Fife spotlight

Have you shopped local lately?

Check out Fife's newest businesses

Local businesses need your help now more than ever. Have you dined out in Fife lately? Or gone furniture shopping? Have you picked up some nuts or chocolate at Emily's or the Almond Roca factory? If you can afford to do so, please consider shopping local. A strong business economy means a stronger community in Fife. Speaking of shopping local, here are a few openings we'd like you to know about.

Wienerschnitzel

Local restaurant owner Domenic Baker has opened Pierce County’s first Wienerschnitzel, a California-based restaurant chain known for its long list of economically-priced hot dogs. The menu also includes corn dogs, burgers, chili fries and Tastee-Freez brand soft serve ice cream. Fife’s Wienerschnitzel is located next to Taco Bell at 5156 Pacific Highway E., Fife. The restaurant opened September 25.

Seasonal favorites are on the menu now, including a pumpkin spice shake and pumpkin spice dipped cone. This is the kind of place where you can feed the whole family for less than $20. Corn dogs and hot dogs start at $1.69 and there are family meal packs that will feed a crowd for a great price. Check out the crowd pleaser pack that comes with three corn dogs, three chili dogs and three orders of fries for $13.

The lines have been long during the opening weeks. The best times to visit are earlier in the day or in between lunch and dinner.
BOOT BARN OPENS

Boot Barn, a Western & Work Wear store, has opened in Fife. The Western apparel store with a broad selection of cowboy boots and work essentials opened October 6 at 5108 Pacific Highway E., right next door to Wienerschnitzel.

The California-based chain offers online shopping as well as store shopping. They're also offering curbside pickup right now. Social distancing policies are followed for store shopping and masks are required for entry. The store is operating at 25 percent capacity, but the store is quite large, which means there's plenty of room to spread out and keep a safe distance.

Boot Barn is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. They'll celebrate their grand opening the weekend of October 23 to 25. More information at bootbarn.com.

POODLE DOG REOPENS

Fife's favorite destination for big breakfasts and fantastic desserts has reopened! Poodle Dog, located at 1522 54th Ave. E., Fife, had closed after restaurant restrictions were put into place to curb the spread of the coronavirus. October 1 was the first day back in business for the legendary restaurant that has been a Fife staple since 1933. Check out the restaurant's menu at poodledogrestaurant.com.

MORE LOCAL BUSINESSES

To find out which local businesses you can support right now, please visit the FME Chamber's website at http://fmechamber.org/

CITY OF FIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFE CANDY SHUTTLE

The City of Fife Candy Shuttle will be spreading some Halloween cheer from 4-6 p.m. Friday, October 30. We will be driving through various neighborhoods in Fife and handing out bags of candy in a socially distant and safe way.
Routes and times will be posted the week of the event. Check facebook.com/fifeparksrecaquatics or cityoffife.org for more details.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the shuttle bus. Keep a safe distance and watch for traffic.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR AQUATIC CENTER PROGRAMS

Registration for October programs at the Aquatic Center is now open for private swim lessons, lap swim and parent-tot classes! Sessions are ongoing. Be sure to check the city's registration website for times and details.

All distancing precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all guests at the Fife Aquatic Center.

Registration for November programs opens on October 19. Registration and details: cityoffife.org/register

SOME SENIOR PROGRAMMING HAS RETURNED

The Fife Community Center is currently hosting limited senior programming at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Programs this month include crafts, emergency preparation and book recommendations. These socially-distanced programs are in an outdoor tent, so please dress for the weather. Health and safety remain the highest priority for the Fife Community Center and precautions will be continually evaluated. Reservations are required because space is limited. Call 253-896-8654.

FREE thanks to funding from the CARES Act
INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS IN FIFE

To address the growing housing affordability crisis, the 2019 Washington State Legislature passed E2SHB 1923, encouraging all cities planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to increase residential building capacity through a menu of potential code amendments. Five million dollars in grant assistance was provided for local governments to adopt certain actions listed in RCW 36.70A.600 to achieve that goal.

The City of Fife selected four code amendments to pursue and received a grant through the Department of Commerce for this work.

The four actions include;
1) Permitting duplexes on corner lots in the Single Family Residential (SFR) zone,
2) Permitting triplexes in additional zones,
3) Removing some restrictions on accessory dwelling units, and
4) Increasing the threshold of a short subdivision.

These proposed amendments are first presented to the Fife Planning Commission for discussion. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Fife City Council for review before any or all of the amendments are adopted into the Fife Municipal Code. To learn more, please visit cityoffife.org/housing or contact Associate Planner Taylor Jones at tjones@cityoffife.org or Senior Planner Chris Larson at clarson@cityoffife.org.
you to know that Washington State is a vote-by-mail state.

Voters do not need to request that a ballot be mailed to them.

A ballot is automatically mailed to all registered voters.

Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 16, 2020. For more information on the upcoming election, please check this website from Pierce County Elections.

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**KEEP UP WITH CITY HAPPENINGS**

In keeping with the state’s directive regarding public meetings and limiting public contact, the Fife City Council has been conducting remote city council meetings. To find out how you can participate in those meetings, visit cityoffife.org and select the date for the next council meeting. Citizens who would like to submit comments in advance of the meeting may do so by emailing the comments to the City Clerk’s office at cityclerk@cityoffife.org or sending via postal mail to 5411 23rd Street E, Fife, WA 98424.

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