

Town Topics



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National Night Out



On August 1, 2017 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, the Fircrest Police Department and the City of Fircrest will be joining over 16,100 other communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide in promoting "National Night Out Against Crime." In all, over 38.5 million people participated in National Night Out in 2016 and this year's event is expected to be larger still.

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. Last year, our event included law enforcement agencies, fire departments, other emergency responders, civic groups, military, business groups, neighborhood organizations and public officials.

We are delighted that over the past eighteen years our National Night Out event has been judged and recognized nationally as one of the best events in the nation and we are very pleased that we received a special award from Safe Streets for our commitment to positive resident involvement.

Be sure to mark your calendars and come join us at the Fircrest Community Center for a night of fun, enlightenment, and relaxation.

New Website

Welcome to Our New Website

www.cityoffircrest.net
Same address, new look

After eight months of research, development, and content entry, the City launched a new website on May 11. Our goal was to create a more professional-looking, user-friendly site. With the upgraded *Upcoming Events* calendar and *News and Notices* posts, the City will be able to provide better, up-to-date information that will be archived for future viewing. The new site also provides a search box, improved navigation, and revolving highlights. Over the next year, various departments plan to expand their presence on the site, providing even more useful information. Please check it out!

Accepting Credit Cards

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

Are you buying a pool pass this season?

Do you need to sign your children up for swim lessons?

How about swim team?



CREDIT CARDS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED AT THE POOL.

Coming soon, the City will offer credit card payments at the Community Center and City Hall. However, utility payments must still go through Xpressbillpay.com.

2018 Budget Starting Soon

Even though we are only halfway through 2017, the City is starting the 2018 budget process. Staff will begin compiling data and crunching numbers in June. The preliminary budget will be presented to Council on September 12th. Budget study sessions will be held Monday, September 25th and every Monday in October with public hearings set for October 10th and October 24th.



Planning Commission

At the request of the City Council, the Planning Commission will be reviewing our current regulations on vehicle storage (recreational, boats, trailers, cars, etc.), short-term rentals (AirBnB), home occupation standards, and licensing of rental properties over the next several months. The Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Please visit our website (www.cityoffircrest.net) or follow us on Facebook (@CityofFircrest) for more information.

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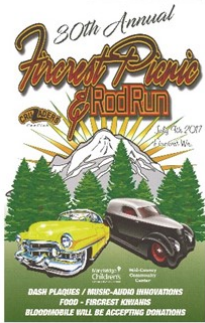
Upcoming Summer Events

Strawberry Feed & Band Concert

June 25, 5:30PM



Listen to great music at the Ron Russo Pavilion at Fircrest Park while enjoying Strawberry Shortcake. Shortcake will be served at 5:30PM and the band will begin at 6PM. Cost is \$2.00 per shortcake.



Fircrest Picnic and Rod Run

July 9, 10AM-3PM

A wonderful tradition is back again to showcase over 300 cars. The Fircrest Kiwanis will be serving a great breakfast and burgers for lunch.

Movie & Picnic in the Park

July 21, 6PM (Movie starts at 9:00PM)



Join us for this year's feature presentation of Trolls. The event starts at 6PM, so find your spot on the grass and have some fun playing frisbee, volleyball, and eating hot dogs prepared by the Fircrest Kiwanis. The movie is scheduled to start at 9PM.



Fircrest Fun Days

August 11, 5PM-9PM

August 12, 10AM-10PM

Two days of fun you don't want to miss! Visit over 50 booths featuring local artists and businesses. Friday night festivities start with the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner and live music. Join us Saturday for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast followed by kid's performances, reptiles and three great bands. Close out the evening with our annual Fircrest Fun Days Fireworks Show.

Social Media Dangers



As you know, crime is on the increase in most large U.S. cities. It is also becoming more prevalent in small communities.

Remember, police officers can't be everywhere and by working together cooperatively we can benefit our entire community.

Thinking that a crime can only happen to someone else and doing nothing to prepare yourself or take precautionary measures makes you the perfect victim criminals are looking for. Making yourself less of a target is simpler than you might think.

Social media has become an important part of everyday life. Notifying friends or family of milestones and offering congratulations to another on a job well done can be important ways to share our lives with those we care about. Social media also informs us of impending dangers and where critical information can be found during a significant event. It uses words and pictures to help us understand our world.

However, before posting a message or picture it is always a good idea to think of who will actually be on the receiving end of the information. In today's world, it seems everybody has a Facebook or Twitter account. Telling all of your friends on your Facebook page that you are going to be leaving the country for a week is probably not wise to do. It is also not wise to Tweet out the fact you're going out to dinner with your husband and your kids or "we are going to the Seahawks game this weekend". Now you've announced that your house is empty for the next five or six hours.

You can never be sure where that information will end up. Remember the most innocent tidbit of information that is shared with the wider public can be damaging in ways most people do not realize.

The less information that you share with the public the better protected you are from becoming a victim of a crime. The criminal element takes advantage of any tool they can get their hands on in order to further their cause so let's not assist them in doing so.

Chief John Cheesman

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

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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