

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: Applicants Needed for Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Mason County is seeking applicants to fill nine positions on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). There are two vacancies for citizen representatives from each of the three Commissioners' Districts along with one representative of the solid waste and recycling industry, one local government elected official, and one business representative. The terms for these appointments will be staggered from one to three years.

The SWAC provides policy advice to the Commission on issues relating to solid waste and recycling management for County residents. In 2005, the SWAC will be assisting staff with the development of a new five-year Solid Waste Management Plan. Issues to be discussed will include topics such as: future facility locations and improvements, opportunities for diverting materials that are currently discarded, how to address "special wastes" generated in the county, and how to fund programs and facility improvements.

SWAC meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, with the possibility of additional meetings on the fourth Thursday, as needed. Meetings typically last an hour and one half, and are held in the Shelton vicinity.

If you are interested in serving on the SWAC, please fill out a standard Advisory Board Application form, and return it to the County Commissioners' Office: 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, WA 98584.

Applications can be obtained at the Commissioners' Office in person, or by calling 427-9670 extension 419. Belfair residents can call toll free at 275-4467 (ext. 419); and Elma area residents can call toll free at 482-5269 (ext. 419). For those with Internet access and Adobe Acrobat Reader, the application can be obtained online at:

www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/commissioners/Advisoryboardapp.pdf

These vacancies need to be filled quickly to allow the SWAC to begin working on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Therefore, we are requesting applications be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 28th. Appointments are at the discretion of the Board, and review of applicants may include individual interviews.

If you have questions about the SWAC or the Solid Waste Plan update, please contact Doug Micheau, Director of Parks, Utilities, and Waste Management at (360) 427-9670 extension 270.

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