

NEWS RELEASE

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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 Parks and Trails Department Survey

Mason County Parks and Trails Department, in conjunction with Mason County Planning Department, are currently working on a project to update the County Parks Plan. A nine-member Parks Advisory Committee was recently appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to help the County Parks and Planning Staff with this project.

One crucial element of the Park Plan update process is soliciting comments from citizens regarding parks and recreation issues in Mason County. In an effort to solicit public comment, the County has recently prepared a citizen survey. The survey is three pages and will take on average about five minutes to complete. Mason County Parks and Planning staff would like to encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey. The information from the survey process will be extremely valuable in preparing the update to the Mason County Parks Plan.

The survey will be distributed to locations throughout Mason County, including on the County web site. The survey will also be available at numerous County offices, including the Parks Office located at MCRA Park and also at the County Courthouse Building #1. If you would like to complete the survey online, you can do so by accessing the Mason County Web Site at <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/> and either download a copy of the survey or complete the survey online.

In addition, Mason County will also be sponsoring two Park Plan Open Houses to solicit public comment. The open house meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 8 in Shelton and Thursday, August 10 in Belfair. Additional details regarding those two meetings will be released in the near future.

If you have any questions about the Mason County Park Plan update or the survey, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 535.

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