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## That time of year.....

President George W. Bush was not the only one making the rounds in eastern Washington last week. With little fanfare and secret service missing, WSAC Executive Director Bill Vogler, WACO Executive Director Debbie Wilke, and Jim Potts, WSAC Housing Outreach Coordinator, set out to visit courthouses in Grant, Adams, Lincoln, Spokane, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry and Okanogan Counties.

Every August the round of visits begin in an attempt to increase communication between each county and the associations charged with supporting its interests. This year the discussions took a different slant in that the directors were soliciting input on how the associations "fill the bill" and what improvements could be made in doing so. This is often the only opportunity all year to meet with many county officials and is certainly the best in which to hear exactly what each county is facing.

Although many issues follow a common thread, every county usually imparts a circumstance unique to it. Discussion ranged from budgets, prevailing wage, public defender costs and current court cases to the low income housing funds generated by House Bill 2060, cougars and Homeland Security. PILT (payment in lieu of taxes on forest lands) and agricultural buffer zones were also high on the list.

County officials were happy with the outcome of the 2003 Legislature but affirmed all beliefs that local taxing options, public health funding, and direct assistance to sixteen counties is only "life support" to many counties and permanent funding must be found to fix escalating revenue problems.

On Friday, President Bush "stole the show" so visits to Chelan and Douglas Counties will be rescheduled.

## Plan Now to Attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WACO/WSAC Fall Conference ---Register Online

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WACO/WSAC Fall Conference takes place at the DoubleTree Inn at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, September 30 – October 3. WSAC President Harold Moss and WACO President Greg Zempel have assembled a thought-provoking and entertaining agenda you don't want to miss. Both WACO and WSAC will adopt their 2004 Legislative Agenda at this important Conference.

Nationally-recognized speaker Cam Marston delivers the keynote address on Wednesday, October 1 with "Conquering the Great Intergenerational Divide," a helpful and humorous talk on workplace issues between younger and more mature workers. At the

noon luncheon immediately following, Spokane County Commissioner John Roskelley will provide another perspective on intergenerational challenges when he shares pictures and stories from the first successful father-son climb of Mt. Everest that he and his son Jess accomplished earlier this year.

Most of the agenda for WACO and WSAC members will focus on development and adoption of the 2004 Legislative Package for each organization. WSAC is devoting most of Thursday, October 2 to workshops on the legislative process, kicking off that discussion with a morning presentation by Former Senate Majority Leader Jeannette Hayner and Former Speaker of the House Joe King on "How the

Legislature Really Works.”

Thursday also sees election and of new officers for WACO and WSAC and business meetings for both organizations. The new officers will be sworn in at the Thursday evening banquet.

Friday morning wraps up the conference with a panel discussion of local government liability reform, which counties, cities and many legislators have identified as a key issue for the 2004 legislative session. Panelists

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include Attorney General Christine Gregoire, county risk pool director John Crawford, Yakima County Prosecutor Ron Zirkle, House Judiciary Committee Chairwoman Pat Lantz, Senate Majority Leader Jim West and a representative of the trial lawyers association. Office of Financial Management Director Marty Brown will moderate the discussion.

Conference registrations and draft agendas have been mailed to all county officials and also are posted on the Washington Counties website: [www.wacounties.org](http://www.wacounties.org). Please register and make room reservations as soon as possible to help facilitate our conference planning. We need to get a good idea of the number of attendees not only for this year, but to help with hotel contract negotiations in future years. For the first time this year, those who wish to pay by credit card can do so online!

## Walla Walla County Wants You! Don't Miss the Fall WSAC Eastern District Meeting

Eastern Washington Commissioners won't want to miss the Fall Eastern District Meeting at the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center in Walla Walla September 11 – 12. The meeting agenda is focused on key Eastern Washington issues – watershed planning and salmon recovery, state agency land acquisition and maintenance, and future of state parks. The agenda also includes a tour of the nation's largest wind energy farm and dinner at Three Rivers Winery. State Senator Larry Sheahan will deliver the luncheon keynote address on Thursday, September 11.

