

# City of Fircrest

# Town Topics

October 2019

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### Mayor's Message



I'm guessing that many of you have sat under the roof of the Ron Russo Pavilion in Fircrest Park at some point. I've been there for my kids' soccer and baseball photos and banquets, I bid on auction items during National Night Out, and I've occasionally dashed under there for relief from our Northwest rain.

The pavilion is one of those spaces that contributes to our sense of community because it provides a pleasant place to gather with friends.

It was also showing its age. The pavilion was built in the early 1990s, and the roof was in dire need of replacement.

That's when Fircrest-based Acme Roofing stepped in. Co-founders Spencer Ross and Steve Keller offered to replace the pavilion's roof. For free.

For a few days in August, Acme donated time and labor to put a new roof on our beloved pavilion. They even got the materials donated by Pabco Roofing Products, a company based in the Tideflats. For Spencer, it was personal.

"I grew up in Fircrest, on Alta Vista," he told me. "I had a wonderful childhood here. As I drive around Fircrest looking at the roofs I've done, I remember who used to live in those houses when I was a kid. I had a paper route, and the box was

right there on the corner by the pavilion. I would never have thought as a kid that I'd have the opportunity to give back to the community where I grew up."

In fact, the pavilion roof marked the third time this year that Spencer volunteered Acme's services to the city. In May, city staff members were perplexed as to how we were going to patch a large tear in the deteriorating liner at the shallow end of the pool. If we couldn't patch it, we couldn't open the aging pool for one last summer.

Our friends at Acme came over and used their roofing expertise to patch the liner. Then we drained the rainwater out of the deep end and discovered another major tear. Again, Spencer came to the rescue. After we repaired a faulty pump (the pool really was on its last legs), we were able to open the pool for a shortened season before tearing it down to start building a new pool.

I never take volunteerism for granted. One of the hallmarks of a great community is knowing there are people who will support it with their time and talent. On behalf of the City Council and the residents we serve, thank you Spencer Ross and Acme Roofing!

Hunter T. George  
Mayor



# Serving the community since 1925

## Public Works Capital Projects

### High Tank Site Painting Project

This project was completed in August and was completed on time and within the project budget. The project was accepted by the City at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### Alameda Avenue Grind and Overlay project

This project is completed with the final striping being done after September 18<sup>th</sup>. The City received a grant for this work from the Puget Sound Regional Council and it was completed within the project budget and grant amount.

### Farallone Avenue storm drain improvements

A new storm line has been installed along the 1200 block of Farallone. This work is funded from the storm capital budget and was done by our public works crew. Restoration and final paving of the project will be done in late September.

### Water main replacement on 400 block of Farallone

This water main replacement project has been completed by

our Public Works crew. Final paving and restoration was done in early September.

### Sanitary Sewer connecting main on 100 block of Farallone

This project is connecting existing backyard sewer mains that were previously done and rerouting the sewer line to replace an existing line that runs underneath a house. The project was completed by Pape & Son at the end of August. The final paving and restoration is being done and will be completed by the middle of September. The project was completed on time and within budget. The project is funded by the sewer capital fund.

### Water main replacement on 400 block of Summit Ave.

Water mains that are undersized and old will be replaced along this block. This project has been delayed until next summer due to conflicts with other work and scheduling of the public works crew. The project is now scheduled for early spring 2020. This is funded by the water capital fund.

## Halloween Safety

With Halloween quickly approaching, the Fircrest Police Department would like to remind residents to consider the following safety tips during fall festivities, especially for those who plan on trick-or-treating or who will be out at night.

Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31, falls on a Thursday this year. We will have extra patrol officers on duty helping to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Halloween.

We have inventoried the street lights in town and have provided a list of those needing replacement to our Public Works Department so that they may be repaired prior to Halloween. We are working closely with our Public Works Department and if you do happen to notice a street light out in your neighborhood please call Fircrest Public Works at 253-564-8900 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and they will get out to repair the problem as soon as possible. By working together our hope is to have all our street lights working on Halloween night.

### Those who are attending a party in or out of town should remember:

Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.

### Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

### Going trick-or-treating?

We want everyone to be able to safely enjoy their Halloween and fall festivities this year and by following these safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control we can best ensure a fun evening for all our residents.



**Many young children will be out for the evening, especially during the peak hour of 5:30 -7:30 p.m., so please drive slowly!!!!**

Check out our **Up To Date Information** webpage [www.cityoffircrest.net/updates](http://www.cityoffircrest.net/updates) for the latest information, including current meeting agendas, minutes, resolutions, ordinances, and project updates.



# Serving the Community Since 1925

## Construction Begins on New Pool



Our new pool and community center are off to a great start. We broke ground on Aug. 19 for the pool portion of the project and construction has begun, with the goal of opening the new pool sometime next summer.

In April 2019, Fircrest voters overwhelmingly approved a parks bond to build the new Fircrest Community Center and Pool. Years of planning and input from Fircrest citizens led to this point.

The new Community Center and Pool will feature:

- Larger, 15,000- sq. ft. community center with spaces for weddings, business rentals and other events; community kitchen, teen room and other gathering places. The center will also serve as a community emergency shelter.
- High-school sized multi-purpose gym for sports and fitness programs
- 25-yard pool with six lap lanes, a diving board and a whirlpool play area
- Kiddie pool
- New pool house including locker rooms, party room and community kitchen
- Outdoor plaza and pedestrian pathway better connecting the pool, community center and adjacent park

We've launched a website [www.fircrestcommunitycenter.org](http://www.fircrestcommunitycenter.org) to keep you up-to date on the entire project. Here, you will find project descriptions and renderings, construction timelines, FAQs and more. We invite you to share your memories of the old pool and community center via the link on the *Memories* page.

