

RELOCATION GUIDE



LIVING IN FIFE

About + Contents



About Fife

Once a small farming town, Fife has grown into a hub of community, industry, and retail opportunities. Located along Interstate 5 with close proximity to Sea-Tac International Airport and the nearby Port of Tacoma, the City of Fife is a center of industry and commerce in the Puget Sound region.

Fife is a wonderful town to call home. With an award-winning school district, free year round special events, and miles of parks and trails to explore, your family will love Fife.

"I love how 'small town' Fife feels. It's great that no matter where we are, my 6 year old son runs in to some friends from school."

Amanda Willson Yeater, Fife, WA

No B+O tax, I-5 exposure, and a responsive City Government and Chamber of Commerce also make Fife the perfect place to do business.

"As a Manager of a hotel here in Fife, I have found the city officials to be very approachable and interactive. Their desire for a strong community is evident."

Mark Horace, Extended Stay America

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History + Demographics

Fife was founded in 1957 and was named after William J. Fife. Fife was a prominent Tacoma lawyer, once head of the Washington National Guard, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the field during the Philippine Insurrection. Fife covers roughly 5.7 square miles of land between the Puyallup River and Puget Sound.

As of 2012, 9,235 people call Fife home. Fife maintains a quiet neighborhood feel. There are seven parks to enjoy, with amenities that include an off-leash dog area, ponds, walking and biking trails, and ball fields and sports courts.



CityofFife.org

City Government

Vision Statement

Fife will be a vibrant destination with a healthy balance between residential, commercial, and industrial uses, all of which are interconnected with green infrastructure and open space that supports a great quality of life.

City Government

The city manager shall serve as the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the city. The city manager shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all city affairs. The city adopts the classification of a noncharter code city operating under the council-manager form of government as set forth in Chapter 35A.13 RCW.

City Manager

- Implements the adopted policies of the City Council by coordinating City services to meet the needs of all who live, conduct business, and play in the City of Fife.
- Proposes policies and programs, carries out directives voted by the City Council, and develops a long range view of City problems, needs, goals, and objectives for consideration by the City Council.
- Prepares general rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of the administrative offices and departments of the City and supervises the preparation of the City's budget and financial reports each fiscal year.

Mayor

- Provides leadership to guide the functions of city government
- Establishes policy positions for city departments to carry out
- Implements the policy guidance given by the legislative branch (City Council)

City Council

- Seven Members
- Directs City Manager
- Passes ordinances and resolutions as a reflection of the City's policy direction

Operating Departments

- Executive
- Finance
- Public Works
- Community Development
- Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
- Police & Courts

The City of Fife strives for a sense of community, bringing together business, industry, and residents in one cohesive partnership to increase the quality of life for all. The City of Fife is also proud of the rich mixture of culture and history that help make it a diverse and vibrant place to live and work.

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Housing

Living In Fife

Location is everything! Fife is close enough to Tacoma, Seattle, and major freeways to offer all the amenities, but still retains a small town atmosphere. In Fife you will find a huge parks and trails system, year round community activities, and many citizen driven commissions which makes Fife the perfect place to live and prosper. Fife truly represents the intersection of Agriculture, Industry, and Community. This ever-growing community now boasts shopping, dining, and grocery stores along with library services, recreational opportunities, and more. For a complete list of things to do in Fife, see pages 5-6.

Rental Opportunities

There are many rental opportunities in the Fife area. With roughly 15 rental complexes and units, rent for one-bedrooms start as low as \$600 per month. For more rental options, visit www.PugetSoundAreaRealEstate.com.



Buying a Home in Fife

By Denise Christofferson, Keller-Williams Realty

As someone who has grown up and been a part of the community for many years, I can personally say that Fife is a great place to live!

As a Realtor®, I provide services for my clients, wherever they might need me in the Puget Sound Area. In my profession I enjoy the opportunity to see many communities, which gives me great perspective, allowing me to be a better resource and guide for my clients.

Fife is small enough to get to know your neighbors, yet big enough to provides a lot of great services and opportunities.

