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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: Belfair Building Permit Office Closure

In effort to reduce cost and maintain acceptable levels of service throughout the building permit process, Mason County will be closing the Belfair Annex permitting center until further notice. Recently, staffing levels have been reduced at the Permit Assistance Center to correspond with current permitting demand and customer service needs. In an effort to ensure that service continues at optimum levels in the Permit Assistance Center, located in Shelton, the difficult decision has been made to close the Belfair Annex of the Permit Center. The Belfair Annex will close at 4:00 pm on June 11th and shall remain closed until further notice.

Mason County will closely monitor the closure of this office. When permit requests increase, service in the Belfair area will be reviewed. We stay committed to providing reliable and helpful service to all citizens of Mason County.

The Mason County Permit Assistance Center is located at 426 W. Cedar St. in Shelton for all your building permit needs and is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. if you have any questions please contact Mason County Department of Community Development at (360) 427-9670, 275-4467 or 482-5269 extension 352.

Thank you,

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