Please make your room reservations by calling the Marcus Whitman hotel at

(509) 525-2200 or toll-free at (866) 826-9422 as soon as possible. Please be sure to give the reservation desk our group name, Washington State Association of Counties, when making your reservation.

For registration, fax the registration form to WSAC or call Ginni Peppert at the Association office.

## A Dillar A Dollar – A Washington Counties Scholar

### The “Great Washington Counties Scholarship Challenge” rages on.....

Supporting a college student is, at times, a daunting task. Receiving a scholarship to accomplish that task, has both personal and economic value. Next spring, five students will know the pride and practicality of receiving an award - BUT ONLY- if you contribute to the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund (WCSF).

As a contributor, you too can experience the pride of accomplishment in helping young adults realize their educational dreams. As an affiliate of WACO and WSAC your achievements of contributing the most dollars to the WCSF will be acknowledged at the banquet during the Joint Conference in SeaTac this fall.

Please make your check payable to “Washington Counties Scholarship Fund” and mail to: 206 Tenth Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Be sure to include your county, department and affiliation. Thank you in advance for all your help.

NOTE: Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

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## ***Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice***

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### **Emergency Management Conference Coming Up September 22-24**

The Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA), the newest WSAC affiliate, is inviting WSAC members and other affiliates to attend its annual conference September 22-24 in Pasco at the Red Lion Hotel.

While the focus of the conference is

on homeland security planning and coordination, other aspects of emergency management also are prominently featured. Conference sessions will address the roles and responsibilities of the new homeland security regional planning groups, cyber-terrorism, the role of the military and Civil Air Patrol in homeland security, fire and law enforcement mobilization, how to help local small businesses survive a disaster,

and a status report on the emergency management system in Washington state. The State Emergency Response Council (SERC) also will hold its regular meeting at the conference.

For more information and to register for the conference, visit the WSEMA website at [www.wsema.org](http://www.wsema.org)

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## ***Elections, Licensing and Recording***

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### **Property Records Education Partners and Electronic Recording Education Conference**

Washington State will conduct its first PROPERTY RECORDS EDUCATION PARTNERS (PREP) conference in Everett on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. Electronic document recording is the educational topic for this first meeting. Come to share and to listen to what your Property Records Industry partners across Washington State are facing these days! This meeting will be the first statewide PREP meeting – devoted to better communication between the property records industry partners.

Industry representatives from city, state and local government, as well as representative from the private sector are strongly encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend.

The Property Records Education Partners (PREP) was created in 2002 and is an alliance between the American Land Title Association (ALTA), American Escrow Association (AWA), the International Association of Recorders, Treasurers, and Election Officials (IACREOT), and the National

Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC).

The purpose of the program is to provide a structure for improving local working relationships by opening and enhancing lines of communication, creating networking channels and expanding educational opportunities. The title, escrow and recording industries all work for the public to consummate real estate transactions. Serving constructive notice by the proper and timely recordation of real estate transaction is paramount to a free and open society.

Washington's PREP Steering Committee is made up of the following individuals :

- Carolyn Ableman, Chief Deputy Auditor, Snohomish County
- Rhonda Gaffney, First American Title, Escrow Manager
- Lisa Goldsworthy, Snohomish County Recording Manager
- Michael Holt, First American Title
- Phil Jenkins, Chicago Title
- Linda Kelly, LandAmerica
- Suzi Kosche, Pierce County Recording Manager
- Dee McComb, Pacific Northwest Title

- Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor
- Paul Merz, Manager of Technical Business Solutions, ILC
- Diane Mickunas, Recording Systems Administrator, King County
- Shannon Morgan, Escrow Association
- Walt Washington, King County Superintendent of Records

When: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where: McCollum Pioneer Park,  
600 128<sup>th</sup> St, Everett  
(WSU Extension Building – Take 128<sup>th</sup> St. Exit, off of I-5, approximately 10 miles south of Everett. Go East ¼ mile from exit, park entrance on right.)

