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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: 2012 Mason County Property Tax Statement Billing and Mailing

Mason County Treasurer, Lisa Frazier wishes to inform the public that the 2012 Mason County Property Tax Statements will be delayed.

On February 16, 2012 the Washington State Supreme Court ruled the Mason County Conservation District Assessment of \$5.00 per parcel and a per acre rate of \$0.00 invalid. This ruling came after the 2012 property tax rolls were already created by the Treasurer's Office.

The Treasurer's Office is currently working with our software company to determine a plan of action to remove the \$5.00 fee from approximately 45,000 parcels assessed the Mason County Conservation District Assessment for 2012.

For updates please visit the Mason County Home Page at www.co.mason.wa.us or contact the Mason County Treasurer's Office in Shelton 360-427-9670, Ext. 475, in Belfair 360-275-4467, Ext. 475, or Elma at 360 482-5269, Ext. 475.

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