



October 2015 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month



[A resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive proclaiming October 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pierce County. Click the photo to read the resolution in full.](#)

Where you can find help

If you, or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, the [Crystal Judson Family Justice Center](#) is here to help. You'll find all the professional support and resources you need under one roof.

Professionals from a wide variety of social service and government agencies have joined together to work at the Center to offer help and support to clients as they determine their next steps.

Contact Information

ADDRESS: 718 Court E, Tacoma, WA 98402

DV HELPLINE: (253) 798-4166

TOLL FREE: (800) 764-2420
TDD: (253) 798-4620
BUSINESS LINE: (253) 798-4310
FAX: (253) 798-4320

WEBSITE: www.aplaceofhelp.com

Further below in this newsletter, you'll find more information about how to file a police report online, how to trick-or-treat safely, fun-family events, and where to find this season's flu shot.

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, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,



How to file a non-emergency police/sheriff report online

Please use the [online reporting system](#) to report non-emergency lost property, theft, vandalism, or vehicle prowling occurring in Tacoma, Lakewood, Ruston, Sumner, or unincorporated Pierce County.

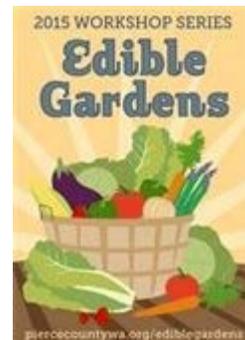
Do NOT use this system to report emergencies, in-progress crimes or previously reported crimes. Clicking this link will direct you to where you can file a police/sheriff report: www.southsound911.org/209/File-a-PoliceSheriff-Report.

Edible Garden Series

Putting the Garden to Bed for Winter

October 6, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ WSU Extension - Victoria Room. Explore the basics of successful vegetable gardening in the Pacific Northwest—from seed to table.

This free workshop series runs from February through November at locations around Pierce County. Click here for [more details](#).



Caring for neighborhood stormwater systems

Pierce County homeowners and homeowner association members are invited to a free workshop Oct. 7 to learn how to prepare neighborhood stormwater systems for the rainy season. [Click here for more information](#).

Halloween safety tips



Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.



Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours. [Read more tips at SafeKids.org](http://SafeKids.org).



Have a Superhero Adventure Party!



Saturday, October 24, 2015
4-6 p.m.
Lakewood Community Center

Action, adventure and fun waits youth of all ages at our Superhero Adventure Party. Come dressed as your favorite superhero or wear a black t-shirt on Saturday, October 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the Lakewood Community Center.

Kids will have fun unleashing their own "special powers" with Superhero games and activities plus receive hero souvenirs, power packed punch and snacks!
An adult will need to be present for children five years old and under to participate.

Registration

Participants must pre-register by October 21. Register online, by phone with Visa/MC at 253-798-4177, or at any one of our centers. The fee is \$15 per youth. For more information, please contact Jen at (253)798-4753.

Special Events for the City of Fife

Fife Harvest Festival

The 2015 Annual Harvest Festival will be Saturday, October 3rd. This event has FREE admission, tons of free activities and is held rain or shine. Jump on your tractor and head on down! Highlights include (but are certainly not limited too) Council corn on the cob, hay rides, face painting, live entertainment, western village, and so much more! Whether you want to be in the parade, become a vendor or just enjoy the FREE all day activities, we want YOU involved!

Date: October 3, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Dacca Park

Cost: Free

More Info: 253-896-8688 or visit the Harvest Festival [webpage](#).

Halloween Carnival

Sponsored by the Fife Police Dept. Games galore, candy, prizes, free flashlights, goody bags and much, much more.

Date: Saturday, October 31st

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Columbia Junior High, Fife

Cost: Free with donation of nonperishable food item

Events for the City of Sumner



Autumn Evening & Scarecrow Contest

Saturday, October 3rd from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy a day of shopping downtown. Don't forget to vote on your favorite storefront scarecrow!

Street of Treats

Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come downtown for a safe location to go trick-or-treating. Main Street will be closed from Kincaid to Ryan for this event.

City of Puyallup



Lego my Library!

Lego builders let your imaginations go wild! Families are invited to participate in this FREE special story time program where young architects and engineers are invited to listen to great books and then build LEGO creations inspired by the stories. The Fall session of this story time series begins Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00 am. It will take place every Saturday morning at the same time until November 21st.

Why Legos? Creating with Lego building bricks enhances reading skills by increasing attention span, memory, creativity, language and vocabulary, and lays the foundation for logical mathematical thinking, scientific reasoning, and problem solving. All skill levels, from Duplo through expert, are invited to join the fun and express their creativity. And parents... did you know that using their imagination with Legos, helps develop hand-eye coordination and other reading skills?

This fun LEGO building story time is aimed at families with children ages 4 to 8 years old. No registration required.

Saturdays October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, November 7th, 14th and 21st at 11:00 am-11:45 am.

**Location: Puyallup Public Library
324 S. Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371**

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Influenza 2015-2016 Season

The flu is more than just a bad cold. For several days, people can suffer with fever, cough, sore throat and body aches. Each year, influenza causes thousands of deaths and hospitalizations. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine.

Information about Influenza Illness

- [Flu and You](#) (CDC brochure)
- [Pregnant women need a flu shot](#) (CDC Fact Sheet)

Influenza Vaccine Information and Resources

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department [influenza vaccine page](#)
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

- resources for adults and kids [immunization page](#)
- Vaccine information statements for the [flu shot](#) and [nasal spray](#) vaccine



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