Fife is very welcoming, to both residents and businesses. They recognize that being “business friendly” is good not only for business, but also builds a valuable relationship between the business and residential community, which continues to help Fife thrive and grow.

A few great reasons to be a part of Fife:

- Great sense of community, opportunities to get involved & free annual events
- Awesome schools & lots of trails and parks
- Convenient location- Easy access to I-5
- Affordable housing

For more local housing info, rates, and how much home you could afford, contact me by email at dchristofferson@kw.com; at www.DeniseChristofferson.com or phone- 253-208-4492. I am here as a local community resource and am happy to help. Feel free to contact me.





Quality of Life



Pierce County Library- Fife Branch

253-548-3323 - 6622 20th Street East
Our 6,000 foot library is open six days a week, has conference rooms, computers, and over 25,000 books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Residents can also enjoy many other programs and options. www.piercecountylibrary.org

Outlet Shopping

20th Street East between 54th & Port of Tacoma
Fife is home to many outlet stores, conveniently located together, including: Sportco, Brown & Haley Confections, Emily's Gourmet Chocolate & Nuts, Parr Cabinets, and Costco Business Center.

Performing Arts Center

253-896-8606 - 2901 54th Avenue East
As a world-class facility, the Fife PAC hosts musical, dramatic, & magical performances year round. Each December the family classic "Nutcracker" comes to town.

Fife History Museum

253-896-4710 - 2820 54th Avenue East
Our interactive museum includes rotating exhibits, videos, and knowledgeable staff. The Museum Campus also includes a very rare train engine and caboose at the Dacca Barn.

Dacca Barn

253-896-2593 - 2820 54th Avenue East
The completely renovated barn offers meeting space, kitchen, and AV equipment in a historical setting.

Playgrounds + Parks

Fife boasts over 150 acres of public parks, natural areas and open space, nine parks, and four playgrounds. You can go for a spike on sand volleyball courts, rent ball fields for tournaments, shoot hoops, stop for a bite under the shaded picnic shelters, and entertain the kids at one of the many playgrounds.

Fife Swim Center

253-922-7665 - 5410 20th Street East
Immerse yourself in our unique pool with a salt sanitizing system. The Swim Center includes a 25-yards main pool, children's wading area, hot tub, and can be rented for parties.

Trails

Over five miles of designated trails await you! Hike, bike, walk, or run on our well maintained and beautiful trails.

Off-Leash Dog Park & Pond

A place for the pup! Located in Dacca Park, the area includes flat walking trails, picnic areas, & two ponds. Your four-legged friends will love it!

Hylebos Nature Area

This 15-acre habitat restoration project has hiking trails, animal watching, & volunteer projects.

Fife Community Center

253-922-0900 - 2111 54th Avenue East
Engage your body and/or mind while enjoying youth, adult, and senior classes and workshops. You can rent the facility for events.



Special Events



February

Sweetheart Dance

Date: Saturday, February 9
Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Cost by February 5th: \$25/pair
\$5 each additional daughter
Cost at door: \$35/pair
\$10 each additional daughter

Hot Spot & Free Throw Competition

Date: Saturday, February 23
Time: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free
Location: Columbia Jr. High School

March

March Madness Masquerade Ball

Date: Saturday, March 9
Time: 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
Cost by March 12: \$25/pair
\$5 each additional son
Cost at door: \$35/pair
\$10 each additional son

Teen Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Friday, March 29
Check-in Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Dacca Park, Fields 3 & 4
Ages: 11-16
Cost: \$3

Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 3-10)

Date: Saturday, March 30th
Time: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Location: Dacca Park
Cost: Free

April

Parks Appreciation & Arbor Day

Date: Saturday, April 20
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parks Appreciation
1-2 p.m. Arbor Day

May

Boys' Sports Day

Date: Saturday, May 11
Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$20 pair/\$5 each + son

Girls' Sports Day

Date: Saturday, May 11
Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$20 pair \$5 each add. son

June

Fit in Fife Day

Date: Saturday, June 8
Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Cost: 5K Race by May 31 \$5
Day of: \$10
Kids Dash: Free

Walt's Family Car Show

Date: Sunday, June 30
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Dacca Park
Cost: Free Spectator Admission