Call Lisa Goldsworthy, Recording Manager, Snohomish County  
425-388-3713 or e-mail  
[lisa.goldsworthy@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:lisa.goldsworthy@co.snohomish.wa.us)  
with questions or to register.

## Growth Management Discussions Well Underway

At the Governor's direction, a group of interested parties have convened to discuss problems in the Growth Management Act (GMA) and potential solutions. Several meetings have been held to get organized and agree on the issues, and an all day educational meeting was held last week. Panels presented information and background in order for the group to have a common understanding of the issues. Counties were well represented in those panels and made excellent presentations. The next meeting will begin the process of developing problem statements and potential solutions.

While this process is going, the Governor's office and CTED are contacting commissioners around the state to set up meetings. This is great opportunity for counties to share their problems and ideas to solving them. Please keep Scott Merriman, WSAC Policy Director for Growth Management, informed about any discussions and ideas so that he can better serve your needs.

## Shoreline Rule Public Comment Process Coming to a Close

The public comment period for the proposed rules closes on September 15. The proposed rule is posted on Ecology's website at <http://www.ec.wa.gov/programs/sea/SM/A/guidelines>. WSAC staff encourages your county to review the proposed rules and provide comments to Ecology. We encourage you to pay close attention to the sections about restoration plans.

## Jefferson County Wins Two Important Cases

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners was pleased to receive two favorable decisions from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board supporting their December 2002 decision to revise and expand three existing rural commercial/industrial areas utilizing the

"limited areas of more intensive rural development" (LAMIRD) provisions of the GMA. The LAMIRD expansions, located in the Port Townsend and Brinnon areas, were predicated on earlier Western Washington Hearings Board decisions that had expanded and clarified the definition of "built environment" as it applies in the Act. "We took special care to document our approach and specifically called out the unique circumstances that applied in each situation," said Randy Kline, a land use planner with Jefferson County. The Hearings Board indicated that this documentation made it especially difficult for the Petitioners to overcome the "clearly erroneous" standard of review that applies to GMA decisions. Copies of the Hearings Board Final Decision and Order for Case No. 03-2-0009c on Glen Cove can be found on the Jefferson County website at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopm ent/complanpdfs/Glen%20Cove%20FD O%20-%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopm ent/complanpdfs/Glen%20Cove%20FD O%20-%20FINAL.pdf) or on the Western Washington Hearing Board website.

## Senate Committee Holds Work Session on Outside Utility Agreements

The Senate Land Use and Planning Committee traveled to Yakima last week to hold a work session on outside utility agreements (OUA) as a method of annexation. An OUA is a contract between the city and landowner that requires them to not contest a future annexation for the extension of municipal utilities. The contract runs with the property.

The cities had two mayors and two city attorneys present their perspective. They would like the legislature to reaffirm all of the existing contracts and provide them the authority to still use OUAs as a method of annexation.

County planning directors from Yakima and Clark presented the county perspective. The counties encouraged the legislature to look for a comprehensive approach to solve the remaining annexation issues. The

solution must address the counties needs and the cities needs at the same time.

We suggested OUAs still encourage piece meal urban growth in the UGAs. In Yakima's case, they have thousands of OUAs that are over 20 years old. They can't perfect them because they will continue to create unincorporated islands because the properties aren't always contiguous.

## County Members Needed for Surface Mining Committee

In response to many on-going issues related to surface mines, the 2003 legislature passed **SB 5305**. This bill calls for a nine-person committee to study the state's need for aggregate land use policies related to mining, and permitting requirements for mines.

Three members are to represent counties:

- one from a county east of the Cascade crest
- one from a highly urbanized county with aggregate supplies and affiliated industries within its urban area; and
- one from a rural county with aggregate supplies and affiliated industries within its agricultural, forest or rural areas .

The report is due December 15, 2003. If your county fits the description in the bill please contact Paul Parker at WSAC and let him know you or a designee from your county is interested. This group will begin meeting in September. For additional information, contact Ron Teissere, Department of Natural Resources at 360-902-1440.

