



Happy 4th of July, America!

As we celebrate America's independence may we remember the cost of our freedoms. Many have sacrificed everything so we can enjoy democracy and freedom from tyranny. I am reminded of a famous quote "*May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country!*" Daniel Webster.

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Truly America has much to offer her citizens. It is here that you can make a life, leave a legacy and pursue happiness. We are privileged to enjoy the bounty of our forefather's sacrifice and celebrate our modern day heroes. I continue to salute you America, land of the free and home of the brave.

The U.S. Open Championship is now behind us. It was an honor for Pierce County to host this historic event. I was able to attend and must add how well run and thought out it was from beginning to end. While much effort was put forth by all, I especially want to thank our law enforcement for their professionalism and protection. They coordinated efforts with over 36 agencies to help make this event safe and enjoyable for attendees and players alike. See the U.S.Open Kickoff Event Ceremony [here!](#)

In this month's issue, you will learn about Free Movies in the Park and see how to turn that old junk into cash at the Pierce County's Annual Junk in Your Trunk event. There are several other suggestions for free family outings. Enjoy!

Warm Regards,





Fireworks and safety guidelines

1. Designate a responsible adult to light fireworks. Do not let children light them .
(Remember, even sparklers can burn at temperatures of 1800°, nearly hot enough to melt gold!)
2. Use fireworks only outdoors, away from anything that can burn such as trees, buildings, bark dry fields, or wood storage areas.
3. Keep a bucket of water nearby to place all used fireworks in before final disposal. Have a connected water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks.
4. Light one item at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished.
5. Duds can be dangerous! If a device does not light or fire, wait at least five minutes and approach it carefully. Do not try to relight. Place it in a bucket of water to soak.
6. Never throw fireworks at people, cars, pets or things that burn.
7. Never hold fireworks in your hands, or discharge them in glass or metal containers.
8. Keep pets indoors, with doors and windows closed tightly. Be sure they have identification tags in case they become frightened and run away.
9. In case someone is injured know basic first aid, the emergency number to call, and your address/location.
10. Dispose of used fireworks after soaking in a trash can with water when finished. Don't leave a mess.

In unincorporated Pierce County fireworks may be discharged on PRIVATE property with the permission of the property owner.

Be sure to follow the fireworks manufacturer's safety precautions.

ONLY WASHINGTON STATE APPROVED CLASS C (1.4G) COMMON FIREWORKS MAY BE SOLD IN RETAIL, LICENSED FIREWORKS STANDS. ILLEGAL DEVICES INCLUDE SKY ROCKETS, BOTTLE ROCKETS, MISSILE TYPE ROCKETS, CHASERS, FIRECRACKERS, AND SALUTES!

For more information contact the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau @ (253) 798-7179.



Freedom Fair on the Ruston Way waterfront

Join us all day on the 4th of July for **Freedom Fair**, featuring all the usual 4th of July activities, air shows, great food, vendors, exhibits, rides, and events - along with a lot of very exciting new ones! It's the South Sound's biggest annual event, and a party that you don't want to miss! The event ends with the Northwest's biggest firework show over Puget Sound! Visit the [website](#) for more information.

More firework shows in Pierce County

Washington State Fair

Friday July 3rd, 2015

110 9th Avenue SW
Puyallup, WA 98371-0162

(253) 845-1771

[Eatonville](#)

- Event: Community Fireworks Celebration
- Place: Eatonville Elementary School
- Date: July 3rd
- Time: Dusk

[JBLM](#)

- Event: Freedom Fest
- Place: Cowan and Memorial Stadiums, Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Time: Dusk

[Lake Tapps](#)

- Event: Fireworks Displays
- Place: Center of Lake Tapps
- Time: 10 p.m.

[Steilacoom](#)

- Event: Steilacoom's Grand Old Fourth of July
- Place: Lafayette Street, Downtown
- Time: Dusk

Federal Way Family, Fun & Fireworks at Celebration Park

- 1095 S 324th St, Federal Way, WA 98003
- Saturday, July 4
- FREE On-site parking opens at 3:00 pm
- Event grounds open at 3:30 pm
- Event begins at 4:00 PM
- Free Admission

This year's festival features international cultural performances, live blues, rock and dance music from Puget Sound artists, food and fun activities for the entire family!

