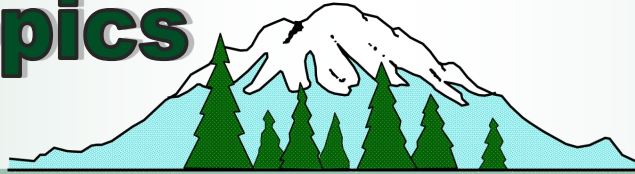


City of Fircrest

Town Topics

April 2026



CITY COUNCIL

Nikki Bufford, Mayor
Brett Wittner, Mayor Pro Tempore
David M. Viafore
Shannon Reynolds
Karen Mauer-Smith
Hunter T. George
Joe Barrentine

Councilmember Spotlight: Nikki Bufford



Greetings, neighbors!

We are already a few months into the new year and moving full steam ahead. This year we welcome a new councilmember, a new Mayor, and a new Mayor Pro Tempore. Joe Barrentine was elected to Position 7, returning to City Council for a term running from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2029. At our first meeting of the year, the Council unanimously selected me to serve as Mayor and Brett Wittner as Mayor Pro Tempore for two-year terms. Councilmembers Dave Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, and I were also re-elected to our positions and began new four-year terms.

Already this year we've had many beautiful days bringing folks outside to gather in parks and walk, bike, and run throughout the community. Public and pedestrian safety remains a priority for the City Council, and over the past several years it has been a goal to develop a comprehensive pedestrian safety plan. To advance this work, I partnered with Council to establish a council study committee focused on improving safety and mobility for residents and visitors alike. I appointed Councilmember Hunter George to chair the committee, joined by Councilmembers Joe Barrentine and Karen Mauer-Smith, the committee will work with Police, Public Works, and Administration to review existing conditions and best practices and help guide development of the plan. In the meantime, multiple sidewalk projects are already underway across the city.

The Parks & Recreation Department is also gearing up for another busy year at the Community Center. Between day camps, festivals, sports leagues, and everything in between, the Community Center is truly the place to be. Be sure to check out the full slate of programming available on the City's website, you're bound to find something of interest. If you enjoy our community events, please consider joining me and many of your neighbors as an event volunteer.

Residents are also always welcome to attend City Council meetings or share feedback with the Council. Staying connected and involved helps ensure we continue making decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of our community.

Fircrest is a special place because of the people who call it home. Whether you're volunteering at an event, attending a council meeting, or simply enjoying our parks and neighborhoods, your involvement helps make our community stronger. I look forward to seeing many of you around town in the months ahead.

Nikki Bufford, Mayor
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Fircrest Police: Leash Law Reminder for Fircrest Residents

Happy April! Spring is right around the corner, and with warmer weather on the way, more pedestrians and their pets will be enjoying time outdoors. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the City's required leash law.

Under Fircrest Municipal Code (FMC) 7.03, dogs must always be on a leash unless they are in a designated off-leash area. Currently, the City of Fircrest does not have any designated off-leash areas.

The Police Department regularly receives complaints regarding dogs that are off leash. While parks and open spaces may seem like ideal places to throw a ball or allow dogs to run freely, doing so is a violation of city code. The Police Department is obligated to enforce the law as written.

In the coming weeks, you may see officers contacting dog owners to advise them of the leash requirement. We will begin with a warning period to ensure all residents are aware of the ordinance. Following this education period, officers will begin issuing infractions as part of the enforcement process. The fine for having a dog off leash is \$513.00.

Our goal is not to issue citations, but to gain voluntary compliance and ensure a safe and comfortable

environment for everyone in our community. While many members of the department are dog lovers, we recognize that not all residents are comfortable around off-leash dogs.

For reference, FMC 7.03.150 states in part:

"Unless in a designated off-leash area ("off-leash area" shall mean any area designated by the city within which dogs, under the effective control of the owner or custodian, may be off leash), it shall be a violation for the owner or custodian of any dog to cause, permit, or allow such dog to roam, run, stray, or be away from the premises of such owner or custodian and to be on any public place or any public property or the private property of another in the city unless such dog, while away from such premises, is controlled by a leash or chain not more than eight feet in length..."

We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our community safe and welcoming for all.

Chief Victor Celis



Spring Cleanup Reminder—Please Don't Blow or Throw Yard Debris into the Street!

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As the sun begins to shine and lawns spring back to life, the dedicated residents of Fircrest head outdoors, proudly tending to their yards and showcasing the care they put into keeping our community beautiful. We know that leaves and grass clippings can be frustrating to manage, especially when they seem to migrate from a neighbor's yard overnight!

However, raking or blowing yard debris into the street is not permitted. Yard debris is considered a prohibited contaminant and is one of the leading causes of storm drain clogs and localized flooding. When debris enters the street, it washes into the storm system, where it can block drainage and create preventable issues for the entire community.

With just a little extra effort to bag, compost, or properly dispose of yard waste, we can all help protect our streets, storm drains, and neighborhoods. Thank you for doing your part to keep Fircrest clean, safe, and looking its very best this spring!