July

Movie in the Park (Free)

Date: Saturday, July 27
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Dacca Park

August

Movie in the Park (Free)

Date: Saturday in August
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Dacca Park

October

Fife Harvest Festival

Date: Saturday, October 5
Time: All Day
Location: Dacca Park
Ages: All Ages
Cost: Free

Halloween Carnival

Date: Wednesday, October 31
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Fife High School
Ages: All Ages
Cost: Free

December

Holiday Tree lighting w Santa

Date: Tuesday, December 3
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Fife City Hall

Breakfast with Santa

Date: Saturday, December 7
Time: 9 - 11 a.m.
Cost: Participants 4 & Up \$5.00
3 & U Free

Holiday Movie

Date: TBD
Time: Activities start at 6:30 p.m.
Movie at 7 p.m.
Location: Columbia Junior HS Gym
Cost: Free Admission!

Santa Run

Date: Saturday/Sunday TBD
Time: Starting at 10 a.m.
Cost: Free



Education + Child Resources

Public Schools

Fife School District

Jeff Short / Suzanne Shade
5802 20th St E
Fife, WA 98424
253-517-1000
jshort@fife.k12.wa.us / sshade@fife.k12.wa.us
www.fifeschools.com

Private Schools

All Saints (Pre K-8th)

Terry Morissette
504 2nd St SW
Puyallup, WA 98371
253-845-5025
tmorissette@allsaintsparish.com
www.allsaintspuyallup.org

Higher Education

University of Washington Tacoma **1**

1900 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-692-4000
www.tacoma.uw.edu

University of Puget Sound **2**

1500 North Warner Street
Tacoma, WA 98407
253-879-3100

Everest College **3**

4905 Pacific Highway East #3A
Fife, WA 98424
253-926-1435
www.everest.edu

City University **4**

3700 Pacific Highway E #112
Fife, WA 98424
253-896-3210
www.cityu.edu



Child Care Resources

Preschools

MunchkinLand Child Care & Preschool
Kathy Bright
6205 20th Street East
Fife, WA 98424
253-922-1028
munchkinlandfife@hotmail.com
www.munchkinlandfife.com

