



March 2015

This March we are celebrating Women's History Month and remembering those who blazed trails before us. Our great country was established by those who would dare to make the difference and today we enjoy the benefits of those who dared. I am reminded of my own mother who worked hard in my birth place, Scotland. She dared

to purchase a home and, at the time, "people like us" did not own homes. Because of her courage, our family was left a small inheritance and - better yet - a lesson, knowing that ownership gives freedom, pride and hope for the future.

The U.S. Open is almost here and preparations are underway. Pierce County will be hosting the largest sporting event ever to be held in the Pacific Northwest. We are excited and anticipate business opportunities as well as positive exposure for Pierce County.

In this March issue you will find information on the up-and-coming U.S. Open, classes on edible gardening and Pierce County Community Connections Aging & Disability is initiating community input for the creation of the 2016-2019 Area Plan. Also, suggestions for fun family outings, Parks and Recreation Events and more. I hope you find the information useful.

Please remember, if there is anything in Pierce County government that I can assist you with or if you would like to share your concerns and ideas, my staff and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce".



U.S. Open Championship at Chambers Bay, June 15-21

The U.S. Open is coming to the Pacific Northwest for the first time in history. This is the course it was waiting for. Nestled on the shores of the Puget Sound, Chambers Bay was created to be an inspired tribute to the ancient linksland of Scotland.

As host of the 2015 U.S. Open, Chambers Bay will test some of the greatest golfers in the world. And as one of the top public courses in Washington, it's an experience you can enjoy again and again.

For more information visit www.chambersbaygolf.com.

Sheriff's Community Academy openings

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is looking for interested citizens to attend its winter Community Academy program.

The academy is an opportunity for participants to learn first-hand about law enforcement in Pierce County and to meet the Sheriff and other department members. The course seeks to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provides insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

The class covers topics such as the law, patrol procedures, use of force, detectives, narcotics, K-9, domestic violence, hiring and training, and more. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center, Pierce County Jail, and Sheriff's headquarters. [Click here to find out when and where!](#)



Edible Gardens workshop series teaches gardening from seed to table

Pierce County residents can learn how to grow their own food during the 2015 Edible Gardens workshop series, which runs from February through November. The free series of monthly workshops, which are sponsored by Pierce County and the Pierce Conservation District, teach beginning gardeners how to plan a garden, prepare the soil, plant seeds, and harvest the food they've grown.

Each workshop is designed to help students throughout the growing season by addressing what needs to be done in the garden that month. The classes combine presentations with hands-on activities.



Class information

The free monthly classes are held at five locations in Pierce County:

- **Puyallup** – First Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at Washington State University Extension Puyallup, 2607 W Pioneer
- **Lakewood** – Second Wednesdays (except Feb and Nov) from 6-8 p.m. at Lakewood Community Center, 9112 Lakewood Dr. SW
- **Parkland** – Second Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. at Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718 Pacific Ave. S
- **Orting** – Third Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at Washington Soldiers Home, 1301 Orting Kapowsin Highway E
- **Tacoma** – Third Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Tagro Conference Center, Cleveland Way near Portland Ave.

Additional schedule and registration information along with class descriptions are available at www.piercecountywa.org/ediblegardens.

Community input sought for aging and disability priorities

Pierce County Community Connections Aging & Disability Resources (ADR) is initiating a process to gather community input for the creation of the 2016-2019 Area Plan. The Area Plan establishes funding priorities and the array of services that will be provided to support older adults and adults with disabilities who are living in the community.

Input can be provided at six community forums, an Internet survey, by e-mail and by mail. Information gathered will be used to help shape the “Area Plan” that will be created by ADR.

Six community forums are scheduled:

- March 4 (2 to 4 p.m.) at the Center for Independence, 7801 Bridgeport Way W., Suite 200, Lakewood
- March 9 (10 a.m. to noon) at the Lighthouse Senior Activity Center, 5016 E. A St., Tacoma
- March 19 (12:30- 2:30 p.m.) at the Milgard Family HOPE Center, 8502 Skansie Ave., Gig Harbor
- March 21 (9 to 11 a.m.) at the Buckley Senior Center, 811 Main St., Buckley
- March 30 (10 a.m. to noon) at the Mountain View Community Center, 3607 122nd Ave. E., Edgewood
- April 16 (1 to 3 p.m.) at the Lakewood Senior Activity Center, 9112 Lakewood Drive SW, Lakewood

Each community input forum is open to the public. No RSVP is required.

