

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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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: Mason County Skate Park

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The Board of Mason County Commissioners is pleased to announce there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon for the Mason County Skate Park which will be located on property located between the Shelton Middle School and Walmart, adjacent to Kneeland Boulevard.

In July 2002, the Skate Park Committee was formed involving over sixty youth and their parents. Through fundraising efforts the Committee has raised approximately \$15,000 and is actively seeking additional grant funds.

In July 2003, Mason County entered into a rent-free 10-year lease agreement with the Shelton School District 309 to lease the approximately 30,000 square feet of property.

Although this is located within the City of Shelton, it is a Mason County Park and will be financed with Real Estate Excise Tax funds (REET2). Mason County has awarded the bid for the 10,000 square foot concrete slab to Rognlin's Inc. of Aberdeen and to Northwest Ramp Builders for the equipment. Walmart has generously provided the required parking spaces. The goal is to have the park open in July, 2004.

Mason County believes this park will benefit the entire community as it will provide a safe place to skate with a variety of skill levels.

Mason County would like to thank the Shelton School District 309, Walmart, the City of Shelton and all the volunteers for their efforts in making this park a reality.

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