

Town Topics



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Fircrest Community Garden

Council is in the process of looking at the possibility of providing an area for a community garden on City property in Fircrest. A study session was conducted to review the guidelines and some possible locations. This effort is being presented by WeDig Fircrest, a group that desires to have a garden where residents can grow their own vegetables.

The areas being considered are in Fircrest Park on Spring Street near the City Park maintenance garage, on Electron Way next to the tennis courts and in Whittier Park near the restrooms and south of the tennis courts. The Well 6 & 7 site on Claremont Street near Sunrise Lane was discussed but was eliminated as not feasible.

Two local churches are also being looked at as alternative locations.

If you any comments, concerns or ideas, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Grover at 238-4160, jgrover@cityoffircrest.net or City Manager Rick Rosenblatt at 238-4121, rosenblatt@cityoffircrest.net.

Parks and Recreation

Whittier Park Clean Ups

Over the past year Fircrest Resident Katie Baker and the Pierce Conservation District have been conducting Habitat Stewardship Work Parties at Whittier Park. The stewardship work includes removing invasive plants near the trail system and prepping the site for planting native species. If you would like to participate, you may contact either Katie Baker (Krhbaker@gmail.com) or Belinda Paterno (belindap@piercecountycd.org).

<http://www.piercecountycd.org/374/Habitat-Stewardship-Program>

Thelma Gilmur Park Stewardship Program

With the help of Pierce Conservation District and the Tahoma Audubon Society there has been a great group of stewards removing invasive plants near the trail system and planting native plants at Thelma Gilmur. The Stewardship group is tentatively scheduling their work parties for the first Monday of the month from 9 -12. We will continue to post information at the Thelma Gilmur Park Kiosk and at the Roy H Murphy Community Center as these times may change.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The City of Fircrest's Comprehensive Plan is the overall guiding document to development in the City, from types of housing to capital improvements, from parks to utilities. We would encourage everyone to take a look.

Once a year the City may amend this document. Besides City initiated updates, individuals may apply for amendments to be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council. Amendment applications will be accepted through May 31, 2017 at 5:00PM. Amendment requests received after the deadline will not be considered during the 2017 amendment process.

Information pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan and amendment process is available through the Planning and Building Department: 253-564-8902, planning@cityoffircrest.net or on the website.

The City of Fircrest is recruiting for the following summer positions:

- Pool Cashier: \$11.15 - \$11.65/hr
- Lifeguard/Swim Instructor: \$11.70 - \$12.20/hr
- Recreation Leader: \$11.80 - \$12.30/hr
- Day Camp Recreation Leader: \$11.80 - \$12.30/hr
- Maintenance Worker: \$11.15 - \$11.65/hr

Open until filled. Contact the Recreation Department at 253-564-8177 or visit the website for more info.

Thanks to your donations, the flags and hanging flower baskets will be going up in May. If you wish to help keep this tradition going, please consider a donation no matter how small (or large). We will list your name as a donor in a future edition of the Town Topics. You may also memorialize a loved one or celebrate a joyous event. Flyers are included with your utility bill or feel free to contact City Hall.



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Community Survey



Thanks to all who completed and returned the survey that went out with your utility bills or was emailed to you regarding the Community Center, pool and activities. After staff and the Council appointed Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee review the surveys, they will share the compiled information and comments with the Councilmembers and residents. The results will be posted on the City's website in late spring or early summer. Your responses will be used by the City Council to provide guidance as we look at the future of the pool and Community Center. Both are in need of remodeling or replacing and the Council values your input to help them plan future directions.



Passport Processing At City Of Fircrest



Individuals can apply for a passport at the City of Fircrest. The Municipal Court, located in City Hall at 115 Ramsdell, takes applications during the following hours:

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 am—3:00 pm*

Wednesday 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Passport applications can be picked up at City Hall or go to www.travel.state.gov.

Upcoming Public Works Projects

Construction season is here and will be for the rest of the summer. Public Works has a few capital projects that will be underway this spring and summer.

As you read this you are probably aware of our improvement project on Emerson to add sidewalks between Orchard St. and Alameda Ave. This project will hopefully be completed in late May or early June and also includes some improvements to the intersection of Alameda and Emerson. This project was partially funded by a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board.

Another project is the upgrade of the Alameda Sewer Lift Station, located at approximately 46th and Alameda Ave. The 40 year old pump station will be upgraded with new pumps and better control systems. Scheduled to start in May and to be completed by October, this project is being funded with the City's sewer capital improvement funds.

Traffic Signal improvements are planned for the signals at the intersections of Alameda and Regents and Alameda and Emerson. Design is underway this spring with

construction to start in July. This project provides for improvements to the existing traffic signals and pedestrian crossings at these intersections and updates our signal equipment. We are anticipating only minor delays at these intersections during the construction time. This project is being funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Water main improvements are planned along Ramsdell from Contra Costa to Forest Park Drive. This project will be replacing an old water main that has had a couple of breaks over the last few years and needs to be replaced. This project is scheduled to be under construction in July. This project is being funded with the City's water capital improvement funds.

These improvements help keep our City up to date and maintained. Public Works thanks the citizens for their patience and understanding during the construction of these projects. Feel free to contact Public Works with any questions and concerns you may have, 253-564-8900.

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
Tacoma Power 253-502-8600

Volunteer Opportunity: Planning Commission

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in the development of Fircrest? Do you have an interest in the growth and feel of our neighborhoods?

Consider serving on the Fircrest Planning Commission. The Commission is responsible for reviewing, recommending and making decisions on land use and zoning issues for the City. The position is voluntary and serves a 6-year term. Applicants must reside within the city limits and be a registered voter.

Interested citizens should submit a letter of interest (resume optional) addressed to:
Fircrest City Hall
c/o Mayor's Office
115 Ramsdell Street
Fircrest, WA 98466

Appointments are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Letters will be accepted until 5:00 pm Friday, May 5, 2017. Questions can be directed to the Planning and Building Department: 253-238-4125; planning@cityoffircrest.net.