Main Stage Line-up

- **4:00 PM** - La Grande Del Northwest (*Latin Salsa*)
- **4:50 PM** - Master Na's Black Belt Academy (*Taekwondo Demonstration*)
- **5:10 PM** - Apato'erau (*Tahitian Drumming & Dance*)
- **5:50 PM** - [Alex Zerbe](#) (*Master of Ceremonies & Welcome*)
- **6:00 PM** - [Blue's Power Revue](#) (*Blues Brother Tribute*)
- **7:00 PM** - *Mayoral Address and Introduction of Elected Officials*
- **7:15 PM** – *Kid's Parade (*Starts at Interactive Arts Tent)*
- **7:30 PM** - [The Disco Ballz](#) (*Disco*)
- **9:00 PM** - [Spike & The Impalers](#) (*Classic Rock*)
- **10:15 PM** - *Fireworks Display*

Back again this year, is a 4:00pm start time with international-themed performances, including salsa music, Tahitian drumming and dance, and martial arts demonstrations. Live music continues at 6:00pm with blues, disco hits, and classic rock. All evening long there will be inflatables, games and activities for the whole family, interactive arts & crafts, and a great variety of food vendors. You'll have a front row seat to the 22-minute fireworks show choreographed by Entertainment Fireworks, Inc. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, kick back and watch the fireworks fly! Parking is limited on-site; car-pooling and walking is encouraged.

Not Permitted: BBQ Grills, Fires, Tents, Canopies and Pets Service animals are permitted.

[Visit the website for more information!](#)

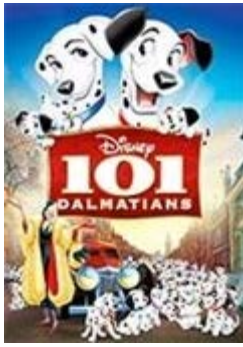


Pierce County offers Free Movies in the Park!

Grab a blanket and your favorite lawn chair for our Movies in the Park series. We will be offering four different family friendly movies in three different parks throughout the summer on our jumbo screen.

All the movies are FREE and start at dusk. Come early to enjoy pre-show activities and games at 7 p.m. Concessions on site will also be available.

July 17, 2015 - 101 Dalmatians (G)



(Disney Re-Release)

Frontier Park
21800 Meridian South,
Graham, WA 98338

This movie is a dog friendly movie. Non-aggressive dogs are welcome.



July 24, 2015 - Annie (PG)

Meridian Habitat Park
1442 Meridian East
South Hill, Puyallup WA 98375

Movie starts at dusk.

