

## **Ladenburg announces Livable Communities Fair 2/9/02**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

**Livable Communities Fair aims  
at making Pierce County  
an even better place to live**

**Pierce County is among the state's fastest growing counties, and the effects of population growth are both evident and a concern. More than 200,000 additional persons will be residing among us by 2017. Can something be done to preserve our quality of life?**

**Shortly after taking office in January, County Executive John Ladenburg started looking at ways to address the issue. The result is an educational fair promoting ways to save money, cut energy costs, learn about recycling, make cost-effective home improvements, provide neighborhood safety and strengthen the local economy.**

**"I am pleased that a Livable Communities Fair will be held in Pierce County Feb. 9, 2002 at the Tacoma Narrows Airport," Ladenburg announced. "The fair will be a countywide effort aimed at raising awareness about projects and programs that make communities more livable. It's an opportunity for individuals, companies, developers, nonprofit organizations and government agencies to bring together ideas for making our community the kind of place we want it to be for our families today and in the years to come."**

**Fair topics likely will include parks, salmon recovery, natural resource conservation, transportation issues and environmental services. The format will include booths, speakers and workshops. Fair manager Shirley Tomasi of Gig Harbor was instrumental in successfully producing a similar fair in King County.**

**"It's about how we can work together to make a better community and how we can make our homes better," Tomasi said. "We're going to have dozens of booths, interactive activities and workshops for people and groups with a wide variety of interests and concerns."**

**From energy conservation to fighting urban sprawl, from salmon issues to transportation and development, the fair's participants will provide information and hands-on teaching. "People are genuinely interested in doing their best to improve their quality of life and to do their part to improve the earth," she said. "The fair will help them get ideas on how to do that."**

**Ladenburg's vision is for an educational forum that will move around the county from year to year. "We'll start in the Gig Harbor area, but other communities will have opportunities to bring it to their areas in coming years," he said.**

**Vendors, organizations and others interested in participating in the fair can obtain additional information at [www.livablepiercecounty.org](http://www.livablepiercecounty.org).**