The Clark County Treasurer's Office is an independent financial arm of county government. It is my honor to share a few highlights from Q3 2024.

## **Investment Policy Receives Recognition**

The Clark County Treasurer's Office was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the Washington Public Treasurers Association (WPTA) for its Investment Policy. This prestigious recognition highlights our offices' commitment to protecting taxpayer funds through strong financial management. Treasurer Alishia Topper, who oversees a \$1.1 billion government investment portfolio, expressed her pride in the accomplishment, thanking her investment team and the Finance Committee for their dedicated work. The policy was evaluated by an impartial statewide panel and deemed to meet the high standards of the WPTA's Investment Policy Certification Program. Treasurer Topper will be formally recognized at the WPTA Annual Conference in April 2025 for setting a best-practice example for others to follow. Learn more about our investment pool and find out when our next public meeting is by clicking here.

## Second Half Property Taxes Due Oct. 31

Property owners are reminded that the second installment of their annual property taxes is due by October 31. Of the \$935 million billed in property taxes in 2024, 57.5% has been collected so far, amounting to approximately \$538 million. To encourage further collections, around 62,000 second-half tax statements and 6,400 eBills were sent out in September. These notices aim to remind taxpayers of the upcoming deadline and prompt them to make their payments. In the few weeks since the mailing, we've fielded over 1,500 phone calls and served nearly 200 in-person property taxpayers in the Joint Lobby.

Several payment options are available for taxpayers, including online payments, mail, or in person. As the deadline approaches, it is expected that collections will increase as more property owners take advantage of these options. Those needing more information on payment methods are encouraged to explore the available resources to ensure timely submission by the October 31 deadline. Learn more about payment options.

## **Debt Issuance for Capital Projects**

On August 27 the Clark County Council approved the Treasurer's Office to move forward with issuing debt, for an amount not to exceed \$43.2 million, to finance three critical capital projects: the Jail Work Center (\$19.7M), the 1408 Franklin Building (\$5.0M), and the District Court Building (\$14.0M). Also, included is a refinance of the 2014B bonds. On September 12, the County Manager, Treasurer, and Finance Team attended a credit rating call with Moody's. The county will receive its updated credit rating on October 3. The County will proceed to sell bonds and close out the process in October. In total, this issuance will preserve \$32.2 in one-time General Fund.



## **Employee Appreciation BBQ**

On a bright and sunny afternoon, the Clark County Treasurer's Office took a well-deserved lunch break to soak up the last bit of summer. The executive leadership team gathered employees for an end-of-summer BBQ, but this wasn't just any BBQ—it was a luau! With tropical décor, tasty food, and festive vibes, the office transformed into a mini-Hawaiian escape, bringing warmth and relaxation to everyone's day.

The event was filled with laughter and camaraderie. Delicious food fresh off the grill was served. We took a moment to reflect on the dedication and hard work that has made the year such a success, expressing gratitude for the team's ongoing commitment to excellence. Whether it was a casual chat over a plate of BBQ or a friendly competition at lawn games, the luau was the perfect way to unwind and celebrate the collective efforts of the Treasurer's Office. Mahalo to our incredible team for their continued dedication!