

**PRESS RELEASE**

**July 13, 2004**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**411 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> ST**

**SHELTON, WA 98584**

**(360) 427-9670 EXT. 419**

TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Building Activity Rosy

---

Building activity in Mason County is strongest in years.

For the first six months of 2004, total building permits of 1,060 are up over 18% from the same period in 2003 and 29% over 2002.

Even more impressive are new single family home permits, which have increased 69% over last year to 322. This number comes close to matching the total number of permits in 2003 (191) and 2003 (200) combined and is the highest number in more than a decade.

Mason County is clearly experiencing another robust year for residential growth fueled by both new home starts and continued residential remodeling.

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

---

Wesley Johnson  
Chairperson

---

Herb Baze  
Commissioner

---

Jayni Kamin  
Commissioner