



## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is said that “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” There are many age old beliefs as to where this proverb originated, but I’m always happy to see winter giving way to spring.

It’s the time to look to new things: spring cleaning, finishing projects, preparing the ground for planting a garden, or maybe installing a new locking mail box.

Recently, Pierce County has seen an uptick in home break-ins and mailbox thefts. Citizens have asked me, “how can I better protect my family and my home?” I have listed several resources below to help equip you in safeguarding your homes and personal information. While nothing is failsafe, being proactive and better informed may help to prevent these crimes from happening to you and your loved ones.

In this month’s newsletter you will also find information on forming a neighborhood block watch, gardening classes, fun, family outings and more. It is my sincere hope that you find the information useful. 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*



# Identity Theft

## Forgery Victim

If you are a victim of a forgery, immediately close the checking or credit card account being used. Report the forgery to your local law enforcement agency and provide them with documentation showing the forgery details. Pierce County Sheriff non-emergency (253) 798-7530.

## Contact Information

Listed below are some contacts that can help you if you are a victim of identity theft:

- Pierce County Sheriff non-emergency: (253) 798-7530
- Federal Trade Commission - for fraud involving the internet: (877) FTC-HELP (382-4357)
- Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline: (800) 269-0271
- The U.S. Postal Inspector: (206) 442-6300
- Washington State Office of the Attorney General: <http://www.atg.wa.gov/guardit.aspx>



# Block Watches

Neighborhood Block Watches can be an effective means of improving the public safety in our communities. If you live within a city limits, and you and your neighbors are interested in forming a Block Watch, contact your city police department. If you live within unincorporated Pierce County, contact:

Pierce County Sheriff's Department:  
(253) 798-3624  
[www.piercesheriff.org](http://www.piercesheriff.org)

Safe Streets:  
(253) 272-6824  
[www.safest.org](http://www.safest.org)



## March 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, March 7th** at noon and last for approximately 2 minutes.

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## Foothills Dash

**Saturday March 5, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Foothills Trail in Orting**  
1 mile, 5K and 10K

The Foothills Dash is a 5K and 10K fun run in Orting to benefit recreation programs for youths. This fun run / walk takes place on the [Foothills Trail](#) and is open to people of all ages and ability levels. The 5K and 10K courses are USATF certified. Courses start and finish at the Orting Eagle Lodge. The Foothills Trail is paved and provides flat areas and easy slopes.

Separate divisions for females and males will have awards given to first, second and third place finishers in each division. Refreshments will be provided on the day of the race.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the registration and check-in processes.

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# FREE State Parks Day!

March 19, 2016 & March 26, 2016  
Statewide

On a [State Parks Free Day](#), you can enjoy any of the 140 different [Washington State Parks](#) for FREE!

## Pitch In For Parks Opportunities

Pierce County Parks and Recreation in partnership with McLendon Hardware proudly introduce “Pitch in for Parks.” This brand new volunteer based program is a great way to pitch in and help the community.

We supply the tools, water and a snack – you supply the energy and enthusiasm to make a big difference in our parks, open spaces and trails. We invite you to come “rain or shine” with appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

This is a great opportunity for all ages, (ages 14 and under with guardian). Volunteers are welcome to Pitch In for an hour or two or the entire time. Remember dress appropriately for weather and work.

**Sign up for one or all of the Pitch in for Parks 2016 events:**

### **Spanaway Park**

Saturday, March 19 - 10 a.m. 12 p.m.

14905 Bresemann Blvd. S, Spanaway 98387

[\(View map\)](#)

### Seeley Lake Park

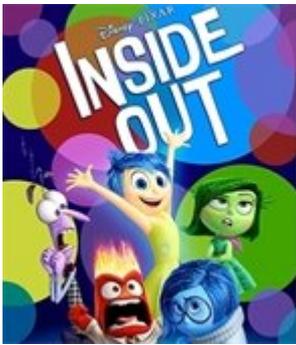
Saturday, April 23 - 9 a.m. 12 p.m.  
9112 Lakewood Drive SW, Lakewood  
([View map](#))

### Parkland Prairie

Saturday, May 7 - 10 a.m. 12 p.m.  
2022 - 198th Ave. E, Sumner  
([View map](#))

### For more information or to sign up:

Contact Jenn at [jsergen@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:jsergen@co.pierce.wa.us) or call (253) 798-4148 .



## Free Family Movie Night

Friday, March 25  
**Inside Out (PG)**

7 p.m.

Lakewood Community Center  
9112 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499  
[Directions](#)

Sit on bleachers, chairs or grab your blankets and kick back for an evening of fun at the movies! Movies are free and begin at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m.



## Edible Gardens: Workshop Series

**March: Starting from Seeds!**

Start your vegetable garden from seeds! Save money, impress your friends and grow plants you won't find at the nursery! Visit the [website](#) to register.

**Puyallup:** Tuesday, March 2 | 6 - 8 p.m. | WSU Extension  
Puyallup | Victoria Room | 2607 W. Pioneer

**Orting:** Tuesday, March 15 | 6 - 8 p.m. | WA Soldiers  
Home | 1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy E

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# Free Workshop on "Surviving the Big One"

The sky may not be falling but the earth may be shaking. By many estimates Pierce County is likely to experience a major earthquake in the near future. That historic event – a possible 9.0 quake – could be tomorrow or 100 years from now. No one knows when.

“Surviving the Really Big One” examines what a 9.0 earthquake will look like and its aftermath in Pierce County with a specific focus for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The presentation will review how roads, utilities and services will likely be interrupted and the length of stoppage. We will also present important tips on surviving such a catastrophic event.

The presentation will be held six times in March:

- **March 14:** 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. (Pierce County Annex, Main Meeting Room, 2401 S. 35th St. in Tacoma)
- **March 15:** 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. (County-City Building, Rainier Conference Room 7th floor, 930 Tacoma Ave. S. in Tacoma)
- **March 14:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr. NW)
- **March 15:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian)
- **March 17:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Graham Library, 9202 224th St. E.)
- **March 19:** 10 to 11 a.m. (Sound View Building, 3602 Pacific Ave. S. in Tacoma)

The workshop is an information-only presentation sponsored by the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and the Aging and Disability Resource Center. The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. For more information call (253) 798-4600 

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