

DATE: April 22, 2016

TO: SHELTON MASON COUNTY JOURNAL
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FROM: LISA FRAZIER, MASON COUNTY TREASURER
RE: **CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE - PROPERTY TAXES DUE**

Mason County Treasurer, Lisa Frazier, would like to remind the taxpayers that property tax payments for year 2016 are due, April 30th, 2016. Because, April 30th falls on a Saturday, payments will be accepted Monday, May 2nd, 2016 without interest charges.

PLEASE NOTE: To have your payment accepted without interest charges, payment must be either postmarked on or before May 2nd, 2016, made electronically on-line on or before May 2nd, 2016, or delivered in person to the Treasurer's Office on or before May 2nd, 2016. Our payment drop box is located just to the left of the main doors of Mason County Building 1, 411 N 5th St, Shelton.

If you mail your payments, please be sure to check with your local post office for collection hours and pick up times to be sure your payment will be postmarked timely. The Mason County Treasurer's Office is required to use the US Postal Service postmark to determine the timeliness of payments and is not responsible for when the US Postal Service postmarks items in their possession. a

Because April 30th falls on a weekend, delinquent interest will be charged on May 3rd at one percent per month. An additional penalty of 3 percent is assessed on the total amount of tax delinquent on June 1st and additional 8 percent is assessed on the total amount of tax delinquent on December 1st of the year in which the tax is due.

The Treasurer's office offers credit/debit card and e-check 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 <http://property.co.mason.wa.us/Taxsifter/Search/Results.aspx>. There is a fee associated with the use of credit/debit cards or e-check 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, 2016. Fire Patrol Refund forms can be found on our website at www.co.mason.wa.us/treasurer under Forms/Brochures/Handouts, or picked up at our office.

Please note that office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Treasurer's Office will remain open to accept property tax payments from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday April 28th, Friday, April 29th and Monday, May 2nd.

If you have any questions please call 360-427-9670 ext. 475, Belfair 360-275-4467, Ext. 475 or Elma 360-482-5269, Ext. 475. Or visit our website at <http://property.co.mason.wa.us/Taxsifter/Search/Results.aspx>