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A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

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District 2 E-Newsletter



The U.S. Open was huge success for Pierce County

After a busy week of spectators, golfers and media occupying Pierce County, the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay has finally come to an end. The U.S. Open was the largest event ever hosted by the county, and I couldn't be more proud. From scenery to food and the distinctive architecture of the links style course, the beautiful Pacific Northwest created a unique experience for players and spectators that will keep them coming back for years to come.

Fans from all over the world enjoyed their time at Chambers Bay. Thousands of people attended the U.S. Open and spectator reviews were overwhelmingly positive. The merchandise pavilion sold more products here than at any other Open in history. That will greatly help Chambers Bay advertise globally. In addition to the benefits seen on the course, the USGA and Ridgewells Catering gave back to the community by donating 70,000 pounds of leftover food to the Emergency Food Network.

The success of this event would not have been possible without your support in the community. With the cooperation of surrounding neighborhoods, our transportation plan ran smoothly and kept traffic disruption to a minimum. Spectators noted the superb hospitality provided by local residents and businesses. The buzz throughout Pierce County created an atmosphere that extended the excitement off the course that players, spectators and residents will never forget.

Thank you again for all of your support, and I can't wait to see what the future of Chambers Bay will bring.

Sincerely,



Reopening schedule for Chambers Bay Regional Park

Just hours after Jordan Spieth won the 2015 U.S. Open, construction crews were already beginning to remove the infrastructure that supported the championship in order

to restore public access to Chambers Creek Regional Park as quickly as possible.

The Chambers Bay Golf Course is scheduled to reopen to the public on Friday, June 26. That day is already sold out, but there is spotty availability of tee times in the following days. Those slots are expected to fill quickly thanks to the worldwide media coverage over the past few weeks. Tee times can be reserved up to 90 days in advance by calling 877-29.LINKS or visiting www.chambersbaygolf.com.

The Chambers Bay Grill, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner above one of the best unobstructed views of Puget Sound that can be found in the region, also will reopen Friday.

Pierce County Parks and Recreation will reopen Chambers Creek Regional Park in phases throughout the summer as the United States Golf Association removes more than 300 temporary structures.

The Grandview Trail, which crosses the bluff above the property, and the East Slope Trail are expected to reopen this Friday. The Playground by the Sound is expected to reopen July 3.

Most of the other site amenities – the Soundview Trail, the Bridge to the Beach, and the off-leash dog area – will reopen later this summer. The central and north meadows and the fields by the Environmental Services Building will take the longest as the grass is restored. Exact dates will be announced as they become available.

The impact on Pierce County

Watch as county leaders examine how the entire U.S. Open championship went.



Meet the volunteers who made the U.S. Open possible

Volunteers had a front row seat to the best golfers at Chambers Bay. See the variety of positions they held, the once-in-a-lifetime memories they'll take home, and the importance they played in the 2015 U.S. Open.



Golf fans describe their experience at Chambers Bay

Golf fans describe their experience at Chambers Bay, from snagging player autographs to soaking up the Puget Sound.



See more photos and videos

You can see all the great photos - and I mean ALL of them - at Pierce County's U.S. Open page. Just visit piercecountywawashington.org/usopen, where you can also see dozens more videos about every angle of the entire experience from start to finish.

Photos & Videos

Photos



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Opening Ceremony](#)



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Final Round](#)

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