Join us! City Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday's of the month at 7:00 pm, Council Study Sessions are the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, & Planning Commission Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Parks & Recreation: Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS



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2026 FIRCREST PARKS & REC COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT	APRIL 4
MOTHER & SON DANCE	MAY 8
COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE	JUNE 20
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL	JUNE 28
ROD RUN CAR SHOW	JULY 5
FIRCREST FUN DAYS!	JULY 17-18
FURRY 4K	JULY 18
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	AUGUST 4
DERBY DAYS	AUGUST 8
EVENT TO BE ANNOUNCED	AUGUST 20
SCARECROWS OF FIRCREST	OCTOBER 2026
HAUNTED TRAILS	OCTOBER 15
FIRCREST	NOVEMBER TBD
HOLIDAY MARKET & TREE LIGHTING	DECEMBER 6
LIGHTS OF FIRCREST	DECEMBER 2026

FIRCREST PARKS & RECREATION



COLUMBIA BANK AND THE KIDWIRE CLUB PRESENT THE ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 4, 2026

START TIMES
10:00am 1-3 years (walkers) - Tot Lot
10:15am Creepers (NON-walkers) - Gym
10:30am 4-6 years - Fircrest Park
10:45am 7-9 years - Fircrest Park

BRING YOUR BASKET TO COLLECT EGGS!

9:30 AM - JOIN US AT THE PARK FOR EASTER BUNNY & MURPHY PHOTOS

COLUMBIA BANK



MOM & SON BACK 2 THE 80's DANCE PARTY

6:30 - 8:30 PM
Fircrest Community Center

TICKETS GO ON SALE:

FIRCREST RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
Adults \$10.00	Adults \$15.00
Seniors \$5.00	Seniors \$10.00
Kids \$2.00	Kids \$5.00

Includes: Photo, party bag, games and light refreshments.



FIRCREST COMMUNITY YARD SALE

JUNE 20, 2026
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
FIRCREST, WA

FIRCREST RESIDENTS!
REGISTRATION OPENS ON MAY 1

TO HAVE YOUR ADDRESS INCLUDED ON THE MASTER LIST OF SALES
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 12TH

SIGN UP BEGINS MAY 1ST!

Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp

PARKS AND RECREATION

Community Center Hours

Open Year Around - 8 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday & 9 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday (Excluding Federal Holidays)

SUMMER CAMPS

NEW Outdoor Adventure Day Camp: Learn wilderness survival skills while hiking and exploring local parks, trails and beaches.

2 weeks, M-F 9 am-4 pm Ages 10-14

- Week 1: June 29th-July 3rd
- August 17th-21st

Summer Day Camp: Camp will be filled with activities that include, neighborhood walks, team building games, sports, swimming, crafts and more.

6 weeks, M-F 9 am-2 pm Ages 6.5-12

- Week 1: July 6-10th

- Week 2: July 13-17th
- Week 3: July 20-24th
- Week 4: July 27-31st
- Week 5: Aug 3-7th
- Week 6: Aug 10-14th




Summer Day Camp
SAVE THE DATE!

Weeks

- Week 1: July 6th-10th
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- Week 6: Aug 10th-14th

9:00AM - 2:00PM

Registration open April 1st for Residents & April 8th for Non-Residents

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!
JUNE 29TH - JULY 3RD & AUG 17TH - 21ST

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Senior Programs & Trips

Kick off your mornings with some fun and friendship at a relaxed gathering for coffee, doughnuts, games, and newspapers at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center. Join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9AM to 11AM.

But that's just the beginning! Fircrest Parks and Recreation holds monthly senior trips—designed especially for you to explore local treasures. We've toured spots like Snoqualmie, Poulsbo, Ocean Shores, and many more. With only 13 seats available per trip, every adventure is intimate and full of great moments. Here's how to join up:

Online: Visit fircrest.recdesk.com, then go to Programs > Adult Activities > Senior Trips

In Person: Drop by the Roy H. Murphy Community Center at 555 Contra Costa Ave, Fircrest, WA 98466.

Remember, you'll need a valid RecDesk account to sign up. For any questions, just shoot an email to parksandrec@cityoffircrest.net.

We're excited to have you join us for these wonderful

experiences, whether it's a morning catch-up or an adventurous trip across town. See you there!

National Senior Health and Fitness Day

Wednesday May 27th Noon—4 pm - Names Family Foundation Gymnasium

Join us for our second annual Senior Resource Fair designed to connect older adults with valuable local services and programs. Meet representatives from community organizations, learn about health and wellness resources, explore support services, and discover opportunities that can help you stay active, informed, and independent.



Edwards Family Aquatic Center

Planning is currently underway for the 2026 pool season at the Edwards Family Aquatic Center! Opening Saturday May 23, the Edwards Family Aquatic Center is available to the community 7 days a week through Labor Day.

Fircrest Pool Season Pass Member List Update

Family Season Passes are limited to Fircrest Residents Only. (Punch Cards are available for both Fircrest Residents and Non-Residents)

As we prepare for the 2026 swim season, the City of Fircrest will be auditing our verified Fircrest resident list for Family Season Pass holders.

This process helps ensure that Fircrest residents continue receiving resident benefits, including eligibility for the Family Season Pass and access to the express entry gate during the swim season. It also

helps us keep records accurate and consistent with City policies.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to maintain a fair and efficient system that prioritizes Fircrest residents. For the most up-to-date information including purchasing 2026 season passes and verifying residency, please visit our website.



Visit our Parks & Recreation webpage for up-to-date information on all of our programs, events, and facility rentals.

<https://www.cityoffircrest.net/government/parks-and-recreation/>