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Sumner

A message from your Pierce County Councilmember

# Joyce McDonald

## District 2 E-Newsletter



## December 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Merry Christmas! As my time as your Pierce County Council District 2 Representative comes to a close on Dec. 31, 2016, I want you to know it has been an honor

to serve as your Pierce County Councilmember. In this final newsletter you will read about some exciting Pierce County programs and great family events.

During my past eight years on the Council, I was pleased to serve on the board of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, where I worked to protect women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. Also, I have kept my promises to you to help make Pierce County a great place to live, work and play by supporting our farms and farmers, building the new accessible playground at Meridian Habitat Park, and supporting funding to complete two missing links of the Foothills Trail.

Furthermore, the Council recently passed the 2017 Budget and once again made public safety our number one priority. We have added five new Deputy Sheriffs, increased the budget for the Corrections Bureau, added electronic monitoring services for the pre-trial services program, provided additional support for South Sound 911 dispatch services, and funded two positions in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for pro-active property crime cases.

Please click [here](#) for more 2017 budget details.

I value the trust you have placed in me to represent you on the Pierce County Council. As always, if there is anything I can do to assist you, please feel free to email me at [Joyce.McDonald@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:Joyce.McDonald@co.pierce.wa.us) or call me at my office 253-798-6694 until Dec. 31, 2016. After Dec. 31, you can reach me down at the State Legislator as the 25th District Representative! I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce".

## Meridian Habitat Park Nature Playground Grand Opening

On Oct. 29 the community participated in a ribbon cutting for the new Meridian Habitat Park nature playground. Learn more about this wonderful park on [Facebook](#) or at the [park webpage](#).



PCTV also did a wonderful story on the nature playground. Click [here](#) to view the story.

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## Council recognizes Pierce College 50th Celebration

Councilmember McDonald held her yearly in-district meeting at Fife City Hall in October. One of the many highlights was the reading of [proclamation 2016-138](#). A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive

Proclaiming October 8, 2016, as “Pierce College Day” in Pierce County, Washington. To watch the Council meeting in its entirety click [here](#).

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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](#).

### 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.

### 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 December 5th at noon and last for approximately 2 minutes.

For additional Warning & Alert systems and more information visit: [Pierce County’s Department of Emergency Management website](#).

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## Annual Farm Tour Program

Councilmember McDonald continues to highlight the importance of our Pierce County farms and making sure they have every chance to succeed. See highlights of the Farm tour or visit the [Farm Fresh webpage](#) to see how you can support our local farmers. Click [here](#) to view PCTV story on the tour.



The Agriculture Program was established in 2013 through the adoption of the Ag Initiative sponsored by the Executive Office and Council. Councilmember Joyce McDonald was the lead sponsor of this initiative.

The purpose of the tours has been to provide an opportunity for farmers and County representatives to participate in thoughtful dialogue about what farmers need to succeed, and how best the County can support this endeavor. The overall goal of the Program is to KEEP FARMERS FARMING!

Each tour was conducted in a different part of the County, offering a glimpse into the diversity of the County's agricultural landscape and farmers.

Most importantly, however, has been making the connection with the farmers on a personal level and learning about the day to day challenges and successes that they face each day.

The Pierce County Agriculture Program has been built, in a large part, upon the recommendations and suggestions from the farmers on these tours resulting in:

- Steps by the County to develop and implement action items based on farmer recommendations.
- Improved coordination between the agencies and departments working on agricultural issues.

Click [here](#) to view pictures of the farm tour.

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## 22nd Annual Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park

Pierce County Parks and Recreation is pleased to present the 22nd annual 'Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park,' the largest holiday drive-through display in the Northwest, featuring nearly 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.

Thanksgiving through New Year's Day  
Nov. 24, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017  
5:30-9 p.m.  
Spanaway Park

For more detailed information about this event click [here](#).

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## Puyallup Santa Parade and Holiday Market



See the jolly old elf arrive on one of Puyallup's finest fire engines! This wonderful community tradition is a great way to kick off the holiday season!

The Lighted Santa Parade is on Dec. 3 at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Puyallup.

Holiday Market is from 12 -7 p.m.

For more information click [here](#).

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## City of Sumner Santa Parade



Ho, Ho, Ho...immerse yourself in holiday cheer with the annual Santa Parade down Sumner's Main Street, featuring dancing, singing, floats, classic cars, and Santa himself. The parade goes down Main Street from Sumner High School to Heritage Park. Parking is available on streets and in public parking lots throughout the downtown.

Dec. 3, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information click [here](#).

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## City of Milton Tree Lighting

Bring your friends and family to City Hall to enjoy some Holiday cheer!

Dec. 3, 2016, 3-8 p.m.

For more information click [here](#).

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## Dash Point Social and Improvement Club Dock Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3rd 2016, Starts at 5:30 p.m.

For more information click [here](#).

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## City of Fife 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. Free photos with Santa, cookies/hot cocoa.

Date: Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fife City Hall

For more information click [here](#).

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## Browns Point Improvement Christmas Bonfire Beach Party

A wonderful family event for the holiday season, the Christmas Beach Party is fun for all. Start the night by joining us at the BPIC Board of Trustees' final general meeting of the year inside the Clubhouse. Hot chocolate, cider, and Christmas cookies are provided. Following the meeting, we head to the beach where a giant bonfire will

warm you up. A countdown leads to the lighting of our Christmas tree. Shortly after, the Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship makes a stop by the Clubhouse and serenades us from the water with Christmas songs. Bundle up and come on down.

2016 Christmas Bonfire Party: December 15th  
201 Ton A Wan Da Ave NE, Tacoma, WA 98422

For more information click [here](#).

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