



June 2015

This month, as we celebrate Father's Day, I am thinking of my own father who passed some time ago. He was a strong and steady influence in my life and I am thankful for his commitment to our family.

My dad helped instill a sense of family in me that I carried with me as I began my own family. He was in foster care from an early age and that fact made him more determined to be a good father. This was one of the reasons that my husband and I chose to become foster and adoptive parents. So thank you to all the fathers who remain faithful to their calling.

The U.S. Open Championship starts June 15th and runs through the 21st. 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 or www.piercecountywa.org/USOpen.

In this issue, you will also find information on Pierce County's farmers markets (or visit www.pugetsoundfresh.org for more information). Additionally, you'll find information on the dedication of Ashford Community Park's second phase completion and where you can enjoy Flag Day events. There are several other suggestions for free family outings and let's not forget to honor dad on Sunday, June 21st!

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,

Joyce



Dedicating Ashford County Park

Please join us on **Saturday, June 6th, at 12:15 p.m.** to celebrate completion of Phase 2 of Ashford County Park. The dedication will be held in conjunction with the third annual "Rods to Rainier – Jazzin' it Up" Car Show, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes live music, food and activities.



Historic Fort Steilacoom celebrates Flag Day

On the 238th Flag Day (1777-2015), the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) will present a program on the history and customs related to the flag of the United States. Preceding the program, the SVR will conduct a dignified flag retirement ceremony. If you have any U.S. flags that are "no longer a fitting emblem of display," drop them off at the fort during Sunday tours prior to **June 14th, Quarters 2, at 2 p.m.**

Historic Fort Steilacoom is located on the grounds of Western State Hospital at 9601 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498



Attending the U.S. Open? Here's what you need to know...

In its preparation to conduct the first U.S. Open in the Pacific Northwest, the United States Golf Association has released detailed spectator information that will assist anyone who plans to attend the championship.

Included in the [2015 Spectator Guide](#) is a detailed transportation plan prepared in conjunction with the lead law enforcement agency, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, and other local and state agencies. More than 21,000 satellite parking spaces have been secured in the local area, providing the public with free parking and complimentary shuttle service directly to the championship grounds.

Here are more informational links to help you enjoy this landmark event:

- [Know before you go](#)
- [Chambers Bay blog](#)
- [Parking information](#)
- [Boating rules](#)
- [University Place info](#)
- [Chambers Creek Park closures](#)



Fife farmer's market

The City of Fife is pleased to announce the third year of the Fife farmers market. The purpose of the Market is to create a sense of community and celebrate our unique community assets, while providing healthy options to our citizens.

The City of Fife is located right off of the I-5 corridor, making it a convenient stop to purchase your local fresh veggies, fruit and berries, flowers, eggs, milk, baked goods, handcrafted goods and more. The Fife Farmers Market will be held at Dacca Park, to allow kids to play, while parents peruse the market.

New this year: EBT will be accepted to make payments even easier, and there will be special events and live entertainment. Be sure to check out the schedule on our website.

For more information call 253-896-8657. The Fife Farmers Market will begin on Friday, June 19th and continue to August 28th.

- Days: Fridays
 - Dates: June 19th – August 28th
 - Time: 3 – 7 p.m.
 - Cost: Free
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Annual car show

Come enjoy this yearly event that takes place at Dacca Park. This event attracts 100+ cars every year and is a great setting that allows kids to play while parents look at cars.



Call 253-896-8657 if you have additional questions.

- Date: Sunday June 28th
 - Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - Cost: Free
 - Location: Dacca Park, 2820 54th Ave E, Fife
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Tour de Pierce 2015

- Sunday, June 28th, 2015
- 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Puyallup

About the Ride

Tour de Pierce is a summer bicycle ride through central Pierce County for fitness and fun, promoting bicycle awareness and safety.

The ride begins at the Gold parking lot of the Washington State Fair in Puyallup and winds through Puyallup, Sumner and adjacent farm lands. A rest stop will offer light refreshments, entertainment and restrooms for riders.

Tour de Pierce riders are required to wear CPSC approved helmets. The course will be clearly marked with 'Dan Henry' symbols on the roadway. Riders will receive a map of the course the day of the ride.

Routes

The 12-mile route provides a flat, easy ride suitable for families and novice riders. A new 30-mile loop extends the ride past farms, flower fields and more scenic views of Pierce County's waterways and Mt. Rainier. The 50-mile course travels through parts of Puyallup, Sumner, South Prairie and Orting.

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