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A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

**Joyce McDonald**

**District 2 E-Newsletter**



**2016**

Happy New Year!



## January 2016

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday was enjoyable and that you were able to relax with your friends and family.

Many of Pierce County's local city councils, including Puyallup, Fife, Gig Harbor and Lakewood have recently voted to ban the sale, processing and production of recreational marijuana within their city limits. Because of

this, marijuana is being pushed into the unincorporated areas of our community. The voters in unincorporated Pierce County will decide whether or not they want the sale, processing and production of recreational marijuana in their communities at a special advisory vote of the people on April 26th, 2016.

Marijuana is still listed as a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Because I have promised to make Pierce County a better place to live, work and raise a family, I will not support any efforts to legalize the production, processing and retail sales of this highly destructive, addictive drug. Our children and communities deserve better.

To read more about the adverse effects of marijuana and the financial impact of substance abuse on Federal, Local and State budgets go to:

[www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana)

<http://www.casacolumbia.org/addiction-research/reports/shoveling-ii-impact-substance-abuse-federal-state-and-local-budgets>

Best Regards,

Joyce



## January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

The Pierce County Council proclaims January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

To read how you can help to stop human trafficking visit the [Administration of Children and Families website](#).



Pierce County Council recognizing January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

## Treecycle That Tree!

After you take down the decorations, don't forget to treecycle your Christmas tree. Pierce County residents who subscribe to yard waste collection service can place their unflocked tree in their container. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and must be disposed of as garbage. Residents may also recycle their tree free of charge at Pierce County's transfer stations. For locations, visit [www.piercecountywa.org/treecycle](http://www.piercecountywa.org/treecycle)



### How to treecycle:

To treecycle, remove the tree stand, tinsel, decorations and any nails or staples. Place the tree in your yard waste container for pick up on your regularly scheduled collection day. The tree must fit into the closed container, so cut it into pieces if necessary. If your tree isn't in the container, you may be charged for the additional pick up.

The cities of Milton, Orting, Tacoma, Puyallup and Ruston have special collection programs for households within their city limits. Contact your city hall or local garbage hauler for more details.

For more information about preparing for winter visit

[www.piercecountywa.org/winterwise](http://www.piercecountywa.org/winterwise).

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## Lahar Warning Siren Test

The Lahar Puyallup warning siren will be sounded on the 1st Monday of every month. This month's warning will be sounded on Monday January 4th at noon and last for approximately 2 minutes.

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## Keeping You Safe: Pierce County Warning Systems

Success in saving lives and property is dependent upon clear and timely dissemination of emergency information to persons in threatened areas. Pierce County Emergency Management has various systems in place to ensure that residents are notified in the event of a small or major emergency.

### Pierce County ALERT

Free service that allows you to sign up and receive notifications about emergencies that may affect the locations you care about. This service allows fire, police and other emergency response agencies to send out accurate and up-to-date information to residents. [Click here to sign-up for Pierce County ALERT](#).

### Mount Rainier Lahar Warning Sirens

The Mount Rainier Lahar Siren project is part of an overall emergency communications system for Pierce County. The purpose of the sirens is to notify residents in the Puyallup River Valley to evacuate in case of a volcanic eruption from Mt. Rainier.

### AM 1580 Emergency Radio System

The AM 1580 Emergency Radio is an All Hazard information tool used in the Puyallup River Valley. This tool will be used for Mount Rainier volcanic hazards as well as any local or regional emergencies. The Emergency Information Radio Station can be heard from the City of Orting, through the Puyallup River Valley to the City of Fife.

For additional Warning & Alert systems and more information visit:

[Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management website](#).

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## Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18th

### When:

Monday, January 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Washington State Historical Society  
 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402  
 1-888-BE THERE (1-888-238-4373)



**Admission free to all.** Artists from Onyx Fine Art Collective will discuss selected works from their exhibit “A Decade of Art,” currently on display in the WSHM Community Gallery. As part of the program, visitors will be encouraged to create their own artwork inspired by the artists’ presentations, themes, and styles. Following the program by Onyx, join us in the museum auditorium for “Get on the Bus,” a show merging the stories of generations of civil rights activists—from the Freedom Riders of the 1960s to the DREAM activists of today—produced by the Broadway Center for Performing Arts.

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## Free Family Movie Night

Are you looking for free family fun during January? Pierce County Parks and Recreation has you covered! Bring the whole family to the Lakewood Community Center and watch a movie on the big screen.

**Movie:** Minions (PG)

**When:** Friday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Lakewood Community Center  
 9112 Lakewood Drive SW  
 Lakewood, WA 98499



## No Sun Fun Run - 5k & 1 Mile

**Saturday January 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

Rain, hail, sleet or snow, the No Sun Fun Run will take place no matter what weather our South Sound winter provides. The run is non-competitive and welcomes all ages and abilities on the Nathan Chapman Memorial Trail.

Come dressed warm and bring your enthusiasm for one of the first 5K's of the year. Remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes.

For more race information and to register online click [here](#).

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## Play to Learn in Your Community

**Tuesdays 10:00 am to 11:30 am**  
**January 5th through March 29th**  
**in the Puyallup Library's meeting Rooms**

Drop-in program: no registration required

Winter/Spring session begins Tuesday, January 5th at



10:00 am!

## What is Play to Learn?

Play to Learn is a FREE program for children and adults to play TOGETHER! Play to Learn is for parents, grandparents, neighbors, family, and friends who nurture children ages six and under. Thematic curriculum invites individual play, fun group activities, songs, and a whole group circle time for children and adults to enjoy together.

Visit the [Play to Learn website](#)

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