

NEWS RELEASE

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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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: Historical Preservation Task Force

Mason County has a rich history that embraces both Native American and early pioneer cultures and the opening and development of the Pacific Northwest. To celebrate, honor, and make certain our history is not lost, the County is announcing the formation of a special Historical Preservation Task Force to explore ways to preserve and protect our cultural heritages and historical landmarks.

The Task Force will hold its initial meeting on June 2, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, 411 North 5th Street, Shelton.

The meeting will be hosted by the County Commissioners and chaired by Commissioner Jayni Kamin. Megan Duvall from the Washington State Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation and Shanna Stevenson, a prominent historical planner with Thurston Regional Planning, will present ideas on how to develop and promote programs and strategies to preserve the history of a community.

Citizens who are interested in honoring and protecting Mason County's history are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. For additional information on attending the meeting please contact Emmett Dobey, Director of Mason County Community Development , at 427-9670 ext. 263 or e-mail him at emmettd@co.mason.was.us.

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