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A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

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District 2 E-Newsletter



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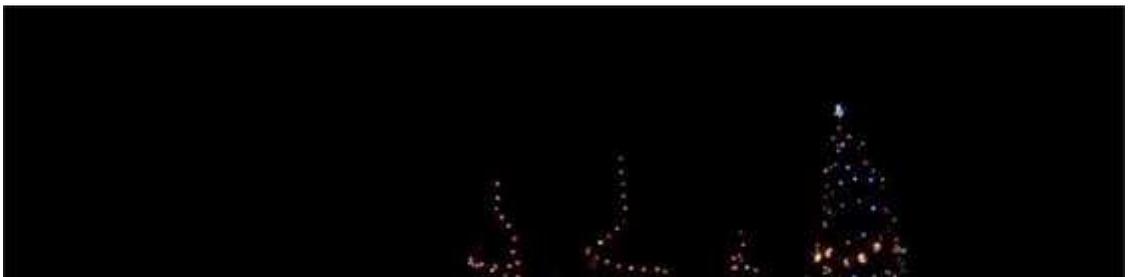
As this year comes to a close I want each of you to know how grateful I am that you put your confidence in me as your elected leader. Once again, the council balanced the County's budget without adding new tax burdens on you, the hard working families of Pierce County. In 2016, we will see a new park in South Hill, a new property

crimes unit in the Sheriff's Department and more trail completions. I am confident that next year will bring more challenges for all of us but I look forward to ensuring that your voice is heard and that we can work together to make Pierce County a better place to live, work and raise our families.

It is my sincere hope that you and your family have a merry and restful Christmas holiday. I have listed below a few fun activities around the County and 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





Fife City Hall Holiday Tree lighting with Santa

Santa trades in his sleigh for a fire truck! Come celebrate the season with the mayor and Santa as they use some holiday magic to light up the trees outside of city hall. Also, free photos with Santa, plus cookies and hot cocoa.

Date: Tuesday, December 1st, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fife City Hall



Sumner Santa Parade

Don't miss the Hometown Santa Parade in downtown Sumner. Festivities kick off at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015!

Puyallup Lighted Santa Parade

Bring the kids down to welcome Santa on



Saturday, December 5th, at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Puyallup! See the jolly old elf arrive on one of Puyallup's finest fire engines!

Included in the festivities is the Holiday Market (9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) in the Pioneer Park pavilion and the lighting of the Community Tree in the park! This wonderful community tradition is a

great way to kick off the holiday season! Nibble on cookies and sip on hot cocoa as you watch the lighted delights pass by.

City of Milton Tree Lighting

Join us December 5, 2015, at Milton City Hall - 1000 Laurel Street in Milton, WA (98354) - from 3-5:00 p.m. as Santa tours the city with the East Pierce Fire Department, Milton Police Department and special guests!



Enjoy holiday crafts inside the Council chamber while you wait. The Milton Senior Center is handing out cookies for all to enjoy. There will also be an event committee fundraiser with warm chili to keep you toasty until Santa arrives!

5-6:00 p.m. - Santa arrives and lights the Milton Christmas tree.

6-8:00 p.m. - Santa and elves are inside for photos and to hear your holiday wishes.



Dash Point Social Improvement Club Presents:

Holiday Tree Lighting at the Dash Point Dock on Sunday, December 6th, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

There will be a food drive with the tree lighting, so please bring items to donate.

And watch for the Christmas Ship at Dash Point! For more information visit www.dashpoint.org [<http://www.dashpoint.org/>].

Santa at Browns Point

Each year before Christmas, Santa takes time from his busy schedule to visit the Browns Point Improvement Club. The Browns Point Fire Department delivers him on a fire truck and kids



have a chance to tell them what they are wishing for!

Enjoy hot chocolate, cider, candy canes, and Christmas cookies. Please bring dry and canned goods to donate to our food drive. The event takes place Monday, December 14th, at 7 p.m. at 201 Ton-A-Wan-Da NE in Browns Point, WA 98422.

Breakfast with Santa

SPRINKER
SAT, DEC. 19TH
10:00 - 12:30
\$8/PERSON

and Holiday Ice Skating

Santa flies into Sprinker one December morning. Bring the kids for some holiday cheer, pancake breakfast, and the chance to whisper Christmas wishes to the jolly old fellow himself! Santa will be available in his Christmas chair with digital photos included! We'll finish off the morning with holiday ice skating under a snowflake filled sky (indoors).

Pre-registration required.

Event schedule (approx.):	Breakfast	10 - 11:30 am
	Ice skating	10 - 11:30 am
	Santa pics	10:30 am - 12:30 pm

(253) 798 - 4000
SPRINKER RECREATION CENTER

21st Annual Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park





Fantasy Lights will run from November 26th through January 1 at Spanaway Park, 14905 Gus G. Bresemann Rd. South in Spanaway. From 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., enjoy the largest holiday drive-through display in the northwest, featuring over 300 elaborate displays and thousands of sparkling lights.

The beautiful two-mile drive along Spanaway Lake has become a memorable lakeside tradition for the entire family. Cost is \$14 per vehicle, \$45 per bus with 25 or more passenger capacity. For more information call (253) 798-4177 or visit www.piercecountywa.org/fantasylights [<http://www.piercecountywa.org/fantasylights>].

Who wants to build a snowman?

The snowman building contest is on December 27th from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Sprinker Recreation Center on the ice. The cost is only \$20.00 for a team of up to 10 participants. Preregistration is recommended because we typically have a waiting list.



You can call 253-798-4000 to register or visit in person.

Everyone will receive a free ice skating admission coupon and the top 3 teams will win a trophy. Props will be available but teams are welcome to come up with a theme and bring props from home. For additional details about this event email: mricha1@co.pierce.wa.us [<mailto:mricha1@co.pierce.wa.us>]



Safe winter driving tips

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. These tips provide safety information to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter

storms.

The three P's of Safe Winter Driving:

- PREPARE for the trip;
- PROTECT yourself; and
- PREVENT crashes on the road.

PREPARE

Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

Have On Hand: Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.

Stopped or Stalled? Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

Plan Your route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice Cold Weather Driving!

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

PROTECTYOURSELF

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

PREVENT CRASHES

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

County Road Maintenance Hotline

CALL (253) 798-6000 or use our Online Maintenance Request Form



[\[https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/secure/publicworks/request.cfm\]](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/secure/publicworks/request.cfm).

Requests will be acted on within 24 hours or the next business day.

Contact us for:

- Pavement repair and resurfacing
- Drainage system and culvert maintenance
- Grading and graveling shoulder areas
- Clearing roads of snow, downed trees, and debris
- Street sweeping and litter removal
- Roadside brush cutting and mowing
- Illegally placed signs
- After Hours Road Emergencies

Emergency maintenance or after-hours road emergencies? Call (253) 798-6000.

(except downed signs). For signs and signals, call the 24-hour response line at (253) 531-6990. **Click the winterwise sign below for more tips on preparing for colder weather.**



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