

Town Topics



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In Memory of Tom Marzano



Tom Marzano was a dedicated employee of the City of Fircrest Public Works Department for the past 25 years. His dedication to his fellow employees, City residents, and people in general will be greatly missed.

From ensuring the streets were clean to working on the utility lines, Tom served the residents with joy, commitment and humor. Public Works has dedicated the new street sweeper in his honor. He will always be in our thoughts and be with us in spirit.



Public Safety

A block watch is an effective way to increase security in your neighborhood, get to know your neighbors and help protect your homes. Call the Fircrest Police Department at 565-1198 if you are interested in making your street safer.

Is speeding a problem on your street? Contact the Fircrest Police Department and learn about our Speed Watch Program. Check out and be trained in how to use a hand-held radar unit to track the speed of cars on your street. The Police will follow-up with a letter to the speeders. Call 565-1198.

National Night Out



On August 2, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the Fircrest Police Department and the City of Fircrest will be joining over 16,500 other communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide in promoting "National Night Out Against Crime."

National Night Out is an opportunity to build neighborhood unity and strengthen the police community partnership that is so important to the success of our community policing efforts.

We are delighted that over the past seventeen years our National Night Out event has been recognized nationally as one of the best events in the nation.

Nationally, over 38 million people participated in National Night Out in 2015. We are extremely proud that last year our event was judged and recognized as the best event in the nation for cities with a population of 15,000 or fewer.

We are planning on making our 2016 National Night Out event the biggest and best in our history. So be sure to mark your calendars and come join our community to celebrate National Night Out on August 2nd, 2016 at the Fircrest Park located at 555 Contra Costa Avenue.

National Night Out
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Community Center and Pool Feasibility Study

The City of Fircrest Hired A|R|C Architects last November to analyze existing conditions and provide design insights for renovation, addition and new construction options for the City of Fircrest Roy H. Community Center and Community Pool. Over the past 5 months, A|R|C Architects and its team members conducted a thorough analysis of the Community Center and Pool. At the end of this process they presented their findings at the May 16 City of Fircrest Study Session Special Meeting. Please take a look at the Feasibility Study and let us know what you think. Go to www.cityoffircrest.net, click on Recreation/Pool then Feasibility Study.



We encourage you to leave your comments, questions, concerns or suggestions by clicking on the link for Parks and Recreation Director Grover's email. This is only the beginning, so please stay tuned as we continue this discussion.

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Who To Contact

City Hall 253-564-8901
Municipal Court 253-564-8922
Public Works 253-564-8900
Community Center 253-564-8177
Non-Emergency Police
253-565-1198
www.cityoffircrest.net

Other Agencies:

Westside Disposal 253-564-3212
Animal Care & Control 253-627-PETS
Humane Society 253-383-2733
Puget Sound Energy 888-225-5773

New Traffic Plan for Whittier

Aware of the heavy traffic surrounding Whittier Elementary, the Tacoma Public Schools presented the City with a proposal they hope will improve circulation. Planning, Public Works, and the Police Department came together with representatives of the school district to address many of the concerns raised over the years. Comment was also sought from the adjacent neighbors. In March, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and approved changes to the pick-up/drop-off plan for Whittier Elementary.

The new plan is scheduled to start in September and will include changes to the bus loading zone, drop-off/pick-up staging areas, and new signage. More information will be coming from the school district to parents as the new school year approaches, but we are excited to share a glimpse of this joint effort to aid this neighborhood.

Fircrest Fun Days



FRIDAY AUG. 12th 5:00 to 9:00 pm
SATURDAY AUG. 13th 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

This two-day event will feature entertainment from local headliners the Blues Power Revue and Wasted on the Way, Reptile Isle, kids rides, games, arts and crafts, food trucks and booths, live entertainment, and our Annual Fun Days Fireworks Show. These are two FUN DAYS you don't want to miss out on!

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing a booth at this year's festival, we have a new lower rate for our craft and commercial vendors. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 253-238-4162 for more information about a Fun Days Booth.

Fire Rating

The Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities of Fircrest. The Protection class for Fircrest has improved from Protection Class 4 to Protection Class 3. This is good news and may have an impact on your insurance premiums especially for commercial properties and businesses. The letter is posted on the City of Fircrest

homepage: www.cityoffircrest.net

You can make a copy of the letter and inquire with your insurance agent to see if your insurance premiums would be impacted.



Upcoming Events

June

26th Strawberry Feed & Band Concert



July

4th Offices Closed
9th Fircrest Derby Days
10th Classic Car Show
22nd Family Movie & Picnic



August

2nd National Night Out
12th & 13th Fircrest Fun Days



Planning a Special Event?



Whether it is a block party or a business anniversary celebration, a special event permit may be required.

Why? Anytime streets are going to be used, obstructed or closed, it is important that Police and Fire are aware, so response vehicles can be redirected in the event of an emergency. Also, there may be zoning or liability issues.

If you are planning an event this summer, please submit your permit application 30 days in advance. A \$25 fee is required for a special event but block parties are free.



Spring cleaning leads to summer yard sales. If you find that you have items that need to go but might be useful to others, then a yard sale is the answer.

If you are planning to hold a yard sale, here are a few things to remember:

- Four "casual or isolated sales" are allowed per year.
- One sale sign is allowed on the property per each quarter of a calendar year.
- One sign per intersection is allowed but it may not be attached to utility pole, street sign, tree or fence.
- Signs may not be placed on the street, sidewalk or any place that would interfere with traffic, pedestrians or property.