

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, TACOMA MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE, NORTH MASON LIFE.

RE: Mason County Parks and Trails Department announces a special ceremony to celebrate the donation from the Squaxin Island Tribe to keep the Mason County Skateboard facility open in 2009.

Mason County Parks and Trails Department announced in March of this year that the department has received a donation in the amount of \$7,000 from the Squaxin Island Tribe. The donation was made with the expressed interest that the funds be used for the purpose of “operation and maintenance expenses for the Mason County Skateboard Facility.” The skateboard facility is located at 110 Wallace Kneeland Park – next to the Shelton Wal-Mart store.

With the county budget reductions for 2009, the skateboard facility had been targeted for closure due to lack of operating and maintenance funds. When the Squaxin Island Tribe learned of this possible facility closure, the tribe graciously agreed to provide the operating funds for 2009.

To recognize this significant community donation by the Squaxin Tribe, a ceremony has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 9th, Noon start time at the skatepark**. The public is invited to attend the program. Tribal and County officials will be in attendance and the “Three 60”s Skate shop” located in Shelton will be organizing some events.

If anyone has any questions about the Skateboard facility donation or operations, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669 or by e-mail, johnk@co.mason.wa.us

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