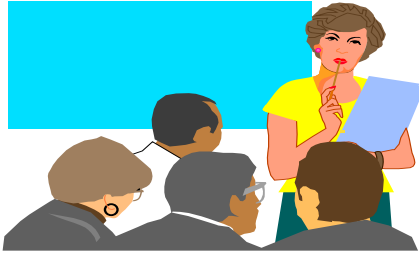


**MASON COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS**



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, dial 360-275-4467
from Elma, dial. 360-482-5269

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.



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 Becky Rogers, BoE Clerk of the Board at ext. 419.

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 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. in Building 1. For more information please contact the Civil Service Secretary, Meghan Andrews, at ext. 290.

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 the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. For more information, please contact the Commissioners' office at ext. 419.

**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. Website: masoncountymems.org; Medical Program Director Dr. Joe Hoffman 360-426-1611. Email: hoffmanjoe@aol.com.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A seven member Historic Preservation Commission was appointed by the Mason County Board of Commissioners in November of 2005. The major responsibility of the Historic Preservation Commission is to identify and actively encourage the conservation of Mason County's historic resources by initiating and maintaining a register of historic places and reviewing proposed changes to register properties. The Commission also works to raise community awareness of Mason County history and historic resources. For more information, contact Michael MacSems at ext. 571.

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. Property management and accounting services are contracted with Cascade Management, Inc. since October 2014 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 the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Building 8 (1st Floor - Training Room) 415 North 6th St, Shelton, WA. For more information, please call Shelly Bellisle at ext. 720.

**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 at least five members and their purpose is to offer advice and opinion to the Commissioners regarding the use of Lodging Tax monies. For more information, please contact Diane Zoren at ext. 747.

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. 592.

**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 and Opportunity Act of 2015 (WIOA) and the Governor's Executive Order on Workforce Development. They meet every other month; the schedule is determined at the planning session each year. Contact: Cheryl Fambles, CEO at 360-570-4240.

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board was established in 2007 by Resolution No. 7-07. The purpose of the Parks and Trails Advisory Board is to provide guidance, direction and recommendations regarding the planning, acquisition, development and operation of parks, trails, facilities, and programs serving the needs of Mason County. The board meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 pm at MCRA. The Board has seven members. For more information, contact the Parks Department at ext. 669.

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 was established in 2005 by Resolution No. 8-05. The purpose of the committee is to assist 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 Bart Stepp, Utilities & Waste Management Department, for more information, at ext. 652.

THURSTON/MASON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION (TMBHO) ADVISORY BOARD

The Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board is the result of integration between the Thurston Mason Regional Support Network and Thurston Mason Chemical Dependency Advisory Boards. Integration between mental health and chemical dependency was a result of Senate Bill 6312. The Advisory Board is a citizen advisory board which represents the citizens of Thurston and Mason Counties.

The role of the advisory board is to advise the Thurston Mason BHO Governing Board on matters relating to mental health and substance use disorder services in Thurston and Mason Counties. Each member is expected to represent all citizens of the two counties in their recommendations and advice. They generally meet the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 -7:30 p.m. For additional information or to apply to the Thurston Mason BHO Advisory Board, please contact Tina Gehrig at (360) 867-2509 or gehrigt@co.thurston.wa.us

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 360-704-4636 OR 1-800-562-6022.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL (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 Public Works Department at ext.450.

VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD

The Veterans' Advisory Board was established by Resolution No. 58-13, pursuant to RCW 73.08.035. The VAB consists of seven members from the national recognized veteran organizations. The purpose is to oversee, manage, and make changes to the Mason County Veteran's Advisory Board Operating Policy, the Veterans Advisory Board Standard Operating Guidelines, and the Veterans' Advisory Board By-Laws. Recommendations are made to the Mason County Commissioners for program payment amounts for food, shelter, rent and utilities. The VAB renders a decision in the Appeal Process when needed. For more information, please contact the Commissioners' office at ext. 419.