

# Clallam Connection

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March-April 2016

## EVERYBODY WINS

Longtime Port Angeles resident, Ricky Ewing, is proud of his new job as a deli cleaner. Ever since his Group Supported Employment (GSE) crew was shut down last March, Ricky has been pursuing new job opportunities in the community.

Ricky spent his early adult years in Issaquah, Washington and then moved to Port Angeles in early 1990's with his fellow housemates. Once here, he went to work with New Broom Janitorial, a division of Diversified Industries. He later joined the crew at the Port Angeles Federal Building as a janitor where he worked for a total of 14 years.

Ricky loves people and enjoys time with his friends, traveling tours, and experiencing new adventures. His favorite vacation spot is Hawaii and he looks forward to every opportunity to go there again. A creative person, the highlight of Ricky's week is participating in Mosaic classes.

Morningside assisted Ricky with applying to the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. After he was made eligible he agreed to work voluntarily in a couple of Community Based Assessments (CBA). During his job search Ricky was involved in Job Club and was an active participant.

Last October, Ricky did one of his CBA's at a Safeway performing janitorial duties. While there Ricky made a positive impression on staff and management. They admired his work ethic and friendliness. Soon after the successful completion of his Community Based Assessment, Ricky was offered a job as a deli cleaner. He now works every morning Monday through Friday sanitizing and polishing the deli. They recently received their highest score ever during a health inspection. Ricky loves coming to work each day and is considered a valuable team member. Just goes to show that when everybody is given an opportunity to work, everybody wins.



- Jon Toliver, Morningside

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# UPDATE

Our basketball season was successful thanks to great coaches, volunteers and amazing athletes. We were placed in higher divisions this year which gave our teams the opportunity to stretch and grow in their skills, which they all did. We had two tournaments, one in Bremerton and another in Tacoma. Our three traditional teams played hard and *earned* the rewards they received!! We had four athletes participate in individual skills competition, and two of our youngest were invited to the Winter Games which will be held in Wenatchee over the first weekend in March.



Even before the last basketball jersey was washed, we took out our swimsuits and started training in aquatics. Friday, February 19th marked the first day of swimming, which will be held Fridays at William Shore Pool. Our first meet will be held at the King County Aquatics Center on Saturday, April 16th. Athletics (track and field) will begin on March 12th - crossing our fingers that all the cold weather will be behind us by then and we will be able to enjoy the sunshine!! Historically, those first few weeks at the track are cold and wet - but we are Orcas and endure it well. If you are interested in participating this season, as an athlete or volunteer - please contact Wendy at 360-477-4134.

Please save the date . . . Thursday March 10th from 5:00 until 9:00 pm, local law enforcement will be volunteering as waiters and waitresses at Applebee's in Sequim, as we hold a Tip-a-Cop fundraising event. Our Clallam County Orcas are run entirely by volunteers so 100% of donations received will be used locally for our athletes. We hope to see you there!!

If you are interested in participating as an athlete or volunteer - please contact Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134 or through e-mail at [ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com](mailto:ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com).

Clallam County Orcas added an event.  
February 11 at 4:12pm · 🌐

**10** **Tip-a-COP Fundraiser at Applebee's**  
 MAR Thu 5 PM · 130 River Road, Sequim  
 11 guests

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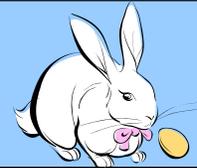
# DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meetings**—Thursday, March 3rd, at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
- **BLAC Meeting**—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be on a date yet to be determined. Check the website for current information at: [www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac](http://www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLIDAYS:

Easter—March 27th



### SPECIAL OCCASIONS:

St. Patrick's Day—March 17th  
 Daylight Savings Time Begins— March 13th—Spring ahead 1 hour!  
 First Day of Spring—March 20th



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month—Proclamation Reading and Presentation—Tuesday, March 1st, 10am at the Board of Clallam County Commissioners meeting, Clallam County Courthouse, 223 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

## EVENTS



Dedicated members of our local law enforcement will be volunteering as celebrity waiters & waitresses!!

Please join us . . .

