

**PRESS RELEASE**

**April 1, 2003**

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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**

**RE: Board of Equalization**

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The Board of Equalization is a three-member board that is appointed by the Mason County Commissioners, one member being from each of the commissioner districts. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that all properties are valued on an equal level at 100% of market value. If a taxpayer wants to appeal the county Assessor's valuation of their property, they can file a petition with the Board of Equalization and a hearing shall be scheduled for the taxpayer to present his/her case.

Although the number of appeals and hearings vary from year to year, the Board of Equalization typically meets approximately 15 days throughout the year with most of the hearing days being in the summer and early fall.

The Mason County Commissioners are soliciting applications from community members who are interested in serving on this board and reside in the Commissioner District No. 3 area (south County).

Applications may be obtained at the Mason County Commissioners office at 411 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton or by calling their office at 427-9670, ext. 419. Applications will be accepted until April 11, 2003.

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Ron Henrickson, Mason County Administrator