

## Office of the Treasurer

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FROM:

LISA FRAZIER, MASON COUNTY TREASURER

RE:

UPDATED PRESS RELEASE - PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Mason County Treasurer, Lisa Frazier, would like to remind taxpayers that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half property tax payments for year 2017 are due, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Delinquent interest will be charged on November 1st one percent (1%) per month. An additional penalty of eight percent (8%) is assessed on the total amount of tax delinquent on December 1st of the year in which the tax is due.

You may come into the Treasurer's office at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> St., Bldg. 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) and pay in person or there is a payment drop box outside the main doors to Bldg. 1.

Payments may be mailed, however payments must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2017 to be considered on time and avoid interest charges. Please check with your local post office for collection hours to be sure your payment will be postmarked timely. Due to recent postal changes, postmarks and delivery can be delayed, please mail early to avoid interest and penalty charges. The Treasurer's Office mailing address is: PO Box 429, Shelton, WA 98584-0429.

The Treasurer's office offers credit/debit card payment services at the counter, online and by phone through Point and Pay. We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express. Property Tax information is available on our website at <a href="http://property.co.mason.wa.us/Taxsifter/Search/Results.aspx">http://property.co.mason.wa.us/Taxsifter/Search/Results.aspx</a>. There is a fee associated with the use of debit and credit cards for the payment of property taxes pursuant to RCW 36.29.190.

Please note that if you have been assessed DNR Fire Patrol Assessment on more than one parcel of property owned by you in Mason County, you may be entitled to a refund from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Refunds must be requested on or before December 31, 2017. Fire Patrol Refund forms can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.co.mason.wa.us/treasurer">www.co.mason.wa.us/treasurer</a> under Forms/Brochures/Handouts, or picked up at our office.

Please note that 2017 budget cuts have resulted in reduced staffing levels in the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's Office staff have voluntarily agreed to a change in work schedules to accommodate staying open through the lunch period. However, this means that the Treasurer's Office will no longer be able extend business hours during tax time.

Treasurer's Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Also please be aware that reduced staffing levels may affect our ability to answer phone calls in a timely manner, especially during tax time. Please be prepared to leave a message, calls will be returned in the order that they were received and by the end of business the next working day.

Treasurer's Office Phone Numbers: 360-427-9670 ext. 475, Belfair 360-275-4467, Ext. 475 or Elma 360-482-5269, Ext. 475.