



## Coming in 2024: The Splash Pad at Colburn Park

We are excited to announce that construction on the Splash Pad at Colburn Park is scheduled to begin this year and is expected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend 2024.

Located adjacent to the Fife Aquatic Center, this new amenity will add 2,650 sq. ft. of accessible recreation space, including three main play areas (for toddlers, teens and families) with a range of spray features and a slip-resistant concrete surface.

Surrounding the splash pad will be a border of 8" x 8" bricks—that's where you have a chance to make your mark on this future recreation space.

Up to 500 bricks are available to be engraved with your message. Celebrate a life event, commemorate a loved one, advertise your business or simply add your family's name to the list of those who are making a splash in our community—it's up to you!



### *Buy a Brick, Build a Legacy*



#### **Tier 1: \$500**

Commercial or nonprofit organizations. May include name, address, phone number, slogan, etc.

#### **Tier 2: \$200 / \$150 for Fife residents**

Non-commercial. For families and individuals.

Each brick can accommodate up to six lines of text only (no logos or symbols) with 20 characters per line including spaces. Text must conform to city standards. The deadline to purchase is Dec. 31, 2023.

[Visit cityoffife.org/buyabrick](https://cityoffife.org/buyabrick) for full details.

## New Kid on the Business Block Watch

Fife Police Department is launching a reinvigorated Business Block Watch program, facilitated by Fife's new police services specialist, Dani Davis-Trichel.

The free program brings local businesses together with Fife PD to help combat crime. Member businesses are asked to commit to attending occasional meetings,

looking out for their neighbor businesses and alerting them to suspicious activity.

In return, Fife PD offers training sessions for employees in topics such as theft prevention, drug awareness, workplace violence and active shooter scenarios.

To learn more about the Business Block Watch program, watch the

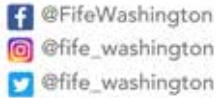
new "Chat With the Chief" video at [cityoffife.org/FifePDcomms](https://cityoffife.org/FifePDcomms) or email [ddavis-trichel@cityoffife.org](mailto:ddavis-trichel@cityoffife.org).





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## City Happenings

### Don't Drive Distracted!



You probably already know it's illegal to use personal electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets or video games while driving in Washington state. Even so, many people still find it difficult to keep their attention on the road—an estimated 8% of fatal crashes and 15% of injury crashes are caused by distracted driving.

**Here are some ways to help you drive distraction free:**

**Plan ahead:** Take care of things that could distract you before you leave, such as eating, making phone calls or setting up navigation or music.

**Set it and forget it:** Set your phone to 'do not disturb' mode.

**Out of reach, out of mind:** Place your phone physically out of reach.

**Take a break:** For longer trips, build in time for breaks to use your phone, change music or have a snack.

Find additional safety tips online at:  
[cityoffife.org/safetystarts](http://cityoffife.org/safetystarts).

## SR 167 Virtual Open House

Want to know more about the status of the SR 167, I-5 to SR 509 New Expressway Project?

WSDOT has created an online open house intended to provide information about construction on the project and what neighboring communities in Fife and travelers in the Tacoma and North Pierce County region can expect during construction.

The site offers a full project overview, descriptions and schedules for each of the primary work zones, and a place to share your comments and concerns.

This open house is available through Feb. 20, 2023 at <https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/sr167completionproject>.

## Sweetheart Dance

Dig out your dancing shoes—it's almost time for Fife's Sweetheart Dance, which will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Dacca Barn (2820 54th Ave. E., Fife).

This beloved annual event is a chance for kids to create lifelong memories with a parent, grandparent or other special adult in their life.

There will be pizza, an ice cream bar, a photo booth, a craft activity and, of course, a DJ spinning dance tunes.

Tickets, \$18 per person, are available at [cityoffife.org/register](http://cityoffife.org/register) through Feb. 10. Please note that each child must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Thanks to our sponsor for this event, Freedom Martial Arts Academy.

