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A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

Joyce McDonald

District 2 E-Newsletter



This is the last eNewsletter and communication from my office due to election year black-out rules. Please know you can still contact me if you have anything I can help with regarding Pierce County Government issues.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The month of May marks the 51st anniversary of the “Older Americans Act.” As “Baby Boomers” enter their golden years, education and resources are key to growing old gracefully and safely. Recently, Pierce County has been awarded \$370,985 from the Department of Justice to support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse. The Prosecutor’s Office, which secured one of nine nationwide grants, will team up with local law enforcement agencies and victim service organizations to increase and strengthen training, form a community response team and access to victim services. I have listed some of those resources below.

In this month’s newsletter you will also find information for Mother’s Day events, Memorial Day gatherings, Joint Base Lewis McChord Armed Forces Day - free family activities that are open to the public and more.

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





Pierce County District 2

Meet & Greet with Joyce McDonald

May 7, 2016

Puyallup Activity Center | 9:30 – 11 a.m.
210 W Pioneer Ave. Puyallup, WA 98371

Poodle Dog Restaurant | 1 - 2:30 p.m.
1522 54th Ave. E. Fife, WA 98424



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This will be a great opportunity to hear about new projects in your neighborhood and weigh in on the issues concerning Pierce County Government.



Monthly Lahar Siren Test

The Lahar Warning Siren in Puyallup Valley will be tested at 12 p.m. on May 2nd.

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](#)



Who:
Youth ages 12-19 years old and parents or guardians of teens,
after school programs, youth groups, and leaders.
All youth and parent/guardian attendees will receive a \$25 gift card!



What:
This conference is all about preventing the use of marijuana and other
substances to enhance their "natural high". Join us in a discussion about
the myths and facts of adolescent marijuana use. We want to see youth
in Pierce County prevent their dreams and steps.



When:
Saturday, May 7, 2016
8:30-2:00 pm



Where:
Clover Park Technical College
McGavick Conference Center
4500 Steilacoom Blvd, Building #23
Lakewood, WA 98499

Youth & Parent Marijuana Prevention Conference

Join other members of your community as we learn about the psychological impacts of marijuana and answer the question "What's Your Natural High?" as we explore healthy alternatives to illegal marijuana use by kids and teens.

[Register Here](#)

DATE: Saturday, May 7th

TIME: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Clover Park Technical College
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WHO: Youth & the Parents/Guardians of youth ages 12 - 19. *We also welcome members of after school, community and faith-based youth groups.

DETAILS: All Youth & Parent/Guardian attendees will receive a \$25 gift card and FREE Breakfast & Lunch.



County offers resources for early stage memory loss

Individuals and families dealing with memory loss or facing a diagnosis of Alzheimer's are typically filled with anxiety, fear and confusion. It's a time when the sky can seem to be falling in. But there is hope, there are resources and there are people who can help.

Pierce County Community Connections Aging and Disability Resources (ADR) is hosting “Oh My Gosh – Now What?” a six-part series of discussions for families and individuals. The series will be led by Kris Sawyers-Dowling and Jessica Gerrard, two case managers with Aging and Disability Resources who specialize in providing practical help to families coping with memory loss. The focus will be on the initial journey of memory loss through Alzheimer’s and other Dementias and covers the warning signs and symptoms, managing behaviors, the disease progress, legal concerns, financial issues and local resources.

The schedule for “Oh My Gosh – Now What?” is:

- May 9 – “How do I start the conversation? How do I cope with the shock?”
- May 23 – “What are the typical moods and behaviors? How do I manage them?”
- June 6 – “How do I pay for care? What are the legal things I should do?”
- June 20 – “Where can I turn for help? What are the resources I can rely on?”

All sessions will be held Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Senior Activity Center, 9112 Lakewood Dr. SW in Lakewood. Sessions are free and open to all. People can attend any or all of the discussions. No RSVP is required.

