CARE
COUNCIL**

This council is authorized by RCW 70.168.120 and was established in Mason County by Resolution No. 92-86 to act in an advisory capacity for the analysis, coordination, evaluation, planning, development of standards and regulations, and other related aspects of the county emergency medical systems. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Mason General Hospital. For more information, please contact Sandi Kvarnstrom at ext. 330.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization (BOE) is a three-member board that is appointed by the Mason County Commissioners, one member being from each of the commissioner districts. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that all properties are valued on an equal level at 100% of market value. If a taxpayer wants to appeal the county Assessor's valuation of their property, they can file a petition with the Board of Equalization and a hearing shall be scheduled for the taxpayer to present his/her case. For more information, please contact the BOE Clerk of the Board at ext. 397.

FAIR ADVISORY BOARD

The Fair Advisory Board membership was last amended by Resolution No. 111-95 creating a 34 member board whose purpose is to create a public forum and provide input and advice for the annual Mason County Fair. They meet on the first Monday of each month beginning in February through September. For more information, please contact the Convention Center/Fairgrounds at ext. 390.

FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Mason County Commissioners established the Future Fairgrounds Advisory Committee to provide recommendations regarding what role should a Fairgrounds play in Mason County's future. Should it primarily host a fair, summer season events only, or also be developed as a year around convention facility. For more information, please contact the Commissioners' office at ext. 419.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MASON COUNTY

The Housing Authority of Mason County was established in 1972 by the Mason County Commissioners as authorized by RCW 35.82. It has been administered by the Housing Authority of the City of Bremerton since 1978 although Mason County does have its own Housing Authority Board of Commissioners consisting of five members. The Housing Authority operates various subsidized housing programs and owns and operates housing units for low-income families and elderly persons. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Alpine Way Retirement Apartments. For more information, please call 360-792-8510.

**LEWIS/MASON/THURSTON AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY BOARD**

This advisory board provides on-going input to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The AAA plans, coordinates and manages services to elderly and younger disabled people throughout the three-county area. The AAA operates case management programs that assist individuals and families to remain at home or in the community. The advisory board has six members from each county and they usually meet in Olympia. For more information please contact AAA in Olympia at 664-2168.

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was established by Resolution No. 25-91 as authorized by RCW 67.28. There are nine members and their purpose is to offer advice and opinion to the Commissioners regarding the use of Hotel/Motel tax monies. For more information, please contact the Convention Center/Fairgrounds at ext. 390.

**LOWER HOOD CANAL WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION
COMMITTEE (LHCWIC)**

The LHCWIC was established in June, 1998 by Resolution No. 57-98 as authorized by RCW 90.72. The boundaries are all properties located in the Mason County and Kitsap County portion of the Lower Hood Canal Watershed. It is composed of volunteers who own property within the watershed and appropriate agency representatives. The purpose of the committee is to work in cooperation with assigned county staff to provide citizen input to the county on management decisions within the context of watershed management planning. For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Department, ext. 358.

**PACIFIC MOUNTAIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**

The mission of the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council is to create a workforce development system that enhances the economic success for workers and businesses in our communities. There are representatives from Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. This is in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Governor's Executive Order on Workforce Development. They meet every other month; the schedule is determined at the planning session each year. For more information, please contact Mike Kennedy, Director, at 754-4113 ext. 111.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

The Noxious Weed Control Board was reactivated in 2004 with the appointment of five members, one from each of the five Weed Control Districts. The Noxious Weed Control Board is authorized by RCW 17.10.007 and was established by Resolution 482 in 1975. The purpose of a weed control board is to limit economic loss and adverse effects to Washington's agricultural, natural, and human resources due to the presence and spread of noxious weeds on all terrestrial and aquatic areas in the state. For more information, please contact the Cooperative Extension Office, at ext. 396.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION

The seven-member Planning Advisory Commission was established by Ordinance No. 76-02 pursuant to RCW 36.70.040 and replaced the former Mason County Planning Commission and the Mason County Shorelines Advisory Board. This single advisory commission was established to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the advisory process. The purpose is to advise the Mason County Commissioners on planning and shoreline related issues. They meet on the third Monday of the month in the Commission Chambers at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Planning Department, ext. 282.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

This committee assists in the development of programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal. They meet quarterly on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Please contact the Utilities & Waste Management Department for more information at ext. 270.

THURSTON/MASON CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY ADVISORY BOARD

The Thurston/Mason Chemical Dependency Advisory Board is advisory to the Mason & Thurston County Commissioners on issues relating to publicly funded chemical dependency prevention and treatment services. Board members assist staff in reviewing services, plans, and budgets and make recommendations regarding program needs and priorities for chemical dependency services in Thurston and Mason Counties. The advisory board meets on the first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Health Department. Please call Tina Gehrig at 786-5585 ext. 7205 for more information.

THURSTON/MASON REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (RSN BOARD)

The RSN Advisory Board's role is to advise the Mason & Thurston County Commissioners, through RSN staff, on matters relating to mental health issues pertinent to Thurston and Mason counties. The advisory board has statutory responsibilities for planning and monitoring. They generally meet the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Please contact the RSN office at 786-5581 for more information.

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Timberland Regional Library (TRL) is a five-county rural library district (Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston). The Board of Trustees is made up of seven members, one from the five counties included in the district and two at-large members. The trustees are appointed according to RCW 27.12.190. The trustees duties include, but are not limited to adopting bylaws, rules and regulations for the governance of the library; holding responsibility for the district's budget; accepting gifts of money or property for library purposes; leasing or purchasing land for library buildings; leasing, purchasing or erecting buildings for library purpose and employing a library director. The TRL Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. If the fourth Wednesday interferes with holidays or conferences, the meeting is held on the third or the fifth Wednesday. The meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held at either the Administrative Service Center (415 Airdustrial Way SW, Olympia, WA 98501) or at one of the community libraries. The annual meeting is in December. For more information, please contact the TRL at 704-4636.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CITIZEN ADVISORY PROGRAM (TIP-CAP)

The TIP-CAP was established by Resolution No. 93-99 and their mission is to act in an advisory role to assist Mason County in balancing community needs and financial concerns during the process of developing the Six-Year Transportation Program for road construction and other transportation projects. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at ext. 450.

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE SCREENING COMMITTEE

The Veterans' Assistance Screening Committee consists of veterans who volunteer their time to screen indigent veterans and complete the necessary paperwork so the indigent veterans can receive monetary relief from the county as authorized under RCW 73.08 and outlined in Resolution No. 35-93. They meet Monday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon at Memorial Hall. For more information, please contact the Commissioners' office at ext. 419.

WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD

The Water Conservancy Board is authorized by RCW 90.80 and was established by Resolution 100-02. The membership was expanded to five members in April 2003 by Resolution No. 43-03. The principal objectives are to facilitate voluntary water right transfers through local water resources management and review and to acknowledge the property right features inherent to existing water right permits and certificates. For more information, please contact the Commissioners office at ext. 419.