



May 2015

May is a time for reflection and honoring those who have sacrificed everything for our country's freedom. Our men and women who wear the uniform and have served our country faithfully deserve our thanks, and so do their families that stand and serve alongside their military member. Please take the time to rest and reflect. I have listed a few Memorial Day events below for your information.

The U.S. Open Championship is just around the corner, from June 15th through the 19th, and Pierce County and surrounding cities are preparing for the world-class golf event. 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, please visit www.chambersbaygolf.com.

In this issue you will find information on Harvest Pierce County's annual Spring Summit where you can learn about sustainable living and have a free lunch. Also, Pierce County's Aging and Disability Resources group is hosting a class on travel. Maybe you would enjoy attending the Puget Sound Family Fun Day? There are several other suggestions for free family outings and let's not forget to honor mom on Sunday, May 10th!

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 black ink that reads "Joyce".

Harvest Pierce County annual Spring Summit

Sign up for the best free event in town on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lincoln High School, 701



South 37th Street in Tacoma. This is a day for the whole family to enjoy delicious food, celebration, and dozens of classes ranging from horticulture, community skills, and sustainable living.

- There is a lot to look forward to:
- Free lunch of local, sustainably sourced food
- Plant starts for sale grown by Mount Tahoma FFA and Lincoln High School
- Dozens of classes including:
 - Mushroom 101,
 - Fermenting,
 - Food Preservation,
 - Urban Foraging,
 - Fruit Tree care, and
 - Community Skills

We are empowering youth in our community to share their vision for Tacoma's food system! There will also be free childcare. [Register for free at their website.](#)



Free admission days at Point Defiance Zoo for Tacoma residents

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium visitors to who have a Tacoma address will be admitted free on Thursday, May 7th (proof of residency required).

The zoo also rewards Pierce County residents with discounted admission prices every day. That discount recognizes the support of Pierce County voters who approved a sales tax in 2000 that contributes to zoo operations.

You can find out more about the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium at pdza.org. Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium is located at 5400 N Pearl St, Tacoma, WA 98407, and you can call them at (253) 591-5337.

Good planning makes travel accessible for all

Leisure travel is becoming increasingly accessible to people with disabilities and older adults. People can take safe, relaxing vacations anywhere in the world, but, as with any trip, planning is the key.



“Planning for Safe Travels” is a free, information-only presentation that will provide useful information and resources to help individuals and families who have caught the “travel bug.” The one-hour presentation will look at travel planning, packing, practical tips, dealing with the TSA, personal safety and travel options.

AAA Travel and Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources have partnered to present "Planning for Safe Travels." The free workshops will be offered three times in May.

- **Friday, May 8** (12:10 to 12:50 p.m.) Pierce County Annex main meeting room, 2401 S. 35th St. in Tacoma
- **Saturday, May 9** (11 a.m. to noon) Cruise & Travel Presented by AAA, 1801 South Union Ave. in Tacoma
- **Tuesday, May 12** (12:10 to 12:50 p.m.) County-City Building, 7th Floor, Rainier Conference Room, 930 S. Tacoma Ave. in Tacoma

Participants are asked to RSVP in advance for each presentation by calling (253) 756-3034.



Free classes teach residents how to compost food and yard waste

Residents can learn how to compost at home by attending Pierce County's free classes this spring.

The county will offer a food waste composting class and a yard waste composting class, along with a class that teaches both techniques in one session.

Food waste class schedule

- **May 6:** 6 to 8 p.m., Nichols Community Center, 690 9th Ave., Fox Island
- **May 30:** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Washington State University (WSU) Puyallup, Victoria Room, 2607 W Pioneer, Puyallup
- **June 23:** 6 to 8 p.m., Washington State Soldiers Home, 1301 Orting Kapowsin Highway E, Orting

Yard waste class schedule

- **April 28:** 6 to 8 p.m., Washington State Soldiers Home, Orting
- **May 20:** 6 to 8 p.m., Washington State University (WSU) Puyallup, Victoria Room
- **May 27:** 6 to 8 p.m., Nichols Community Center, Fox Island

Food and yard waste class schedule (learn both types in a single class)

- **May 9:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nichols Community Center, Fox Island
- **May 16:*** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ever Green Community Garden, 10118 249th St. E, Graham. *Please note: This class will be interpreted into ASL for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Register at www.piercecountywa.org/compost or call (253) 798-4133. The classes are taught by environmental educators from Pierce County Public Works and Utilities.

City of Edgewood car show and farmer's market

Rev up your engines join us at 405 Larue Avenue for Edgewood's Classic Car Show. Check out all the classic cars, along with music, food trucks, a farmer's market, and lots of family fun. Parking will be along Larue Ave., end to end, making it easy to enter and exit the show field. Vintage show cars,



roadsters, coupes, hot rods, antique muscle cars on display.

Entertainment will include the music of pop and soul artist Lucy Iris. Food trucks will include Fork in the Road, Louie's Bistro, and Cousin's Maine Lobster- Fresh bread, produce, and other tasty items from Farmer's Market vendors. Don't miss the event on May 14 from 5 - 8 p.m.!



Puyallup Kiwanis kids' spray park grand opening

Mark your calendars: Kiwanis Kids Spray Park in Pioneer Park Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration! **Thursday, May 21st from 5:00-7:00pm!**

Music, food, games, bounce houses, and more. Bring your family out and help celebrate the opening of Puyallup's first Spray Park! Activities start at 5pm and the Ribbon Cutting and Spray Park opening will be at 6pm. Be one of the first to get soaked!

Puget Sound Starts Here Family Fun Day

A day full of free, family fun returns to the Foss Water Way Seaport (705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402) for Puget Sound Starts Here Family Fun Day on **Saturday, May 30.**

Educators from around the area are hosting hands-on activities, lessons, games, and entertainment related to water quality and the environment. Come see interesting marine animals, listen to live music, and enjoy activities for the whole family.

The event will run from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and parking is free. For more information contact Chris at (253) 845-9770 ext. 112 or christophert@piercecountycd.org.





Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day events

Armed Forces Day

On May 16, Joint Base Lewis-McChord opens its gates for public celebration of [Armed Forces Day](#), with historical reenactments, military vehicles, music, vendors, and carnival rides. Bring ID if age 16+. Entry is free.

Puyallup Memorial Day Program

Join us May 24th at Pioneer Park Pavilion for Puyallup's Memorial Day program - an annual commemoration of the men and women of Puyallup who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. This community event is part concert, part remembrance and is free to attend. Contact Brenda Arline at brenda@ci.puyallup.wa.us for more info.

Museum of Flight Memorial Day Ceremony

On May 25th, the Museum of Flight honors our military with patriotic music and speeches at the [Memorial Day Ceremony](#). Museum admission is free for veterans & active U.S. military who show ID.

Spanaway Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Memorial Day Service in the Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery, 26418 Mountain Highway in Spanaway. For more information, contact Doug Kotrba at 253-531-6701 or Kotrba@comcast.net.

Tacoma War Memorial Park Memorial Day event

The Tacoma Historical Society is conducting the only Memorial Day event within the city of Tacoma on May 25, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Tacoma's War Memorial Park, 6th Avenue & McArthur St, Tacoma, WA. For more information please contact the Tacoma Historical Society at 253-472-3738 or info@tacomahistory.org.

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