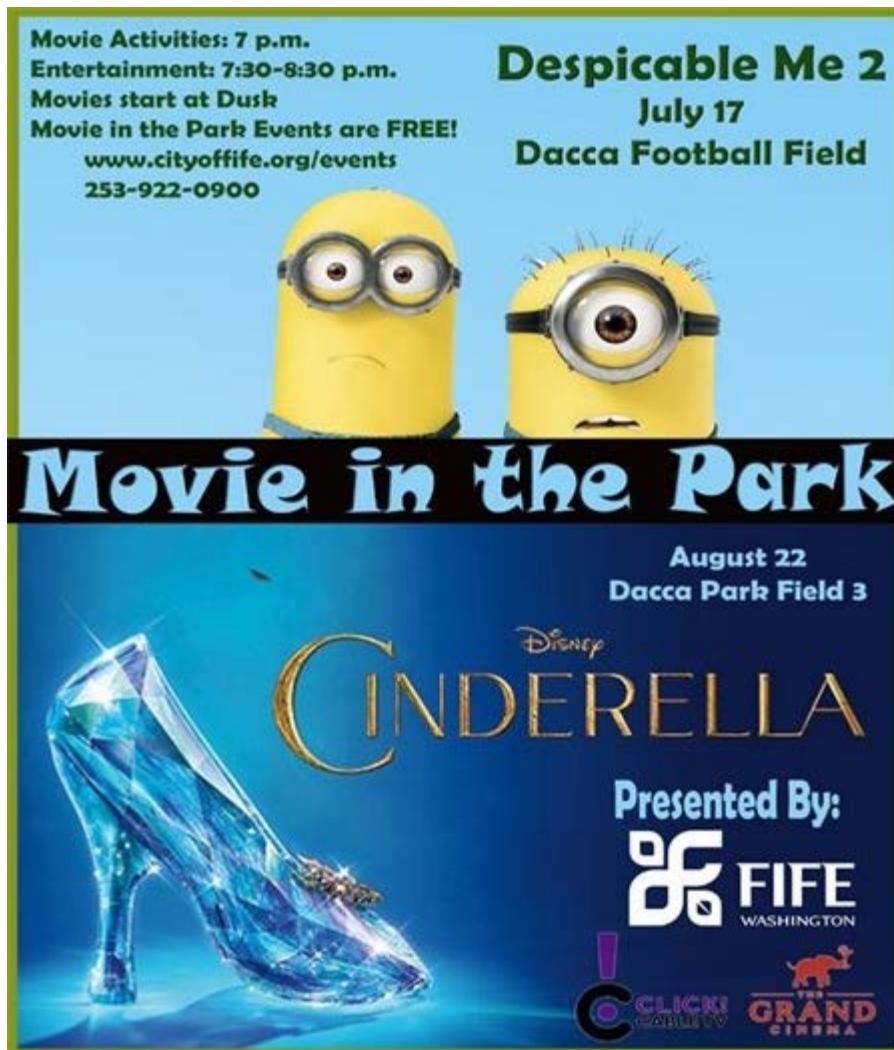


July 31, 2015 - Big Hero 6 (PG)

Heritage Recreation Center
9010 128th Street
South Hill, Puyallup 98375

Movie starts at dusk.

Fife Movies in the Park



[Click here for more City of Fife summer activities](#)

Pierce County Parks and Recreation hosts annual Junk in your Trunk event



Imagine treasure hunting at scores of garage sales without driving all day. Our Junk in Your Trunk community sales are at Sprinker Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

This is a great opportunity to clear out your closets, basements and storage units and sell items from your vehicles. Concessions will also be available, provided by Murphs BBQ.

2015 Community Sales Dates:

- Saturday, July 18
- Saturday, July 25
- Saturday, August 1
- Saturday, September 12

Seller Registration Fee:

Spots for sellers are limited to the number of parking spaces available. Sellers can donate any leftover items to the Goodwill truck onsite after each sale.

- \$20 per car/truck/van/suv
- \$30 per RV/Camper/U-Haul/truck and trailer

To reserve your spot register [online](#) or call (253) 798-4141.



Gross Out Olympics 2015

Kids ages 3 and up will have fun in extreme gross out challenges such as, the Bologna Toss, Human Cheese Puff, Lemon Slurp and many many more! ALL Olympians earn a gold medal!

Wear bathing suits or clothes that can get dirty! A sprinkler will be on hand for all Olympians to clean off in between each event. New events will be offered each day!

Fee: \$10/participant

Activity #	Date	Time	Location
8474	Wed. July 15 (Register by 7/14)	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Frontier Park in Graham
8475	Wed. August 19 (Register by 8/18)	2-4 p.m.	Sprinker Recreation Center in Tacoma

Register [online](#) or call Parks Administration at (253)798-4177. For more information please contact Jen Spane at (253) 798-4753.

Sounds at Sunset

Meridian Habitat Park FREE Concert Series

Friday, July 10 8-9:30 pm	The Fabulous Murphtones <i>Classic/Modern Rock/Old School Music</i>
Friday, July 17 8-9:30 pm	Off The Hook <i>Old School Funk/R&B/Classic Soul</i>
Friday, July 24 7-8:30 pm	Recess Monkey <i>Trio of Elementary Kiddie Rock School Teachers</i>

(253)798-4177

Pierce County Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Starbucks Foundation presents *Sounds at Sunset* FREE summer concert series. Listen to the warm sounds of live music filling the air at Meridian Habitat Park in Puyallup! A variety of musical styles will be featured to satisfy music lovers of all ages and tastes. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and friends for an evening of music and relaxation. Murphs BBQ will be onsite providing concession to fulfill your appetites!

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