**Thursday, March 10th**

**5:00—9:00 pm**

at



130 River Road, Sequim

Call Wendy with questions 360-477-4134

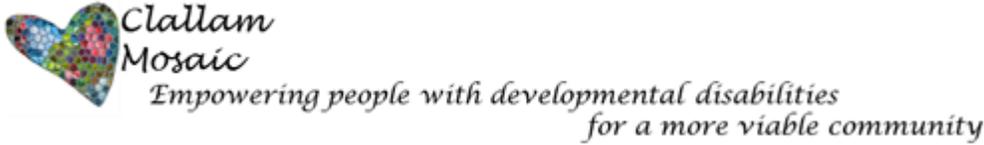


100% of donations will benefit your local Special Olympics programs. . .

**The Clallam County Orcas and the The Jefferson Warriors**



The Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event is coming up on Wednesday, March 23rd, 10am—1pm at Vern Burton Community Center in Port Angeles. This is a great opportunity to network with resources and attend workshops to help you or your family member get ready for work. Employers who are hiring will also be in attendance. If you are looking for a job, please come job ready and prepared to speak to the employers and fill out applications. Lunch will be served, free of charge. This event is free to the public and will include high school transition students from all Clallam County schools. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student.



## UPDATE

We are almost at the end of the 2016 Winter Quarter at Clallam Mosaic and the participants are enjoying everything from fitness and art to music, theater and rec! The participants have produced some amazing things this quarter (see accompanying pictures) and some have donated their works to Clallam Mosaic to create a permanent art collection. Once we have collected a dozen or more art items, we hope to have the collection available as a travelling display that can showcase the amazing abilities of our community!

The last classes of the current quarter will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Spring quarter will start on March 28<sup>th</sup> and run through June 16<sup>th</sup>, with the annual theater production performances happening on the evening of Friday, June 10 and the afternoon of Saturday, June 11.

Looking ahead, summer sessions are currently planned from July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, and fall quarter is planned from September 6<sup>th</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup> (with a 1 week break from November 21 to 25). Dances will be held on the following Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Sons of Norway Hall (131 W 5<sup>th</sup> St, Port Angeles):

March 12	St. Patrick's Day Dance
April 9	Spring Celebration
May 14	Pajama Party
June 11	Summer Celebration
July 16	Independence Day Dance
August 13	Beach Party
September 10	Fall Celebration
October 8	Halloween Party
November 12	Thanksgiving Celebration
December 10	Holiday Celebration

Keep an eye on Clallam Mosaic's web ([www.clallamosaic.org](http://www.clallamosaic.org)) and Facebook pages for more information and registration materials. If you ever have any questions, contact Tresa Stuber (360.681.8642, [tresa.mosaic@gmail.com](mailto:tresa.mosaic@gmail.com)) or Priya Jayadev (360.797.3602, [priya.mosaic@gmail.com](mailto:priya.mosaic@gmail.com))

### Events and Training

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

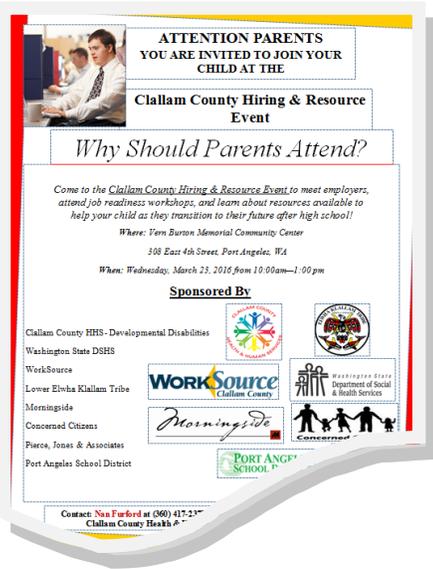
Developmental Disabilities Administration

Do you need classes?

Are you interested in workshops and other events?

You can go to DDA's website at: [www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/events-and-training/events-and-training](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/events-and-training/events-and-training) for up to date information.

# WILL YOU BE THERE?



You recently may have seen the flyers for our upcoming Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event. This is the 4th year of this inclusive event and each year seems to be getting better and better!

## Why should you attend?

Why not! If you are a self advocate, parent, family member, or a friend of a person who is developmentally disabled, this is an opportunity to find resources, attend job readiness workshops and meet employers who are hiring.

## Who should attend?

Anyone who is looking towards their future - work, school and more!

We hope to see everyone there! Stop by each table and check out the resources and employers. Free lunch will be provided.



Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities finally has found a new Case Manager who will replace recently relocated Mary Cliffton. In the next issue, we will introduce you to the new person. Be on the lookout for updated information on our

Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/ClallamCountyDD](https://www.facebook.com/ClallamCountyDD)

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