



News Briefs

Construction Updates

As of April 24, 2025



Mason Health is now undergoing a series of construction projects in alignment with the District's Campus Master Plan. These projects will further Mason Health's Mission of United Community, Empowered People, Exceptional Health by expanding services for patients, ensuring the District can continue to provide the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest.

- **Cafeteria Closure:** The cafeteria is **closed** now to the public until June 30. Visitors and members of the public are encouraged to plan ahead and bring alternative food options.
- **Mason Clinic-Eye Care Waiting Area Closure:** The waiting area near Mason Clinic-Eye Care is now closed to the public until June 30, as the clinic expands the Eye Care service area. Patients will be redirected to wait in the main lobby of Mason Clinic.
- **Mason Clinic Conference Room Closures and Diagnostic Imaging & MRI Suite Relocation and Remodel:** Mason Health's Ellinor and Pershing meeting rooms are now closed temporarily, and will be relocated to a new location Dec. 18.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the construction projects, please contact the District's Marketing and Communications Office at marketing@masongeneral.com.

For more construction updates, visit www.masonhealth.com.

Scan this QR code to register for the golf tournament and email foundation@masongeneral.com if you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering at this event!

Registration is now open!

Mason Health Foundation is excited to return to Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club for the **Quality Care Open on Friday, July 11!** Early bird registration ends on June 18. The early-bird pricing is \$199 per player.

The Foundation thanks **CDW Healthcare** as our Platinum Level sponsor, and our Gold Level sponsors – **Abbott Construction, Capital Business Machines, Dynamic Collectors, Inc., Hood Canal Communications, IMA Group, Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel, OAC Services, Inc., Olympia Orthopaedic Associates, Our Community Credit Union, and Sazan Group** – for supporting quality health care in Mason County!

Funding the new Open MRI!

Special Kudos

Congratulations

to **Laureen Forbis**,
Radiology Tech Aide, for being named the April 2025 *Employee of the Month!*

Mason Health Foundation is Pleased to Welcome New Board Members

Mason Health Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two distinguished community members to its Board: **Lyle Lewin** and **Carol Phipps**. Their leadership and dedication to the Mason County community will further the Foundation's mission to support quality health care in Mason County.

Lyle Lewin brings a wealth of experience in business management and health care leadership to the Mason Health Foundation Board. A native of Grays Harbor County, Lewin graduated from Washington State University and later a master's in business in 2008.

COO Winfried Danke Selected as Part of 2025 Cohort of Baldrige Executive Fellows – Prestigious Leadership Program Starts in April

Winfried Danke, Chief Operating Officer at Mason Health in Shelton, has been selected for participation in the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program this year. Danke is one of 17 leaders from throughout the nation who are set to begin a year-long leadership development journey in the prestigious Baldrige Executive Fellows Program in April 2025.



The competitively selected fellows will gain one-on-one access to Baldrige Award recipients – nationally recognized, role-model organizations across all sectors of the U.S. economy.

Danke has extensive senior leadership experience in healthcare, including with rural health systems.

"I am honored to have been selected for this prestigious executive leadership program, and I am looking forward to applying advanced performance management concepts and techniques from the fellowship to help Mason Health achieve performance excellence," Danke said. "Becoming a Baldrige Fellow will make me a better leader."

Learn more about the Baldrige Fellows and how to apply: www.nist.gov/baldrige/baldrige-fellows-program-key-information

All subject to change.

Current Safety Guidelines

Visiting Hours are 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Please enter at the **Mason General Hospital Main Entrance.**
After hours, please use the **Emergency Department entrance.**

Our website has the most up-to-date visiting hours and guidelines:
www.masonhealth.com

After spending time as a university professor in South Korea, Lewin transitioned into the corporate world, taking on a CFO role at a startup he cofounded in Los Angeles. Lewin joined Shelton Health & Rehabilitation Center as Executive Director in 2023.

Carol Phipps, a lifelong Mason County resident, brings decades of experience in business operations and community engagement to the Foundation Board. Born and raised in the area, she attended



Southside School and graduated from Shelton High School in 1986. Married to her high school sweetheart, Brian Phipps, Carol has built a life centered around family and community service.

Having worked at Peninsula Credit Union in the 1990s, Phipps transitioned to Salish Seafoods, where she has been a dedicated team member for nearly 20 years. She has long been involved with Mason Health Foundation, contributing to the success of Fantasy Forest fundraisers as a volunteer in years past.

Her enthusiasm for fundraising and community outreach made joining the Foundation Board a natural fit.

Mason Health Foundation is excited to welcome Lewin and Phipps to the Board, confident that their leadership, passion, and deep community ties will help strengthen health care initiatives in Mason County.

For more information on the Mason Health Foundation and its initiatives, visit www.masonhealth.com/foundation.

Classes and Workshops

First Aid/CPR/AED Afternoon Class – 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 12
Learn the basics of first response.
A fee of \$45 (exact cash or check) is required in advance to cover the cost of books and materials, and an eCard can be made available upon successful completion of the course. Comfortable clothing is recommended for all participants, and a Spanish interpreter can be provided on request.
Register: Call the Learning Center at 360-427-3609 a week before the start of class.
Location: Mason Health Learning Center, located next to the Shelton McDonald's on Olympic Highway North

Cancer Wellness Workshop
Mason Health, in partnership with *Harmony Hill Retreat Center* and with the financial support of the *Karen Hilburn Cancer Fund*, is hosting virtual cancer support groups. For more information, call 360-432-7706 or email patientnavigator@masongeneral.com.
Time: 4 to 6:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of the month
Location: ZOOM or conference call
Cost: Free

SPEAK OUT Therapy Program
Lead locally by Mason Health's **Monica Vinson**, Speech Language Pathologist, the SPEAK OUT™ Therapy Program, developed by the Parkinson's Project®, helps people with Parkinson's regain and retain their speech and swallowing. This evidence-based program combines ongoing education for the patient

individual and group speech therapy, daily home practice and re-evaluations.
Time: 12:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
Location: Mason County Senior Activities Center, 190 W. SENTRY Drive, Shelton
Cost: Free

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Support Group
Join Mason Health Speech Language Pathologist **Monica Vinson, MS, CCC-SLP**, for a new support group for people living with a traumatic brain injury.
Time: 1 to 2 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month
Location: Mason Health meeting room at the Shelton Family YMCA, 3101 N. Shelton Springs Road, Shelton
Cost: Free

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