## Policy Discussions on Stormwater Begin Again

Discussions about the contents and requirements for counties and cities required to address stormwater management under Phase II of EPA rules have begun again. The Westside Stormwater Group, a 20-member advisory committee initiated by the Department of Ecology will meet about seven times over the course of the fall to

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## ***Environment, Land Use and Resources (continued)***

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outline the key issues that must be addressed in one or more Phase II permits, and the recommendations of county, city, business and environmental representatives of how to address those issues.

Counties are represented on the Westside Stormwater Group (WSG) by

Whatcom County Public Works Director Jeff Monsen, Snohomish County Stormwater Manager Bill Leif and Kitsap County Stormwater Manager Dave Tucker. WSG meetings and agendas should soon be appearing on the Ecology website.

The House Agriculture and Natural

Resources Committee also takes up Phase II implementation again with a work session and public hearing on the topic on September 4 at 1:00 p.m. in Bellingham. Mr. Monsen will be speaking to the Committee from the county perspective.

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## ***Association News***

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### **Nominations Open for WACO Board of Trustees**

Nominations are now being accepted from county officials who wish to be included in the slate of candidates for the WACO Board of Trustees. The election of officers and board members will be held during the WACO/WSAC Joint Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel at the Seattle Airport, September 30 - October 3.

Any county official is eligible to run for WACO Secretary-Treasurer or as a Trustee-at-large for their county class. Tradition is that officers move up through the chairs so usually only the Secretary-Treasurer is contested among the officers. Travel expenses for WACO officers and Trustees are paid by WACO. This ensures that any county official can serve without placing undue burdens on county budgets.

The following positions are subject to election this year:

1. President
2. President-elect
3. Vice President
4. Secretary-Treasurer
5. Trustee-at-large Position 1 (county population above 500,000)
6. Trustee-at-large Position 3 (county population 40,000 to 125,000)
7. Trustee-at-large Position 5 (county population less than 12,000)

Trustee-at large positions are for two-year terms. Terms for Trustee-at-large Positions 2 and 4 will expire in 2004.

The nomination process is the following:

- Any WACO member interested in being nominated must send a letter of intent and a resume to each member of the Nominating Committee, as well as to the WACO office, by September 12
- The Nominating Committee will meet by conference call in mid-September to finalize the slate of candidates.
- All WACO members will receive information about each candidate and a copy of the Nominating Committee's report prior to the conference.
- On Wednesday afternoon, October 1, during the WACO business meeting at 1:30 p.m., Nominating Committee Chair Jerry Jasman, Grant County Coroner, will present the slate of candidates to the membership and call for floor nominations. All candidates will then have the opportunity to address the membership.
- WACO members can cast their ballots from 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2. Proxy voting is prohibited by the WACO Bylaws.
- The Nominating Committee will tabulate the election results immediately following the closing of the polls and the new officers and Board members will be sworn in on Thursday evening at the banquet, along with the new WSAC officers.

If you are interested in running for a

position on the WACO Board of Trustees, please call Chris Bridston at WACO, 360-753-7319.

### **WSAC Secretary-Treasurer Candidacy Statement Sought**

Members of the Washington State Association of Counties who are considering seeking a WSAC office are encouraged to submit their statements of candidacy for publication in the *Courthouse Journal* and on the WSAC website. Statements should be limited to four or five paragraphs.

While each of the three offices of the Association is technically open each Fall, practice has been for the Vice President to move to the Association Presidency automatically. The same is true for the Secretary-Treasurer to move to the Vice Presidency. If the practice continues, Walla Walla County Commissioner Dave Carey will be elected President in SeaTac during the Annual Fall Conference and Clark County Commissioner Betty Sue Morris will be elected to Vice President.

Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer must be from the Association's Eastern District. Statements will be published in the *Courthouse Journal* the week of arrival. Please see the following page for the first letter submitted for the Secretary/Treasurer position.

