



## PIERCE COUNTY RESIDENTS

As you have probably seen in the News Tribune and on local television networks, the Sprinker Recreation Center facility has been scheduled for closure by Pierce County Government on October 31, 2010.

Over the past several years, the building has been poorly maintained or not maintained at all in some cases. It has finally reached the state of being dangerous to its customers.

Pierce County Government has failed in its responsibilities to maintain park facilities and now insists it cannot afford the much needed repairs.

This is a complex issue and many different views are held but the bottom line is **if the Sprinker Recreation Center fails, you will most likely suffer.**

**What does this mean for you?** Sprinker Recreation Center has approximately **500,000 participants and spectators per year!** If Sprinker closes, there will be no more classes, no more tennis, no more karate, no more gymnastics, no more hanging out, no more parties, no more hockey, no more public ice skating sessions, and a bunch more 'no more'!

We have organized a Sprinker advocacy group named "**Friends Of Sprinker**" in an effort to save Sprinker and all of the activities and services it offers to Pierce County residents. In just a matter of weeks, nearly 1,000 people have joined our group. We would like to invite you to join our group also. You can find more information about who we are and what we do at:

**[www.FriendsOfSprinker.com](http://www.FriendsOfSprinker.com)**

Our website has **Sprinker Facts** and **Renovation Facts**, contact info, and a link to our Friends Of Sprinker Facebook page so you can join the Friends Of Sprinker group. We believe **there is a way to keep this storied facility open**, providing the excellent services for our youth and local families.

**We need your help and support!** How can you help? Pierce County has said that they have the money to fix Sprinker now but they are choosing to spend that money on other projects. We need you to write to Pierce County officials and tell them to:

- **Put Sprinker on the top of their priority list** and use the money they have to fix it. Sprinker has been waiting for its turn for 14 years. It's time!
- **Support ALL of Sprinker's current activities and services** while the building is being repaired

**You can write to Pierce County's officials directly from our website. For your convenience, we have also included all of the Pierce County Government contact information on the back.**

### QUICK FACTS

The County has enough money to renovate without raising taxes.  
The \$34M cost is just a guess that we believe is over-inflated!  
see more at: [www.FriendsOfSprinker.com](http://www.FriendsOfSprinker.com)

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