



Pierce County



District 2 e-newsletter



A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

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Serving the communities of

Alderton, Auburn, Browns Point, Dash Point, Edgewood, Fife, Fife Heights, Milton, Northeast Tacoma, North Puyallup, Pacific, Puyallup, and Sumner

October 2014

When I was driving today, I couldn't help but notice how the trees were beginning to turn lovely fall colors. I realized that October is already upon us.

Our time may be spent on warm memories of fall seasons past or just getting into our daily routines of life.

In this newsletter you will find safety tips for your "trick-or-treater" and help in locating a "flu shot near you." Also, be sure to take advantage of the different programs that our Parks and Recreation department has to offer.

Here at the Council, the month of October will be spent working on the 2015 budget. As always, my main goal is to balance Pierce County's budget without added tax burdens to its citizens and without compromising public safety.

Please remember to contact me if there is anything in Pierce County government that I can assist you with. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you. Happy October!

Warm Regards,

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October is Filipino History Month!

The Pierce County Council recently passed a resolution proclaiming October 2014, as "Filipino American History Month" in Pierce County, Washington. Here we are with our Filipino friends!



October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month...

I was also privileged to read the Pierce County Council's proclamation that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It was received by representatives of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center.



Safe Halloween tips from East Pierce Fire and Rescue

The spookiest night of the year is around the corner. Kids everywhere are choosing their favorite costume and looking forward to their favorite treats. As you prepare for the festivities, remember to keep safety in mind, so that no child is haunted by Halloween-related injuries. Hidden dangers associated with costumes, treats and decorations can be easily prevented.



The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that the most serious Halloween-related injuries involve burns from flammable costumes and decorations, including ignition from open flames such as candles and jack-o-lanterns. Other incidents have involved lacerations from carving pumpkins and trips/falls while walking, particularly after dark.

Follow these safety tips to ensure this year's holiday is a safe one:

Costumes

- When purchasing costumes, masks, beards and wigs, look for flame-resistant fabrics such as nylon or polyester, or look for the label "Flame Resistant." Flame-resistant fabrics will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. To minimize the risk of contact with candles and other fire sources, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
- Purchase or make costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible to motorists.
- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks also should be light-colored or decorated with reflective tape.
- Children should carry flashlights to see and be seen.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Oversized high heels are not a good idea.
- Tie hats and scarves securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes and obstructing vision.
- If your child wears a mask, make sure it fits securely, provides adequate ventilation, and has eye holes large enough to allow full vision.
- Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be made of soft, flexible materials.
- Supervise pumpkin carvings to avoid lacerations.



Treats

- Warn children not to eat any treats until an adult has examined them carefully for evidence of tampering.
- Carefully examine any toys or novelty items received by trick-or-treaters under three years of age. Do not allow young children to have any items that are small enough to present a choking hazard or that have small parts or components that could separate during use and present a choking hazard.

Decorations

- Use flashlights or battery-operated candles when illuminating Jack-o-lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candle lit Jack-O-Lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Indoors, keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles that could catch fire. Do not leave burning candles unattended.
- Remove obstacles from lawns, steps and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.
- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Don't overload extension cords.



[Sparky's Halloween Safety Coloring Sheet](#) (pdf)

The Flu Shot: Q&A for 2014-2015

The flu is more than a bad cold. For several days, people can suffer with fever, cough, sore throat and body aches. Each year influenza causes thousands of deaths and hospitalizations. The most effective way to prevent flu is a flu vaccination.



Each flu season different flu viruses can spread, and may affect people differently based on the virus and on their body's ability to fight infection. Some flu seasons are worse and there is no way to predict severity year to year. All of the 2014-2015 influenza vaccine is made to protect against the following three viruses:

- A/California/7/2009 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus
- A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2)-like virus
- B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like virus

Some of the 2014-2015 flu vaccine also protects against an additional B virus (B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus). All of the nasal spray vaccine includes protection against all four viruses. These preparations are unchanged from the 2013-2014 seasons.

[Click here to find out where you can get your flu shot.](#)

Pierce County Employment Opportunity

Ever wanted to work at the Fantasy Lights display in Spanaway park? Pierce County Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for seasonal work as traffic monitors at Fantasy Lights from Nov. 27, 2014, through Jan. 1, 2015.

Applicants will perform outdoor work directing traffic as cars drive through Spanaway Park viewing the Fantasy Lights display. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and willing to work evening hours from 4:30 to 10 p.m. plus holidays and weekends.

The position pays \$9.32 an hour, 10-20 hours per week. Application deadline is October 17, 2012. Applications are available at the parks administrative office, 9112 Lakewood Drive SW in Lakewood, or by contacting Pierce County Parks at 253-798-4177. Submit applications at the parks administrative office.

If interested, please contact Recreation Supervisor Jen Spane at 253-798-4753 or jspane@co.pierce.wa.us.

Parks & Recreation's October events

Sock Hop

Friday, October 17

7-9 pm @ Lakewood Community Center

Gas up "Greased Lightning," slick back your hair or put on your favorite poodle skirt, and head on over to the Sock Hop at the Lakewood Community Center on Friday, October 17 from 7-9 p.m.

