



Pierce County Councilmember

**Roger Bush**

Representing the  
communities of

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**District 3 News**



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## *February, 2012*

### **The Council Calendar**

The County Council will hold its annual “retreat” in mid-February to develop our work plan for the coming year. Several major issues will be at the forefront for discussion, including flood control zone regulations and shoreline management rules. These annual meetings are valuable in that they allow ample time for review and discussion on topics related to county business. The meetings generally include presentations by our in-house experts on matters pertaining to the county budget, land use regulations, public safety, and economic development. I always come away from these two-day retreats feeling a clear sense of direction for the Council for the coming year. This year, the Council will “retreat” to the Environmental Services Building, which is located at 9850 64<sup>th</sup> St. West in University Place. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

### **You can watch your County Council at work**

Regular Pierce County Council meetings are aired live every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on [Pierce County TV](#). The meetings are replayed on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m., Sunday at 5 p.m. PCTV is your TV and Web source for County Council programming.

- **Watch** meetings live or replayed on channel 22 ([weekly schedule](#)) or **stream live** on the Web.
- **Search** for council and committee meetings in the [video archive](#).
- **Purchase** a DVD of any program by calling (253) 589-5878 or e-mailing [pcrcc@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcrcc@co.pierce.wa.us) (*duplication fee applies*).

For information about all Pierce County Council activities, including current legislation and meeting agendas, click [here](#).

## January - Wow!



The January Storm really packed a wallop in Pierce County as it did in many parts of western Washington. Fortunately for citizens of Pierce County, we have a Road Maintenance Department that is second to none in the state (and possibly in the country). I can't say enough about the quality of work consistently performed by our Road Maintenance Department. They prepare well in advance in order to be ready to respond.



During January's snow/ice storm event, these folks risked life and limb to get the roads clear of snow, ice, and fallen trees. They worked round-the-clock on alternating 12-hour shifts in dangerous and difficult situations.

Here are just a few statistics to illustrate my point. During the January storm, crews responded to over 600 calls for downed trees, snow/ice, or localized flooding. On January 20, over 340 sites had lane or road closures. By January 22, crews had reduced that number to eleven, with the remainder being dependent on utility crews and other jurisdictions.



They laid 2,516 tons of salt, plowed and treated 1,517 lane miles of primary arterial routes, and plowed 924 lane miles of secondary road in rural Pierce County. They did all this with a level of organization and dedication that is a model for all county departments.

***My sincere thanks and appreciation go out to all the road maintenance crews for their extraordinary work.***

### **From the Department of Emergency Management:**

***If your property sustained damage during the January storm, there is useful information on the Pierce County Emergency Management Department blog. Please click on this link: [January Storm](#).***

***Sign up to receive emergency alerts from the Department of Emergency Management. You will receive critical information during such situations as weather emergencies, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Click [here](#) to sign up!***

## Got potholes?

Since the latest freeze, you may have noticed a pothole or two in the roads you travel. The constant freeze-and-thaw of our northwest winters creates the conditions for the development of potholes. We make a great effort to keep our county roads in good repair, and that means fixing potholes before they become driving hazards. If you see a pothole, please report it right away by calling the Road Maintenance 24-hour service line at 253-798-6000. You can also place a repair request online at: [Request for Action](#).



## Would you like to be an advisor to the County Council and County Executive?



You can be one by joining a Citizens' Advisory Board or Commission. These boards are comprised of citizen members who study particular issues and provide input to the County Council and County Executive regarding related county policies and regulations.

There are several current opportunities to participate. If you wish to fill a vacant position on any of the following advisory boards or commissions, please download an application and submit it to the office of the County Executive. Your involvement is important!

- Arts Commission (one District 3 position and one At Large District 3 position) [Application](#)
- Parks and Recreation Board (one At Large position) [Application](#)
- Frederickson Land Use Advisory Board (four positions) [Application](#)
- Graham Land Use Advisory Board (four positions) [Application](#)

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