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TONIGHT (Tuesday, Oct. 5)! Protect our Tideflats jobs and economy

**A message from Frank Boykin,
Director of the Manufacturing
Industrial Council for the South
Sound**

The **Tacoma Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations** could have serious unintended consequences for our local, state and regional economy and the environment. We need consistent regulations, and we need your voice before time runs out.

Show your support for critical business operations that fuel thousands of jobs and millions in tax revenue.

Join us at 5:30 pm TODAY, October 5, for the Tacoma City Council virtual public hearing to discuss the Non-Interim Regulations.

Raise your hand to speak or submit a written comment before the meeting. If you can't join us, help keep up the noise by submitting a letter directly to the Tacoma City Council.

[Read more](#)



It's time to honor our health care heroes

No one has felt the toll of COVID-19 as much as our dedicated health care workers and first responders. The new Health Care Heroes website makes it easy to show your appreciation for these frontline warriors.

[Read more and give](#)



APPLY BY OCT. 14! Comcast RISE relief grants for BIPOC-owned small businesses

Eligible BIPOC business in Pierce and King counties may apply for \$10,000 monetary grants through October 14. Businesses may also apply for marketing and technology services.

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Pierce County's Toray among federal payroll grant recipients

Toray Composite Materials America, Inc. in Frederickson recently received a \$6 million boost from the federal government to support 255 jobs in its manufacturing facility.

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October is Manufacturing Month in Washington State

Manufacturing is the cornerstone of Washington State's economy, and October is officially the month to celebrate its contributions. Governor Inslee made the proclamation the end of September.

[Read more](#)



2021 EDB Annual Meeting: New time, now virtual

Join us November 17 for the **2021 EDB Annual Meeting**, now virtual. We also moved the time to 12-1:30 pm. Enjoy takeout from your favorite Pierce County restaurant while taking in all the great things you expect from our annual event — unveiling of the **Excellent 10**, announcement of the **Golden Shovel** recipient, and a dynamic keynote speaker. Details are coming soon.



Major Employers 2021: Submit your numbers today!

Make sure your FTE numbers are included in the most requested document produced by the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County. Submit your data today for the 2021 Major Employers List.

[Learn more and submit your job numbers](#)

NEWSBRIEFS

UW Tacoma launches research doctoral degree program

Kick-off of the School of Engineering & Technology research doctorate program marks a major milestone for the campus, the community and the donors who are helping make it possible.

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Boeing forecasts \$9 trillion aerospace market opportunities over next decade

The forecast reflects signs of the industry's recovery following the impacts of COVID-19. As a big part of Boeing's supply chain, it's great news for Pierce County.

[Read more](#)

Free RSM Tax Summit Nov. 1-5

Learn the latest about tax changes from some of the best tax professionals in the business — at no charge to you. The RSM Tax Summit features 20 virtual sessions focused on the most relevant topics that affect businesses.

[Read more/register](#)

2021 South Sound Summit: The Vision for Moving Business Forward

Plan for the future of your business in Pierce County. This year's South Sound Summit, Oct. 26-28, will focus on the issues that are top of mind for businesses in the region.

[Read more/register](#)



COVID-19 Updates



Bring a vaccine events to your worksite

For information about bringing a vaccine event to your workplace, contact [Jody Ferguson](#), Director of Pierce County Emergency Management, or [Betty Capestany](#), Director of Pierce County Economic Development.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department COVID-19 info and resources

From vaccine resources to case numbers to testing info, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website offers the latest guidance. [Read more >](#)

Free COVID-19 testing in Pierce County

The Pierce County COVID-19 Testing Station in Lakewood is open to everyone and testing is free. Learn more about when you should be tested and what bring to make the process even faster. [Read more >](#)

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