Women, Infant, & Children Services

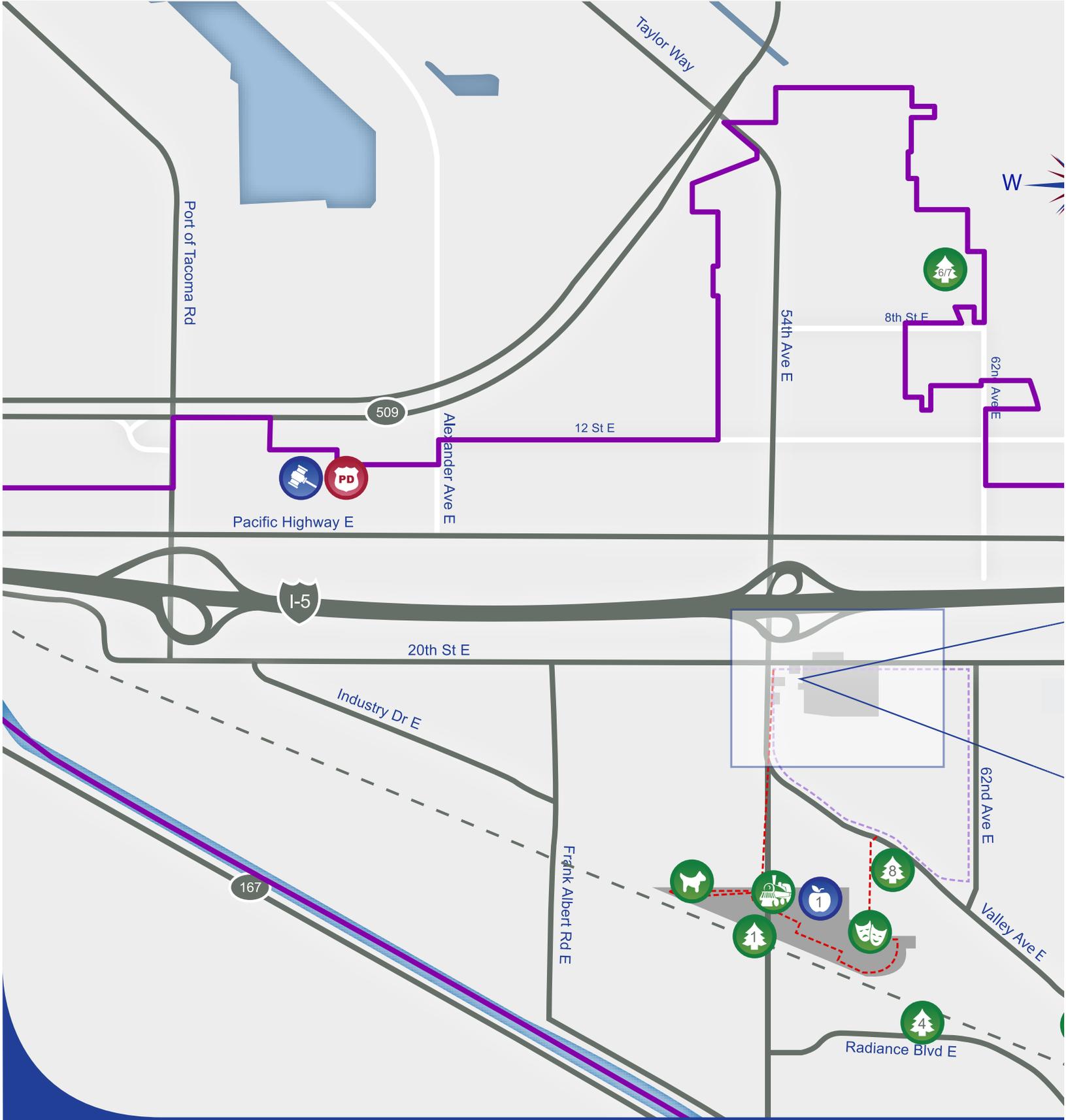
The FCC & SeaMar Community Health Center have joined forces to provide pregnant women, infants and children with supplemental food and basic health care. In order to be eligible, a client must meet the income guidelines and have a medical or nutritional risk which the WIC staff will help determine. You must make an appointment in order to be seen.

Dates: M/T/W/Th & 1st, 3rd, 4th, Friday
of each month

Times: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., by
appointment only

