



August 2015



It looks as if last month's heat wave broke a few records as one of the driest Julys we've seen in the Puget Sound area. I hope that you were able to stay cool. I've added a few tips below on how to endure those hot summer days.

August 4th is Pierce County's primary election. There are several important items on the ballot. [Click here to find everything you need to make an informed vote.](#) You can read the voters pamphlet, find voter information,

locate free ballot drop locations, download a sample ballot, and more.



[The Pierce County Council recognized the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by proclaiming July 26, 2015, as "Americans with Disabilities Act Day."](#)

In this month's issue, you will also find information on the Pierce County Sheriff's Academy, Puyallup's Spray Park, Fife's National Night of Safety, and a special salute to our U.S. Coast Guard for their hard work in protecting our country as they celebrate on August 4th. There are several other suggestions for free family outings as well, so

enjoy!

Please remember to contact me if there is anything in Pierce County government that I can assist you with. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

Joyce

Beat the heat!

According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone should take these steps to prevent heat-related illnesses, injuries and deaths during hot weather:

- Stay in an air-conditioned, indoor location as much as possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully.
 - Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen.
 - Pace yourself.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Never leave children or pets in cars.
- Check the local news for health and safety updates.



Cool off at the Kiwanis Kids Spray Park

The Kiwanis Kids Spray Park in Pioneer Park opened May 21, 2015, to an excited group of kids and adults alike.

It will remain open for the summer from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Pioneer Park is located at 333 South Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371.



August 4th is U.S. Coast Guard Day

We salute Coast Guard personnel today and every day.

U.S. Coast Guard Day honors the military branch that protects our waters and shorelines. The U.S. Defense Department suggests that this day is largely an internal celebration for all Coast Guard personnel and their families, past and present. But, we'd like to encourage everyone to honor the brave members of this important branch of the military.

Celebrate U.S. Coast Guard Day by learning more about the responsibilities and functions of the U.S. Coast Guard. They are now playing an even more extensive role in Homeland Security to protect our country.

For more information visit: <http://www.uscg.mil/>



The City of Fife hosts a National Night Out for safety event

The City of Fife will be hosting their 11th annual National Night Out on August 4th. This city-wide event incorporates several city departments, the Tacoma Fire Department, the Fife Police Department, and all our citizens.

- **When:** Tuesday August 4th, 2015

Where: Dacca Park, 2820 54th Ave E. Fife, WA 98424

- **Time:** 5:30pm – 8:30pm

The event will include:

- Fatal vision goggle demonstration
- Raffle prizes
- City of Fife Health and Wellness display
- Free child ID kits
- Face painting
- Fife DARE car
- Fife Traffic Unit Motorcycle
- Tacoma Fire Ladder and Hazmat engines
- Dunk tank
- Fife K-9 demonstration
- ‘Ask a cop a question’ booth
- Bloodmobile
- Piñata’s for children
- Crime prevention and Identity Theft information
- Numerous games and prizes
- Safe Streets information
- Cub Scouts
- Bounce house
- Free food and beverage

For more information, visit <http://cityoffife.org/city-departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events>.

Sheriff's Community Academy openings

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is looking for interested citizens to attend its winter Community Academy program. The **Parkland/Spanaway** academy begins Sept. 3 and will meet each Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks.

The academy is an opportunity for participants to learn first-hand about law enforcement in Pierce County and to meet the Sheriff and other department members. The course seeks to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provides insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

The class covers topics such as the law, patrol procedures, use of force, detectives, narcotics, K-9, domestic violence, hiring and training, and more. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center, Pierce County Jail, and Sheriff's headquarters.

Pre-registration is required and applications are accepted on a first come first served basis until the class is filled. At this time there are openings. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. A photo I.D. is required after preliminary acceptance to the academy.

You can [register online](#) or [print](#) and mail in the application. Visit the [Community Academy's webpage](#) for more information. Class details will be sent once your application is received.

Pierce County Parks and Recreation offers free movies in August

This month's feature film is **Paddington** (rated PG). It

will be presented August 21 at Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 C Street S., Tacoma, 98444

The movie starts at dusk. Click here for [directions](#).



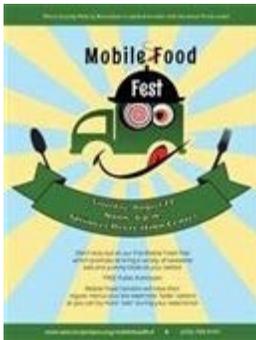
City of Edgewood also offers a free movie this month

The City Of Edgewood's annual movie night will take place Saturday, August 29, from 6-11 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Avenue East, Edgewood, WA 98372. This year's feature will be **The Lego Movie**.



For more information call (253) 952-3299.



New event promises tasty food fun

The 2015 Mobile Food Fest is a new event for Pierce County Parks & Recreation. A variety of food trucks with a mixture of tastes from all over the Puget Sound will be invited to share their fare for all you "foodies" to enjoy!

The event will take place from Noon-7 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, in the parking lot at Sprinker Recreation Center. Bring your blanket and grab a spot in the grass to enjoy your favorite tastes of the day. Event

preparations are underway for a beer garden as well as mobile stage setup so you can enjoy some local entertainment.

This event is free to the public!

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