An Internet survey is also available to provide input. The survey is available at www.PierceCountyWA.org/ADR. Comments can also be provided by mail to Pierce County ADR, 1305 Tacoma Ave. S., Suite 104, Tacoma, WA 98402. Email submissions can be made to PCSeniors@co.pierce.wa.us.

For additional information about the Community Input Forums or the Area Plan, call (253) 798-7376.



Register now for the Foothills Dash!

The 2015 Foothills Dash takes place Saturday, March 7, at 9 a.m. on the Foothills Trail in Orting. The Foothills Dash is a 5K and 10K fun run in Orting to benefit recreation programs for youths. This fun run / walk takes place on the [Foothills Trail](#) and is open to people of all ages and ability levels. The 5K and 10K courses are USATF certified.

Courses start and finish at the Orting Eagle Lodge. The Foothills Trail is paved and provides flat areas and easy slopes.

[Learn more](#) about the check in and registration processes.



Frontier Park yard sale

Saturday, April 18, 2015
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Frontier Park in Graham

Don't worry about the weather at this "yard" sale because it will be held in the horse barns at [Frontier Park](#) in Graham.

Discover great finds or sell your treasures by reserving a horse stall in the Frontier Park barns. Spots for sellers are limited to the number of stalls available.

Seller Registration Fee:

- \$20 per stall - limit two stalls per family/group
- Reserve your spot by April 3. Register [on-line](#) or call (253)841-8515

For more information contact [Cara Cross](#) at (253)841-8515.



Adopt a park or trail

The Adopt-A-Park/Trail program is a countywide opportunity for volunteers and organizations to keep our park sites and trail systems well groomed, safe for the community to enjoy and provide a legacy for future generations to enjoy. Volunteers in

the program maintain a specific park or two-mile section of a trail within Pierce County.

The Adopt-A-Park/Trail program is a long term volunteer position. Long term indicates your willingness to support a local park/trail on a regular basis for a commitment of three years.

How to Apply

If you are interested in the Adopt-A-Park/Trail program please complete and submit a [Volunteer Application](#) to the Parks Administration Office. You can also request for an application on our [comment form](#) or (253)798-4148.

Port of Tacoma tour

Fabulich Center
3600 Port of Tacoma Road Tacoma WA
(253) 383-9463
FREE



Join us on free monthly bus tours of the Port and learn about the valuable jobs related to international trade. Tours are approximately 75 minutes long. Reservation is required at portoftacoma.com/community/tours.



The Puyallup River Watershed Council (PRWC)

The PRWC works to restore, protect and enhance the environmental, economic and cultural health of our watershed, from Mount Rainier to Commencement Bay. They are citizens and representatives of businesses, governments and other groups collaborating to achieve clean water, healthy habitat and thriving communities.

Join this monthly forum that is open to the public to discuss and learn more about things related to the Puyallup River watershed. The Puyallup River Watershed Council Board of Directors usually meets at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Address:

Puyallup City Hall, Council Chambers 5th Floor
333 S Meridian

Puyallup, WA 98371

Contact:
(253) 798-6158

Email:
[Lisa Spurrier](#)

Links:
[Puyallup River Watershed Council webpage](#)

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue District 6 events and meetings

1st Aid/CPR Class on March 28

Every fourth Saturday of each month at Station 71, 902 7th St NW in Puyallup (98371). Starts at 8:00 a.m. This 9-hour course teaches basic first aid, CPR (adult, child, & infant), and procedures for administering aid to choking victims and the use of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). This course covers all subjects required by the WA State Department of Labor & Industries for first aid classes.



Upon completion of this course, students receive a Basic First Aid/CPR card issued by Emergency Medical Training Associates, Inc. and a course text. The card is valid for two years from the date of the class.

[To register online, click here](#) or you can call 253-538-6401 for assistance.

Board of Commissioners meeting

Location: 17520 22nd Ave Ct E, Tacoma WA 98445 7:30:PM

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

Pierce County Council District 2
County-City Building
930 Tacoma Ave. S.
Tacoma, WA 98402

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