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Commissioner Dean Burton  
Garfield County  
PO BOX 398  
Pomeroy WA. 99347

Harold Moss, President  
Washington State Association of Counties  
206 Tenth Av SE  
Olympia WA 98501

Dear President Moss:

I am writing you to express my interest in running for the position of Secretary / Treasurer of The Washington State Association of Counties.

My work as a Commissioner and Association activities include :

- (A) Elected to the Board of Garfield County Commission three times.  
Currently finishing my ninth year.
- (B) Served on the Legislative Steering Committee for five years.
- (C) Member of the Risk Pool Board.
- (D) WCIF & WCIP Board seven years and was President of each.
- (E) Member of the CRAB .
- (F) Served on the Workforce Development Board. Currently vice-chair.

Personal Information:

- (A) Married to wife ,Nettie Ann, 48 years.
- (B) Two sons and three grandchildren.
- (C) Served in USMC three years.
- (D) Employed as a Journeyman Lineman & Foreman 35 years.
- (E) Served on the Pomeroy School Board 16 years.
- (F) Hobbies are woodworking and playing golf.

Therefore, I am submitting my name to you for consideration to serve on the WSAC Executive Committee for the next three years.

Thank you,  
Commissioner Dean Burton

# Training and Upcoming Events

## Mark your Calendars for CPO 2003 .....

### CPO Scheduled Courses

<u>September</u>	<b>Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials</b> (Full day Core course – 4 credits)	September 30, SeaTac
	<b>Conducting and Managing Effective Meetings</b> (Half day Elective course – 2 credits)	September 30, SeaTac
<u>October</u>	<b>Making a Difference in County Communication: Speak and Write More Confidently</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	October 30, Eastern WA Location TBD
<u>November</u>	<b>Making a Difference in County Communication: Speak and Write More Confidently</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	November 6, Western WA Location TBD

**CPO Credit Update:** Your CPO Transcripts have been updated with the 2003 course credits for all classes held to date. If you would like to check your credit totals, request your transcript. We have several county officials who will receive their CPO designation at the Joint Fall Conference. An awards ceremony is being planned for those who have completed the requirements. There is still time to complete your requirements. Those officials currently needing the Ethics class to complete their core requirements can register attend and receive their certification at the conference. Early in September you will all receive a new training needs assessment. This assessment will be very important as we plan the 2004/2005 training calendar. Always, if you have suggestions or comments about the program, please share them with us.

## Medicolegal Death Investigations Training

Another round of the Medicolegal Death Investigations Course will be offered November 17-21 in a location to be determined, and will be open to all death investigators including coroner, medical examiner, prosecutor and sheriffs' staffs.

There is no registration fee for the course which is sponsored by the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (WACME), the Forensic Investigations Council (FIC), and the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC). The program is nationally recognized and is the first step toward certification by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigation (AMBDI).

Please call or e-mail WACO at [khouts@wacounties.org](mailto:khouts@wacounties.org) if you are interested in attending the training. Course details will be forwarded at a later date.

## State Contact Offers Education Opportunity

The Washington State Department of Personnel (DOP) currently has licensing agreements that allow all public sector agencies to benefit directly from seminars they offer and to conduct training in-house as well. Two such seminars are *QUEST for Performance* (process improvement) and *Understanding Data, Applied SPC* (control charts). The contact person at DOP is Colleen Bray. You may reach her at [colleenb@dop.wa.gov](mailto:colleenb@dop.wa.gov).

## WFPA Annual Member's Meeting 2003

The Washington Forest Protection Association will hold its Annual Member's Meeting at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2003.

The theme of this year's meeting is "**Celebrating the Forest Products Industry in Washington – A history of Economic Stability and Environmental Stewardship.**" A series of presentations will highlight large and small forest landowners' environmental and economic contributions and commitment to the communities of Washington State. The Commissioner of Public Lands, Doug Sutherland, perspectives of a Company CEO, and a panel of politicians and opinion leaders will discuss topics relevant to the industry. Registration information will be available soon. Questions in the meantime can be directed to [info@wfpa.org](mailto:info@wfpa.org).