Location: Fife Community Center





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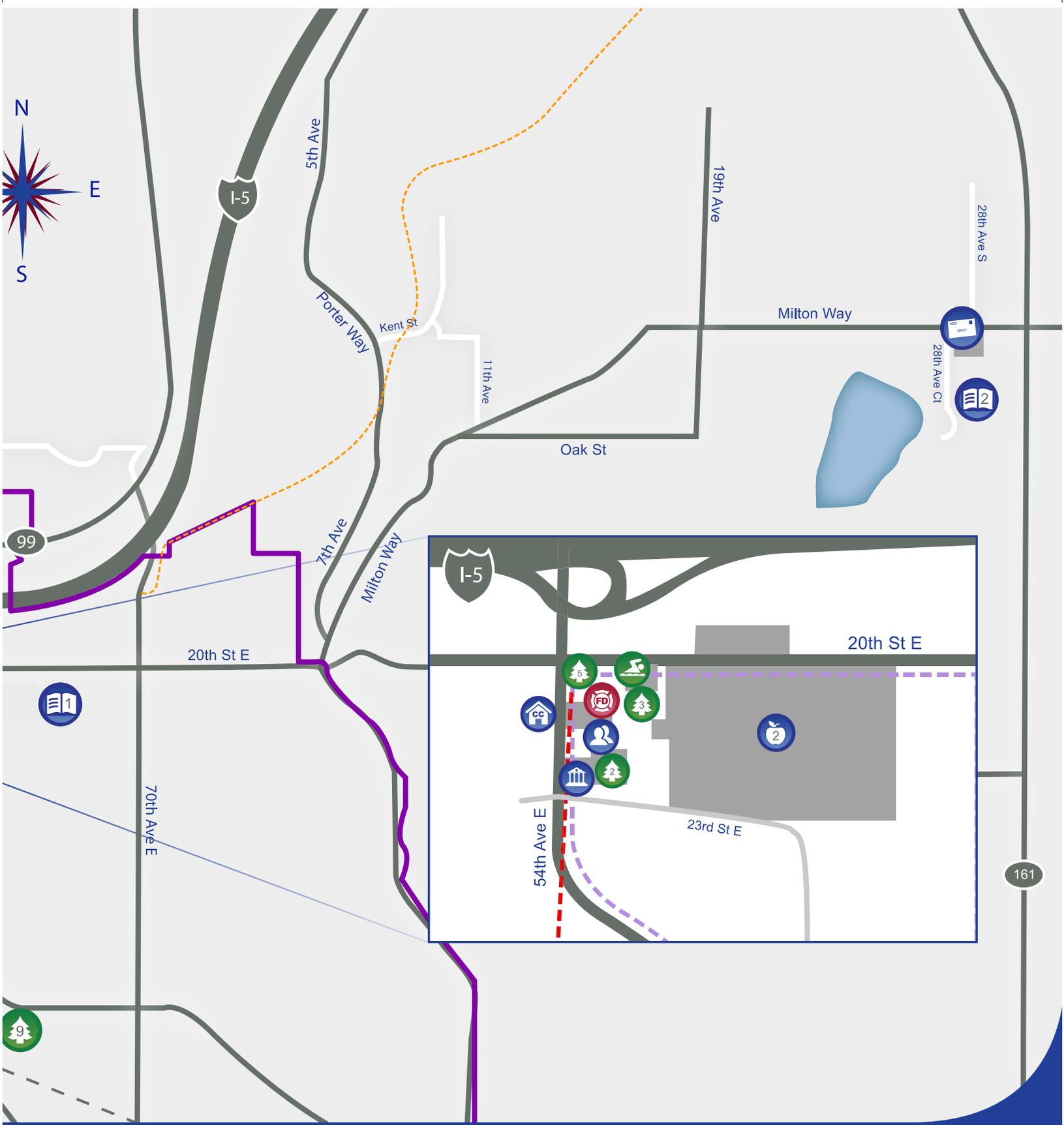
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-  Railroad - - - -
-  **WALKING TRAIL**
- Route 1 
- Route 2 
- Route 3 
-  **POOL**
- Fife Swimming Pool

-  **PARK**
- 1. Dacca Park
- 2. Centennial Park
- 3. Colburn Park
- 4. Five Acre Park
- 5. Fountain Memorial Park
- 6. Hylebos Nature Area
- 7. Milgard Nature area
- 8. Wedge Park
- 9. Brookville Gardens (future)

-  **COMMUNITY CENTER**
-  **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**
- Columbia Junior High Sch
-  **DOG PARK**
- Dacca Park



GENERAL MAP

 DOG PARK Dacca Park	 POLICE DEPARTMENT	 LIBRARY 1. Fife Public Library 2. Pierce County Library	 MUSEUM Fife Historical Society
 CITY HALL	 FIRE DEPARTMENT	 SCHOOL 1. Columbia Junior High School 2. Fife High School	 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 COURTHOUSE	 POST OFFICE		

City Limits ———

Health + Wellness

Hospitals + Clinics

Franciscan Occupational Health
1930 Port of Tacoma Road (3.8 Miles)
Tacoma, WA 98421
253-272-6677
michaelrivers@fhshealth.org

Multicare Health Works
502 54th Ave East (1 Mile)
Fife, WA 98424
253-697-4151
1-888-280-5513
www.multicarehealthworks.org

Urgent Care + Occupational Medicine Center of Auburn Regional Medical Center
1413 South 348th St Bldg L Ste 104 (5.1 Miles)
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-874-2000
www.auburnregional.com

Fife Chiropractic + Health Awareness Center
4505 Pacific Hwy E Ste B1 (.8 Miles)
Fife, WA 98424
253-922-0450
fife_chiropractic@hotmail.com
www.fifechiropractic.com

