

NEWS 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: Part of Health Department moves to new building

On Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17, 2009, the public health offices of The Office of the Director and the Environmental Health Office moved from their current location in the basement of Building 3 located at 426 W. Cedar to the first floor of Building 8 on the County Campus (the former home of the Public Works Department) located at 615 West Alder Street. It is anticipated that telephone access and other office services will resume by Wednesday, March 18th. Telephone numbers and the mailing address will remain the same. Moving the Environmental Health Office to Building 8 will not disrupt the permitting process. Environmental Health Staff will continue to support the "one stop" permitting process currently provided upstairs in Building 3.

This is the first of two moves that will bring the health department together in one building. The Community and Family Health office of the health department will move approximately a month later on April 13, 2009.

Having the health department together in one building has been a goal of both the health department and the Commissioners. Co-locating the three offices (Director, Environmental Health, and Community and Family Health) will enable staff to more easily work across divisional lines to achieve their common mission of protecting the public's health in Mason County.

For more information please contact Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director of Public Health, by email at vickik@co.mason.wa.us or by phone at (360) 427-9670, Ext. 260 or from Belfair (360) 275-4467, Ext. 260.

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