## **Training & Upcoming Events (continued)**

<i>Training or Workshop</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2003</b>			
WAPA Special Assault Training Program	Leavenworth	September 3 - 5	(360) 753-2175
WAPA Juvenile Training Program	Leavenworth	September 7 - 9	(360) 753-2175
CPO Training - Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials	SeaTac	September 30	(360) 753-1886
<b>NOVEMBER 2003</b>			
CPO Training - Making a Difference in County Communications: Speak and Write More Confidently	TBD	November 6	(360) 753-1886
<b>April 2004</b>			
WAPA Spring Training Program	Spokane	April 21-23	(360) 753-2175

### **Brownfields 2003: Growing a Greener America**

A national conference on cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties, takes place in Portland, Oregon October 27-29. It is considered the premier event for anyone interested in brownfields and economic revitalization of former industrial area. The conference also covers sustainable development, green building and more. Nearly \$130 million in grants are available this year to states, communities and tribes for brownfields assessment, cleanup and redevelopment. To register, go to [www.brownfields2003.org](http://www.brownfields2003.org).

### **Rural Development Conference Next Week!**

The Washington Rural Development Council (RDC) invites you to join community members from throughout the state of Washington for the RDC's 2nd Annual Meeting September 2-4 in Wenatchee. The 2003 conference theme is entitled "Rural Resources: Ripe for the Picking" and will focus on current issues facing rural Washington communities, as well as new ideas and tools to enhance rural economies. As always, ample opportunity will be given to network with other attendees to share ideas and experiences.

Cost of the conference is \$125, (\$150 after August 28). Room reservations at the beautiful Coast Wenatchee Hotel can be made by calling (509) 662-1234. Detailed agenda and registration information can be found on the RDC website at [www.ruraldevelopmentcouncil.org](http://www.ruraldevelopmentcouncil.org) or by calling Sharon Matthews at (509) 255-5818.

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## **Courthouse Ramblings**

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### **County Prosecutor and Family Victims of Home Invasion Robbery**

Thurston County Prosecutor Ed Holm and his wife, Margaret, were the victims of a home invasion robbery in the early morning hours of August 18. They were awakened by intruders at 4:30. A man pointed a gun at them, ordered them to the floor, and tied them up with telephone wire. The robbers spent 20 to 30 minutes ransacking the house before they left with cash, credit cards, a television, a computer, jewelry and three guns. Holm was able to free himself and his wife and called 9-1-1. Thankfully, the couple's two sons and a daughter slept through the ordeal and no one was hurt. This was the second home invasion robbery in two days in Olympia. The

day before, an 85 year-old man was severely pistol-whipped when he tried to defend his 86 year-old wife from at least two intruders. Since the incidents, three men have been arrested, all of whom were recently released from prison. Detectives are looking into whether the incidents are related, as well as following up on a third incident reported by a 72-year old man.

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We are happy to report that Douglas County Sheriff Dan LaRoche, who has spent the last few months being treated for cancer, recently tested free of cancer cells. He must still undergo further radiation in the next month, but we will be looking for him back at work soon after his next round of treatments, fully recovered!

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The new King County Treasury Operations Manager is Ken Guy, who began work on August 19. For the past seven years, Ken has been the Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Fire Department where he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of day-to day operations. He was also with King county from 1988 and 1996 as the Assistant Manager of the Surface Water Management Division. Ken will succeed Garry Holmes, who is retiring on October 15. Garry has been working in Treasury Operations since 1980 and was promoted to manager in 1999. We wish Garry the best in his retirement and welcome Ken to the county family.