Mobility Concepts, Inc
Melissa Cleary
1017 54th Ave E Ste A
Fife, WA 98424
(253) 896-0970
Fax: (253) 896-0971
sales@mobilityconceptsinc.com

Churches

Lighthouse Storehouse
6202 20th Street East
Fife, WA 98424
(253) 886-4273
lighthousestorehouse.com

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 122nd Ave E
Edgewood, WA 98372
253-863-5171
office@mtviewluthern.org
www.mtviewlutheran.org

New Life Adventist Ministry
5600 Valley Avenue East
Fife, WA 98424
253-208-7991
newlifeadventistministry.org

New Horizon Christian Church
5600 Valley Avenue E
Fife, WA 98424
253-926-6831
newhcc.com

Dental Care

Distinctive Dentistry
5615 Valley Avenue East
Fife, WA 98424
(253) 922-6822
distinctive-dentistry.com

Dr. Lisa Buttaro, DDS, PLLC
6106 20th St E
Fife, WA 98424
253-926-3803



FME Family Dental
6104 20th Street East
Fife, WA 98424
253-922-6667
fmefamilydental.com

Twin Lakes Dental Lab
6106 20th St E
Fife, WA 98424
253-922-0501
twinlakes@dtidental.com
www.twinlakesdti.com

Fitness + Wellness

Fife Parks, Recreation, + Community Services
2111 54th Avenue East
Fife, WA 98424
253-922-0900
www.cityoffife.org/parks

Hardkor Personal Training
Kory Edwards
5510 15th St E
Fife, WA 98424
253-988-6946
kory@sankor.com
www.sankor.com

Utilities + Transportation

Water + Sewer

City of Fife

New Installation:

253-922-9624

Leaks:

253-922-9315

Billing + Discount Services:

253-922-9623

Code Enforcement:

253-896-8634

Passports:

253-896-8616

Garbage

American Disposal Co Inc

3600 Port of Tacoma Rd # 505

253-922-8008

www.murreysdisposal.com

Power

Tacoma Public Utilities

253-502-8600

www.mytpu.org

Puget Sound Energy

1-888-225-5773

www.pse.com

Telecommunications

Click! Network

253-502-8813

www.clickcabletv.com

Net Venture, Inc

253-942-8400

www.net-venture.com

Rainier Connect

253-683-4218

www.rainierconnect.com

Residential Alarm Monitoring:

Fife Police Department

\$19.95/Month

253-922-6633

Air

Seatac International Airport

17801 International Blvd

Seattle, WA

206-787-3000

www.portseattle.org

Rail

Amtrak-TAC

1001 Puyallup Avenue

Tacoma, WA

253-627-8141

www.amtrack.com

Public Transportation

Pierce Transit

1-800-562-8109

www.piercetransit.org

Car/Truck/Bus Rental

Ryder Transportation

253-272-7125

www.ryder.com

Fife License & Title

4905 Pacific Hwy East Unit 2A

Fife, WA 98424

253-840-4591

www.dol.wa.gov

Emissions Testing Facility

4912 Pacific Highway E

Fife, WA 98424

253-926-3277

Drivers License + Testing

733 River Rd

Puyallup, WA 98371

253-840-4564



Government Agencies



Fife City Council

Lew Wolfrom, Pat Hulcey, Richard Godwin, Tim Curtis
Dierdre Dukes-Gethers, Mayor Rob Cerqui, Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Hull

City Manager

Dave Zabell

Local

Port of Tacoma

Sean Eagan
1 Sitcum Plaza
Tacoma, WA 98401
253-383-5841
seagan@portoftacoma.com
www.portoftacoma.com

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

3009 E Portland Ave
Tacoma, WA 98404-4926
253-573-7800
www.puyallup-tribe.com

Pierce County

Executive Pat McCarthy
County-City Building
930 Tacoma Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-798-7477
pcexecutive@co.pierce.wa.us
www.co.pierce.wa.us

State

Governor Jay Inslee

416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Ste 200
Olympia, WA 98504-0002
360-902-4111
www.governor.wa.gov