Films on aging highlight Older Americans Month

Movies can be our window on the world and windows into our own lives. In observance of Older Americans Month, the Pierce County Library system and Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources are showing three remarkable films that explore the significant experiences and contributions of older adults who still want to be a part of the world and contribute to their community.

Showings are free and open to the public. Each film will be followed by a brief 15-minute discussion on aging as portrayed by the films’ characters.

Summit Branch Library, 5107 112th St. E. in Tacoma

- May 3 at 1:30 p.m. “Mr. Holmes”
- May 9 at 6 p.m. “Young@Heart”

Sumner Branch Library, 1116 Fryar Ave. in Sumner

- May 10 at 6 p.m. “Mr. Holmes”
- May 19 at 1:30 p.m. “Young@Heart”

University Place Branch Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100 in University Place

- May 18 at 1:30 p.m. “Young@Heart”
- May 21 at 1:30 p.m. “Wild Strawberries”
- May 25 at 6 p.m. “Mr. Holmes”

Click [here](#) for more information.

Additional Elder Resources

[Elder Resource Guide](#)

Pierce County provides assistance with Case Management, Family Caregiver Support, Long Term Care Ombudsman, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

[Elder Abuse Signs](#)

Learn about warning signs of elder abuse and what you can do to help stop financial and physical abuse.

[Aging & Disability Plan](#)

Community Connections 2016-2019 Area Plan- Executive Summary



Free admission to state parks on Mother's Day!

Sunday May 8, 2016

Mother's Day is one of the State Parks Free Days, so you can spend it picnicking and playing at any of these 140 Washington State Parks.

<http://discoverpass.wa.gov/136/State-Parks-Free-Days>



FRIENDS OF STAN & JOAN CROSS PARK

are having a

SPAGHETTI FEED & AUCTION!

Friday, May 20, 2016

5:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m.

in **Frederickson** at the

Pierce County Skills Center



16117 Canyon Road East

Puyallup, WA 98375

Order tickets online at www.fsjcp.org or call (253) 318-5989

\$10.00 for ages 13 and up

\$5.00 for ages 5-12





(Under 5 years of age are free)

Donations for the Auction
Contact: (253) 318-5989

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CROSS PARK



Honoring Vietnam Veterans and all who served.

The Pierce County Council and Executive passed a resolution Honoring Vietnam Veterans and Proclaiming March 29, 2016, as "Vietnam Veterans Day," in Pierce County, Washington.

[Watch the Reading of the council's proclamation.](#)
(Starts at 2 min. 24 sec.)



Armed Forces Day Saturday May 21st from 10 am to 6 pm

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lewis-Main, will open its gates to the Puget Sound community for the installation's annual Armed Forces Day celebration Saturday May 21st from 10 am to 6 pm.

Open to the Public! Take I-5, Exit 119. The general public must use the DuPont gate and will be shuttled to Cowan and Memorial Stadiums. Valid ID cardholders can use the other gates.


<http://www.jblmmwr.com/armedforcesday/>



Annual Puyallup Memorial Day Program

*Sunday, May 29th at 1 p.m. in the Pavilion in
Pioneer Park, Puyallup.*

Guest Speaker: Councilmember Joyce McDonald
Presented by The Puyallup Valley VFW Post 2224

For more information contact:
253-224-5255 

City of Sumner Memorial Day Event



May 30th 10am Ceremony

City of Sumner Cemetery
12324 Valley Avenue East, Puyallup, WA 98372
cemetery@sumnerwa.gov



Tank Fest NW

May 30, 2016

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Flying Heritage Collection

3407 109th St SW

Everett, WA 98204

Bring the family out to enjoy tanks, military vehicles and artillery weapons at this festive annual event, which includes driving and firing demonstrations of tanks and artillery. There will also be a Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors Club parade.

This family event features remote control tanks, reptiles, food, and fun.

Doors open at 10 am on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

Free admission for veterans and children under 5.

Discounted presale information can be found at Brown Paper Tickets. <http://tankfestnw.brownpapertickets.com>

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