Enjoy fun 1950's & 60's music by a professional DJ, games, prize drawings, crafts, contests, snacks and a whole lot of fun. Included in the evening: Elvis Look-Alike contest; Best Poodle Skirt; Hula Hoop contest; best socks, best 50's Hair (male and female), and more!

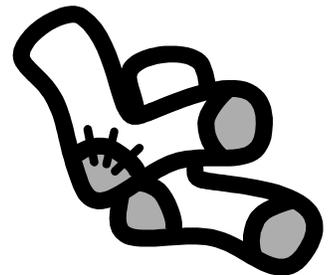
A professional photographer will be on site with reasonably priced photo packages to take home at the end of the night. Wear your best dancing socks (no holes, please). No Blue Suede Shoes allowed!

Registration:

Pre-registration required; space is limited.

- \$12/couple (parent/child)
- \$3 each additional family member

Businesses or organizations wishing to donate prizes or gift certificates, please contact Cara at (253)841-8515.





Superhero Adventure Party

Saturday, October 25

4-6 p.m. @ Lakewood Community Center

Action, adventure and fun waits youth of all ages at our Superhero Adventure Party. Come dressed as your favorite superhero or wear a black t-shirt on Saturday, October 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the Lakewood Community Center.

Kids will have fun unleashing their own "special powers" with Superhero games and activities plus receive hero souvenirs, power packed punch and snacks!

An adult will need to be present for children five years old and under to participate.

Registration:

- Participants must pre-register by October 20.
- Register [online](#), by phone with Visa/MC at 253-798-4177, or at any one of our centers.
- The fee is \$15 per youth.

For more information, please contact Jen at (253)798-4753.

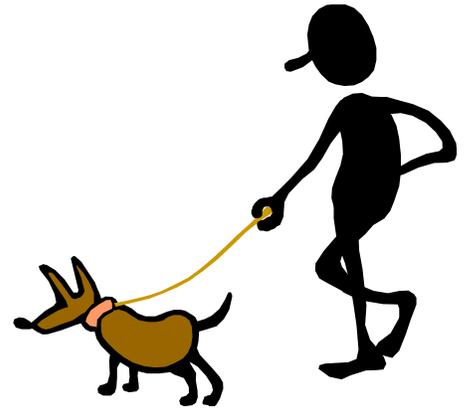
Woof Woof Walk

Saturday, October 25

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ Spanaway Park

Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume and enjoy a beautiful walk at Pierce County Parks and Recreation's Woof Woof Walk on Saturday, Oct.25 at [Spanaway Park](#) in the Parkland/Spanaway vicinity.

Join the Pierce County K-9 for either the 1.5-mile or 3-mile route. Both routes are on paved trails that provide a flat, easy walk suitable for families and people of all abilities. Prizes will be awarded in the canine costume contest. Plus registered participants will be entered into our 'ruffle drawing.'



Fees:

Pre-Registration by Oct. 17

- \$15/dog
- \$5 for second dog
- \$10 t-shirts

Day of Event

- \$20/dog
- \$5 for second dog
- \$10 for t-shirts while supplies last

Registration will begin in September. Print the registration form and register on-line, mail or (253)798-4177.

Upcoming public meetings

Cross Park Master Plan Update

Open House Meetings

We want your help. Pierce County's Parks and Recreation Department is updating the master plan for the 64 acre Cross Park property located on Military Road across from 44th Avenue East. Come to the open house meetings and help shape your future park.

Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, October 22nd, 6:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday, November 12th, 6:30-8:30 PM

Each meeting will build upon information generated at the previous meetings.

Meetings will be held at:

Clover Creek Elementary School - Gym
16715 36th Avenue E.
Fredrickson, WA 98446

For more information, contact Kimberly Freeman at (253) 798-4009.

Pierce County Fire District 13

Brown's point – Dash Point Meetings

Commissioner's Meeting

Our monthly meeting with commissioners. Open to the public.

Tue Oct 14, 2014 9am – 10am
4815 Wa Tau Ga NE, Browns Point WA, 98422

Central Pierce Fire and Rescue District 6 Events and Meetings

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Location: 17520 22nd Ave Ct E, Tacoma WA 98445

Start:10/13/2014 6:00:00 PM | End:10/13/2014 7:30:00 PM

The Board of Fire Commissioners meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at our Headquarters location

Free CPR Class

Location: Henry Foss High School 2112 South Tyler Street

Start:10/12/2014 8:00:00 AM | End:10/12/2014 4:00:00 PM

CPR card upon successful completion of course.

Pre-registration is recommended.

Please call 253-594-7979 or log on to www.CPRSunday.net to make your reservation.



MultiCare Celebrates Senior 5th Annual Volunteer Fair

Location: 210 W Pioneer Puyallup 98371

Start:10/18/2014 10:00:00 AM | End:10/18/2014 1:00:00 PM

An opportunity for people who want to give back to their community through volunteering to meet organizations seeking volunteers. To register for this event [Click Here](#)

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