25th Legislative District Senator Bruce Dammeier

Republican
203 Irv Newhouse Bldg
Olympia, WA 98504-0406
360-786-7648

Representative

Dawn Morrell
Position 1, Democrat
306 John L. O'Brien Bldg
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
360-786-7948

Representative

Hans Zeiger
Position 2, Republican
468 John O'Brien Bldg
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
360-786-7968

10th Congressional District

U.S. Representative

Denny Heck
Democrat
Washington D.C. Office
425 Cannon House Office Bldg
Washington D.C. 20515
202-225-9740

U.S. Senator

Maria Cantwell
Democrat
Washington, D.C. Office
311 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3441

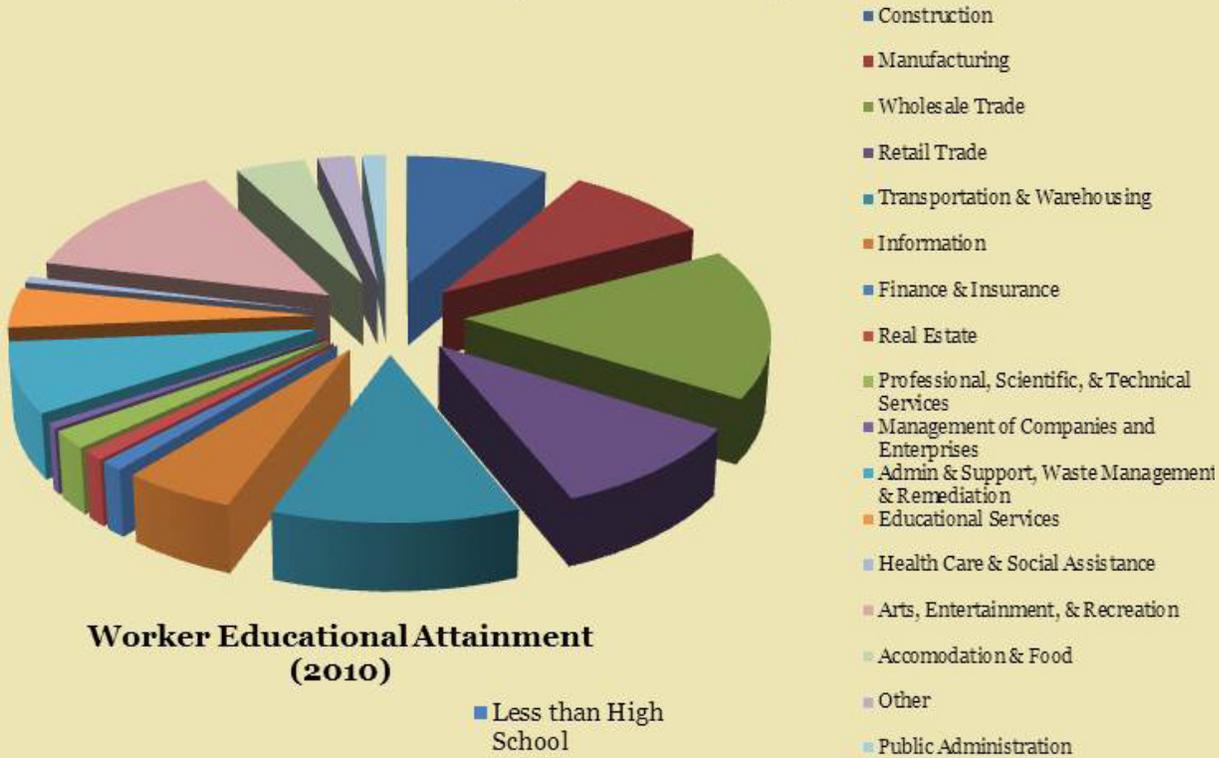
U.S. Senator

Patty Murray
Democrat
Washington, D.C. Office
448 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-2621

