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A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

Joyce McDonald

District 2 E-Newsletter



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Pierce County Council has asked the people of unincorporated Pierce County to vote on whether or not the Council should allow the production, processing and retail sales of Marijuana in the unincorporated portions of

Pierce County. If you live in unincorporated Pierce County, this Advisory Vote No. 1 will be on the ballot you receive in the mail from the Pierce County Auditor's office. The vote is scheduled for April 26th, 2016. Make sure your voice is heard! For more information on the April 26th Special Election visit <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/elections>.

To read more about the adverse effects of Marijuana, visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse [website](#).

Also, April 6th, is National Walking Day. I have included a list of trails that you can enjoy in Pierce County. You will also find information on the 83rd Annual Daffodil Parade, The Spring Fair, and more. Enjoy!

Please contact me 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





Pierce County Council Recognizes its Volunteers!

The Pierce County Council adopted resolution [R2016-18](#) proclaiming the week of March 7 - 13, 2016 as Volunteer Recognition week. The council congratulated recipients of various service awards. This year's winners included:

- Pierce County Juvenile Court CASA Program - Group of the Year Award
- Dave Hamry & Paul Nimmo - Volunteer Longevity Awards
- Betty Backstrom - Recipient of the Special Achievement Award. (Betty Backstrom's family is photographed with the County Council above).



Monthly Lahar Siren Test

The Lahar Warning Siren in Puyallup Valley will be tested at 12 p.m. on April 4th.

Pierce County Emergency Management will test the siren equipment and monitor sound coverage throughout the Puyallup River Valley. The warning sirens will be heard for up to two minutes.

Learn more about [Mount Rainier Lahar Warning Sirens](#)



83rd Annual Daffodil Parade

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Parade Start Times:

- Tacoma - 10:15 a.m.
- Puyallup - 12:45 p.m.
- Sumner - 2:30 p.m.
- Orting - 5:00 p.m.

The Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade is an annual celebration of the community, history, traditions, and growth of its home in Pierce County.

Traveling through the four cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting, the Parade consists of over 180 entries; including floats, bands, marching, and mounted units. Linking one generation to another in tradition, floats are decorated with thousands of fresh-cut daffodils, just like the daffodil flowers that grew in the Puyallup Valley for more than 80 years.

For more information go to visit the [Daffodil Festival website](#).



Get up & Move! National Walking Day

Take the first step to a healthier life by taking part in the American Heart Association's National Walking Day. Wednesday, April 6 is the kick off to a month-long celebration designed to help everyone become more active. On the day of the event, participants are encouraged to lace up their sneakers and take 30 minutes out of their day to get up and walk!

Enjoy one of Pierce County's Walking Trails! Visit the [website](#) for a list of all trails.



Bigger Spring Fair! More family fun!

Shake off your winter blues at Washington's biggest celebration of Spring, the Washington State Spring Fair in Puyallup, April 14 - 17, 2016. The Spring Fair is better than ever with the opening of SillyVille and four new acres of fun! Enjoy many of your favorite rides like the Wild Cat, Giant Slide and C.P. Huntington Train, plus 12 new food booths to wake up your Spring appetite. Join Quigley the duck (and family) to take in adorable baby animals, tons of free entertainment from leaping DockDogs to the new TimberWorks Lumberjack Show, garden workshops, the action-packed Motorsport Mayhem shows, and much more.

Spring Fair gate admission is **FREE** for active, retired and reserve military and National Guard and their dependents, and disabled veterans with a valid military ID all day on Friday, April 15. Show ID at gate turnstile.

For more information, visit the Fair [website](#).



National Help A Horse Day

Pierce County is spot lighting the needs of horses with two events during the week of April 22, 2016.

Free Horse Gelding

Friday April 22, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm @ Frontier Park

Thanks to the grant funding of ASPCA, veterinarians will geld your stallion, as well as offer vaccinations and deworming and IT'S ALL FREE! To schedule an appointment call **253-798-PETS**.

[View the Poster.](#)

INTERVENTION OR END OF LIFE:

A Community Forum On Geriatric Horses

Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm @ Parkland Spanaway Sheriff's Precinct

A community forum about the challenges of geriatric

horses. An expert panel will be present, representing horse rescue organizations, animal control officers, and equine veterinarians.



Clean Sweep

Saturday, April 23
Downtown Puyallup
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.


Join us Saturday, April 23rd as we take to the streets of downtown Puyallup with brooms, pressure washers, and garbage sacks for our annual Downtown Puyallup Clean Sweep. Join forces as many individuals, community groups, school organizations, church groups and more come out to make our downtown a cleaner, nicer living environment.

Meet at the Puyallup Main Street Office, 319 S. Meridian, by 9:45 to receive your cleaning assignment. All volunteers should be dressed in work clothes, shoes and bring gloves if you have them. Cleaning equipment will be provided. We'll have a pizza party afterwards for all who volunteer!



Parks Appreciation & Arbor Day

Saturday, April 23
9:00 a.m.
5 Acre Park in Fife

Join us at 9 a.m. at 5 Acre Park in the Radiance neighborhood to help beautify your community park. Please dress in work and weather appropriate clothing. Arbor Day event begins at 1pm and involves planting trees. For more info call: 253-896-8641 



Puyallup Farmers Market


The 2016 season begins April 16th and runs through mid-October. The market is open Saturdays from 9 am until 2 pm at the Pioneer Park and Pavilion.

Featuring your favorite farmers bringing their best hanging baskets, veggie and fruit starts, flowers and more – all grown right here in Washington. Add a variety of distinct artisan crafters, specialty food vendors, unique and respected non-profits and top notch entertainment and see why the Puyallup Farmers' Market is a premier regional weekend celebration!

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

Executive seeks applicants for Ethics Commission vacancies

The Pierce County Executive's Office is accepting applications to fill two Ethics Commission positions. The citizen commission is responsible for promoting and upholding ethical conduct in Pierce County government.


Applications are [available here](#). You may also request an application by emailing pcexecutive@co.pierce.wa.us or by calling (253) 798-7477 .

The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 24, 2016.

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