



Pierce County



District 5 e-newsletter

Pierce County Council

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District 5 News

Representing the communities of Midland, North Clover Creek/Collins, Parkland, Spanaway, Summit View, Summit-Waller, Tacoma's Eastside and South End



## South Sound Heart and Stroke Walk registration is on...sign up now!

The American Heart Association has recently presented its Gold Achievement Award to Pierce County for championing the health of employees by creating physical activity programs within the workplace. I want to

encourage you to register for the 2015 South Sound Heart and Stroke Walk coming up later this year.

The 2015 South Sound Heart and Stroke Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, at LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma. You can sign up now by visiting [www.southsoundheartwalk.org](http://www.southsoundheartwalk.org). The local fundraising goal is \$350,000 and already donors have raised \$101,392. That means there are just under 150 days to contribute \$248,608 before the deadline.

Participants can start their own team, join an existing team or join as individuals. Two years ago, the AHA gave Pierce County the 'most improved' award but donations dropped off last year. We need to redouble our efforts to get Pierce County back on the donations leader board! Traditionally, the City of Tacoma leads the South Sound area in donations but this year, I want to challenge every resident of Pierce County to help out the cause by donating their time or money to the American Heart Association. Let's show Tacoma how much we care, too!

For more information on the American Heart Association and its lifesaving mission, please visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

## Thanks for coming to the South Sound 911 public safety meeting

I'd like to personally thank everyone who attended a public meeting in our district on May 5 to discuss the proposed South Sound 911 call center locations.

Voters in Pierce County authorized the project in November 2011 as part of a 0.1 percent sales tax increase to fund the consolidation of six disparate 911 centers and create a regional emergency communications radio network. The intent of both actions was to improve the delivery of emergency services.



If you missed the meeting, there are several more taking place around the county. [Click here to see a list of upcoming locations and learn more about South Sound 911.](#)



## The Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award

Recently, one of my constituents wanted to develop existing farm facilities into a craft distillery business and destination venue, thereby enhancing agritourism in Pierce County. However, the project encountered delays as county planners struggled with deficiencies in county

code and its comprehensive plan, which had lagged behind state law.

Because I helped coordinate discussions that confirmed the project complies with the law and should be approved, the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association awarded me the Liberty Bell Award at their Law Day event on Friday.

It's an honor to be recognized by the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and I want to thank them for their service in our community as well. Members of TPCBA promote professionalism among lawyers, improve access to justice and increase the awareness of the role that the law plays in people's lives.

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## Want to get involved in helping to guide Pierce County government?

At least every 10 years since it was first adopted in 1981, the Pierce County Council is required to call for a **Charter Review Commission** to examine the effectiveness of the county's governing document.



In accordance with [Resolution 2015-14](#), Pierce County voters will elect a Charter Review Commission this fall that will spend approximately six months considering any proposed changes to the County Charter. Changes recommended by a majority of the commission will be considered by voters in 2016.

The 21-member citizen commission will include three members from each of Pierce County's seven [Council districts](#). If more than two people file for a seat, that race will appear on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. All races will be decided in the Nov. 3 general election.

Potential candidates must:

- Be residents of Pierce County for the past five years.
- Reside in the council district of the position for which they are filing.
- Be a registered voter.

**Filing will take place with the Pierce County Auditor between May 11-15**, and the deadline to submit voters' pamphlet information is May 22 at 4:30 p.m. Charter review commissioners are nonpartisan positions and are governed by the rules for nonpartisan elections.

Similar to a federal or state constitution, a county charter is a basic document of law defining the rights, liabilities and responsibilities of government. The Pierce County Auditor's Office has compiled a [Charter Review Commission Fact Sheet](#) which is available at their website.

To view the Pierce County Charter and Code online, [please visit the county's website](#).

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