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## ***Calendar of Events***

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### **September County Calendar**

- 1 Labor Day - Legal Holiday - may vary by local ordinance. RCW 1.16.050
- 1 By this date, the Department of Revenue must submit to each county assessor a preliminary indicated ratio for each county. RCW 84.48.075
- 2 County auditor is to submit the preliminary budget to the county legislative authority. RCW 36.40.050 (For alternate date on budget hearing, see RCW 36.40.071)
- 15 Between the first and third Monday of September, the Department of Revenue shall review the county's preliminary ratio with the county assessor, if requested by the assessor. RCW 84.48.075
- 15 After this date, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the county assessor the real and personal property ratio for the county. RCW 84.48.075 The county assessor has fifteen days after the date of certification to file an appeal. RCW 82.03.130
- 16 Nominating primaries shall be held where required for November general election. (If the seventh Tuesday immediately preceding the general election occurs before the third Tuesday of September, the primary election shall be held on that date.) RCW 29.13.070
- 30 By this date, the Department of Revenue certifies its assessments of public utility operating properties to each county assessor. RCW 84.12.370
- 30 By this date, the Department of Revenue shall transmit to each county assessor a transcript specifying the amount to be levied for state purposes. RCW 84.48.110
- 30 By this date, assessed valuations shall be certified by the county assessor, to taxing districts. RCW 84.48.130
- Sept./Oct. The Department of Revenue shall equalize the value of all property in the state and levy the state taxes authorized by law, sometime during the months of September or October. RCW 84.48.080

## **Calendar of Events (continued)**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>2003</b>			
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Fall Conference	Red Lion, Kennewick	September 8 - 11	(360) 336-9370
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 9 - 12	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WSAC Fall Eastern District Meeting	Marcus Whitman Center, Walla Walla	September 11 - 12	(360) 753-1886
Association of County Human Services (ACHS)	Moses Lake	September 17 - 19	(360) 786-5585
WCIF/WCIP Insurance Advisory Committee 2004 Renewal Meeting, WCIP and WCIF Board of Directors	WestCoast Hotel, SeaTac	September 18	(360) 586-0466
Washington Association of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting	Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Pass	September 22 - 23	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA) Fall Conference	Red Lion Hotel, Pasco	September 23 - 24	John Scheer at jscheer@co.franklin.wa.us
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport	September 30 - October 3	(360) 753-7319
WCIF Board of Trustees	DoubleTree Hotel, SeaTac	October 1	(360) 586-0466
WCIF/WCIP A.C.E. Committee Meeting	Yakima	October 15	(360) 586-0466
L & I Retro Fall Meeting	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	October 16	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Fall Western District Meeting	Fort Worden State Park	November 7	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Fall Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	November 17 - 20	(360) 486-2380
Association of County Human Services (ACHS)	Seattle	November 19 - 21	(360) 786-5585
<b>2004</b>			
WSAC Legislative Rally	Olympia	February 5	(360) 753-1886
NACo Legislative Conference	Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, DC	February 27 - March 2	www.naco.org
WSAC Spring Eastern District Meeting	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	April 8 - 9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Spring Western District Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	April 22 - 23	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Spring Conference	Yakima Convention Center, Yakima	May 24 - 27	(360) 486-2380
National Sheriffs' Association	Seattle	June (TBD)	www.sheriffs.org

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WSAC 98 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	Pierce County, Sheraton, Tacoma	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 23 - 25	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference	Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ	July 16 - 20	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 14 - 17	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Spokane	October 4 - 8	(360) 753-7319
WASPC Fall Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	November 15 - 18	(360) 486-2380
<b>2005</b>			
NACo Legislative Conference	Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC	March 3 - 4	www.naco.org
WASPC Spring Conference	WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23 - 26	(360) 486-2380
WSAC 99 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	WestCoast Hotel at Columbia Center, Kennewick	June 13 - 16	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 22 - 24	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference (City & County of Hawaii)	Honolulu, HI	July 15 - 19	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 13 - 16	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Ocean Shores	October 3 - 7	(360) 753-7319
<b>2006</b>			
WSAC 100 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	TBD	June TBD	(360) 753-1886
NACo Annual Conference	Denver, CO	July 21 - 26	www.naco.org
<b>2007</b>			
NACo Annual Conference (Sponsored by the counties in the Metropolitan Richmond Area)	Richmond, VA	TBD	www.naco.org