

## **Filing Week Starts Today for Large August Primary**

### **Local News**

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MONTESANO, Wash. - Candidate Filing Week begins today, the official kickoff of the 2013 campaign season, County Auditor Vern Spatz tells us 122 positions are up for election. "Although this is considered an off-year election we actually have more people on the ballot than we do during a more visible election year." Seats are open on the city council of 9 Grays Harbor cities, from Ocean Shores, to Westport, Oakville to McCleary including Montesano, Hoquiam, Elma, Cosmopolis and Aberdeen, school, fire, and hospital district boards, and two mayor's seats. "We have three water districts, we have a cemetery district - the only [one] we have is up in the Humptulips area, hospital district commissioner, and we also have a parks and recreation commission in the South beach area. Like spring flowers in the planting strips, the campaign signs will begin to blossom throughout the county. Spatz says some candidates will have a lot of doors to knock on "What's going to make a county-wide election is this year, we also have a partisan Sheriff's race on the ballot. This is the first year that Rick Scott is going to have to run for office, so he will be on the ballot this year, on the primary ballot as well as the general election." County Sheriff Rick Scott was appointed by the Grays Harbor Democrats to complete the term of Mike Whelan who retired last year. Spatz said May 13th starts filing week, and it runs through Friday the 17th "Anyone who is interested in one of these positions can look on our website and see which positions are open and if there's a filing fee." <https://wei.sos.wa.gov/county/grayshar.../Pages/ElectionsHome.aspx>