

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: Grand Opening of renovated ballfields at Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA) with funding through State WWRP Grant Program

The Mason County Board of County Commissioners would like to invite community members to celebrate the opening of two new synthetic turf infields at Mason County Recreation Area. A short ceremony will be held with a “first pitch” to commemorate the improvements to the park. The county received a \$275,500 grant through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) in 2011 that assisted with the renovation of the fields.

What: Opening of two synthetic turf infields at Mason County Recreation Area (MCRA)

Where: East 2100 Johns Prairie Road, Shelton

When: Tuesday, May 1 at 5:00 PM

The WWRP is a state grant program funded from the capital construction budget that provides funding to protect habitat, preserve working farms and creates new local and state parks. Independent experts rank the applications based on criteria such as the benefits to the public, level of threat to the property or presence of threatened or endangered species.

If you have any questions about the MCRA dedication, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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