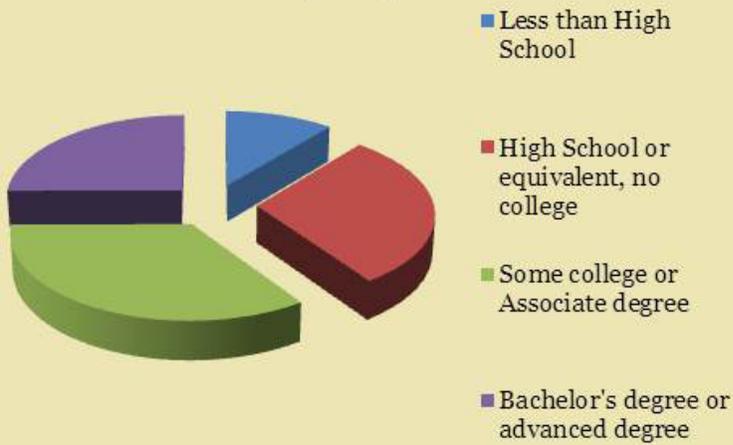


Employment

Job Counts by NAICS Industry Sector



Worker Educational Attainment (2010)



Jobs by Earnings

\$1,250 or Less	2,005	13.5%
\$1,251-\$3,333	6,170	41.4%
\$3,333 or More	6,712	45.1%

Jobs by Worker Age

29 or Younger	3,186	21.4%
30 to 54	9,225	62.0%
54 or Older	2,476	16.6%

Employment Resources City of Fife Human Resources

Stefanie McCauley
253-896-8605
www.cityoffife.org/jobs

Adecco

Chris Gustafson
253-475-1500
www.adeccousa.com

Barrett Business Services, Inc (BBSI)

Steve Bevins
253-441-2130
www.barrettbusiness.com

Employment Security Department/ Work Source (Pierce)

Jayme Kaniss
(253) 593-7351
go2worksource.com



FAQs: Living in Fife

Why is 54th Avenue closed at the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks?

The crossing was closed to allow for expansion of the UPRR operations and the building of Columbia Junior High School and the Dacca Park Complex. In November 2001, the Fife City Council voted to close the crossing to general public access until such time as a safer crossing could be built, such as a grade separation. The City of Fife has the construction of a grade separated crossing in its Comprehensive Plan but neither the design nor construction of that grade separation is currently funded.

Who Maintains the Levee?

The maintenance division of Pierce County Water Programs maintains the Levee, the City of Fife maintains the asphalt portion only.

Why do we pay separate Drainage District and City drainage utility fees?

Drainage District 23 remains responsible for the ownership and maintenance of main drainage ditches in the north portion the City of Fife. The City's utility is responsible for water quality issues, and for the ownership, maintenance, and improvement of branch drainage lines.

Where does the drinking water come from?

The City of Fife buys all of its drinking water comes from Tacoma Water. The purchased water is mainly from the Green River.

Does my water have fluoride in it?

Tacoma Water adds fluoride to its water, at approximately 1 mg/L (milligram/Liter) dosage. Since the water we supply our customers is purchased from Tacoma Water, the water our customers receive contains fluoride.



How can I tell if I have a water leak?

If you suspect you may have a leak, you can contact the City of Fife's Water Division at (253) 922-9315 and we will be happy to send someone by to assist you in determining if you do, at no cost. You may also check yourself by looking at your water meter. All the water meters have a built in leak detection indicator on the face of the meter register. Simply make sure that no water is being used at the time in your home or business, and then look at the meter register. If the leak detector, usually a small black triangle or a small red dial, is moving then water is running somewhere and there is probably a leak.

Where does Fife's sewage go and how does it get there?

The sewage goes to City of Tacoma's treatment plant through a sewer pipe line.

What is the Safety Camera Program and does it work?

In a city like Fife, it's more likely that a driver will be injured in a crash while running a red light than in any other type of accident. Fife's Safety Camera Program has resulted in a 30% decrease in collisions at key intersections. ALL proceeds from fines go to the Public Safety Fund to be used specifically on safety enhancement projects. Simply make a full stop behind the marked white line before entering the intersection and you will not receive a ticket.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY



City of Fife

Communications & Economic Development

5411 23rd Street East

Fife, WA 98424

(253) 896-8606

economics@cityoffife.org