We're pleased to announce two generous donations from the Bill and Joyce Edwards Foundation (\$1 million) and the Names Family Foundation (\$3 million) that will help us reach our fundraising goal for this project. Our fundraising goal is \$8.5 million; with these and other grants we've received, we have \$2.0 million left to raise. The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is serving as the repository of funds raised. For more information, visit the *How to Support* page on the project web pages.



## Demo Days!



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## Thank you from the Fircrest Parks & Recreation Department

We have a fantastic team of volunteers that help to make our community events happen. First and foremost: the Fircrest Kiwanis! They work tirelessly to better our community and give so much to all our local events.

And we are so thankful for the amazing team of volunteers that helped put the Fun back in Fircrest FunDays! So here's a huge shout-out and thank you to the best team imaginable:

**Fun Days Co-chairs:** Chris Anderson and Lexi Barnett

**Team:** Elisabeth Albers, Lynne Dixon, Valerie Chontofalsky, Donna O'Connor, Josh Ricker, Sue Schoettler and Bonnie Viafore.

They've worked tirelessly since February to make 2019 the best Fun Days to date. And we've already started planning for the 2020 Fun Days! Save the date: July 17th & 18th 2020!

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Alyssa Johnson  
Well Fitness Studio  
Bliss Small Batch Creamery  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Foss High School Key Club  
Grant Schmidtke  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Karen Gower  
Ken Schmidtke  
Lacey Bierman  
Leslie Rider  
McDonald's  
Randall Family  
Rollin' 253  
Quentin Fielding  
Starbucks  
Valerie Chontofalsky  
Westside Disposal

### Fish n Fun

Bass Pro Shop  
Builders Club  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Foss Key Club  
Jakob Stonefeld  
Karlán Stonefeld  
Starbucks

### Easter Egg Hunt

Alyssa Johnson  
Bliss Small Batch Creamery  
Bonnie Viafore  
Chief Cheesman  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Fircrest Police Department  
Grant Schmidtke  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Ken Schmidtke  
Steve Schoettler  
Top Pot Doughnuts

### Mother & Son Dance

Alyssa Johnson  
Ben Homan  
Bliss Small Batch Creamery

Costco  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Grant Schmidtke  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Karen Gower  
Ken Schmidtke  
Leslie Rider  
Narrow Plaza Bowling  
Mimi's Tea  
Oliver Stratton  
Shannon Carlson  
Starbucks  
Valerie Chontofalsky  
Westside Disposal

### Strawberry Feed

Fircrest Kiwanis

### 32nd Annual Rod Run & Picnic

Amy Rider  
Celeste Ayton  
Classy Chassis  
Colleen Corcoran  
Don Grover  
Exercise Science Center  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Fircrest Police Department  
Floor Guys  
Gary Squire  
Grant Schmidtke  
Griot's Garage  
Ken Miner  
Ken Schmidtke  
Leslie Rider  
Marina Santos  
Marty Schmidtke  
Perry Family  
Steve Jorgensen  
Sun Break Café  
Tacoma Fire Department  
Team Insurance  
Terry Parker  
Tom & Valerie Chontofalsky  
Walter Helig  
Westside Disposal

### Fun Days Planning Team

Chris Anderson: *co-chair*  
Lexi Barnett: *co-chair*  
Bonnie Viafore  
Donna O'Connor  
Elisabeth Albers  
Josh Ricker  
Lynne Dixon  
Sue Schoettler  
Valerie Chontofalsky

### Fircrest Fun Days

Alyssa Johnson  
Amber & Brandon Smith  
Ben Robyn  
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Bliss Small Batch Creamery  
Brittany Stokes  
Bruce Viafore  
Bryce Kalland  
Chief Cheesman  
Choppers  
Classy Chassis  
Columbia Bank  
Colleen Corcoran  
Curious Bear  
Danielle Bender  
Derek Bray  
Espresso Yourself  
Family EyeCare Associates  
Farmers Insurance  
Fircrest Jewelers  
Fircrest Kiwanis  
Fircrest Swim Shop  
Fircrest Vet Hospital  
Fort Fido  
Figures  
Fircrest Golf Club  
Fircrest Police Department  
Fircrest Pharmacy  
Girl Scout Troop  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Jessica Dickason  
John Albers

Julie & Nathan Carnahan  
Kara Farley  
Karen Gower  
Laura Robyn  
Mary Ruth Pope  
Michael Schoettler  
Michael Darrah  
Mud Bay  
Nadine Lewtas  
Narrows Brewing  
OBDBK & Kidwings  
Paper Luxe  
Passport to Wildlife  
Pod Works  
Positive Approach  
Puget Sound Pet Food Bank  
Puyallup Animal Rescue  
Ricker Family  
Rodenbeck Family  
Russ & Bridget Hays  
Sammy's Pizza  
Skate World Tacoma  
Scott & Mary Mannering  
Scotty Clement  
Smart, Kokich, Quinn  
Spring Lake Cafe  
Sternio Farms  
Stonefeld Family  
Tapco  
The Makery  
The PodWorks  
Tronson Family  
Westside Disposal

### Aloha Pool Party & Movie in the Park

Alyssa Johnson  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Fircrest Kiwanis

### Concert Market & Picnic in the Park 1 & 2

Mosaic Home Group  
Team Insurance  
Bonnie Viafore