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The Year in Retrospect ...Events for 2011

- Well, 2011 was a fairly uneventful year for the neighborhood in general. We added a few new streetlights and continued to maintain Harrison Memorial Park. We held our annual neighborhood garage sale in August, and had approximately 50 households participate.
- We saw a rise in crime in our neighborhood this year, this prompted us to call a meeting with the Pierce County Sheriff; asking for their assistance in starting up a neighborhood watch/phone tree. We held this meeting in September, and had about a dozen households show up. We are hosting another meeting on February 6th, at 7 pm at the Bonney Lake Library. If you are able, please attend. The crime is only getting worse; don't wait until you're a victim! We will also be able to order neighborhood watch signs from the Sheriff at this meeting, resident input is welcome.
- Outside of our neighborhood, we have a brand new Multi-Care medical plaza across the street, in the former WSU forest. Another doctor's office/coffee stand has broken ground between Multi-Care and Albertson's, and the city of Bonney Lake has set aside 45 acres east of the medical buildings for a park and a future YMCA.
- The city tried to annex our neighborhood this year, along with most of the other neighborhoods south of ours. The annexation was blocked by Pierce County, they seem unwilling to give up the revenue. If the city tries to annex us again, we should support it. The benefits will be better police protection and code enforcement, lower water bills, and slightly lower property taxes (according to the study done by Bonney Lake in 2008). The drawback is that all residents are required to have garbage service; but if you already are paying for garbage service, it will be at a lower rate inside city limits. Other benefits include lower boat launch fees at Allen York Park, and lower cost for membership at the future YMCA (city residents pay less).
- We have new officers for our HOA this year! Thanks to Joel, Lauren, and Angela for stepping up. Also, thanks to Jeff, Denise, Renee, and Phil for continuing to serve this year. Special thanks to Blaine, Hazel, and Sandi for their past service and continuing participation, especially on clean up days and decorating the front entrance. And thanks to Gaila for our newsletter!
- We now have a website, where you can read the full color version of this newsletter. Thanks to Jeff and Joel for making this happen. Check it out at <http://ponderosaestates.org> Thanks, Brad Doll-president, PEHOA

Brad Doll

PEHOA President

Happy Holidays from your PEHOA Administration Team...
we are looking forward to serving you in the coming year !



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Puppets Please

Bonney Lake Pierce County Library
Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 am



Colorful marionettes perform a holiday themed in-the-round variety show! Bring the whole family for a morning of Holiday Fun!

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium 2011 Winter Day Camp

Day-long themed programs for children ages 6-8 Fees: \$40 members / \$45 non-members per session. Themes include: 12/ 21: Winter Wonderland; 12/22: LollapaZOOza; 12/23: Not a Creature Was Stirring.

For kids ages 9-12 fees: \$55 members / \$65 non-members per session Themes include: 12/ 21: Junior Aquarist; 12/22: Junior Zookeeper; 12/23: Junior Field Biologist.

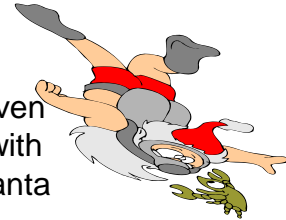
All programs take place at the Education Center, from 9 am - 4 pm each day.

Special Holiday Offer: Book 2 programs and receive 5% off, book 3 or more programs, receive 10% off! To receive this discount, the same child must be booked for the programs.



Go Enjoy Zoo Lights with Santa !

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is bringing even more magic and fun to this year's Zoolights with a scuba-diving Santa Claus! Scuba-diving Santa will swim with the sharks in the South Pacific Aquarium on the following dates: **Every Wednesday during Zoolights:** Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m. **Selected Sundays during Zoolights:** Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m.



Wreath Making Class @ Bonney Lake Library

Bring your gloves and pruning shears to create a fresh evergreen wreath with local artist and craftsperson Jill Cartwright. Everyone is welcome to come learn wreath-making techniques. For those who would like to make a wreath, cost is \$5 for supplies. • 253-548-3308 **Saturday, Dec. 3, 12 – 2 p.m. Registration required !**

Free Community Dinner

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Noon - 4:00 p.m., location: Sumner High School Main Gym, 1707 Main Street, Sumner, WA



Families in Sumner and Bonney Lake are invited to celebrate the holidays with this **FREE** annual event. Enjoy a traditional holiday meal with turkey, gravy, potatoes, veggies, pie, hot drinks, and more. There will also be musical performances from our award winning Sumner High Jazz Ensemble, caroling from Mane Stage Theater, as well as other holiday performances. Kids can enjoy the 'kids corner' with games, crafts, movies, and a visit with Santa! The event also provides non-perishable food donations for families. For more info call 253-891-5526. This event is sponsored by the Sumner High School Leadership Class.





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Your Donations Can Help Local Children Have a Healthy, Warm Holiday Season

Bonney Lake, Sumner and local community groups are collecting items to give away to families in need during the holiday winter months. In times of need, the ones who suffer most are children and the elderly. To help struggling families during the winter months and through the holiday season, the cities of Bonney Lake and Sumner have launched their toy and food drives.

The Key Club of Bonney Lake is collecting and creating blankets to give to the children in that community at their holiday party on Dec. 17. the group donated stockings full of toys to the children, but this year they've decided to create blankets for a more permanent solution to an already desperate situation. Even if you can't afford to give food or toys, you can contribute your time or skills to the Key Club blanket drive for the children of Prairie. Many children in Prairie Ridge do not even have a blanket of their own during the cold winter months The Key Club is in need of donated materials to make blankets or go buy them. Disney blankets or ones that feature TV or movie characters are greatly appreciated, as they are most popular with the kids. If you want to donate materials, you can drop off fleece, flannel or any other warm material at Bonney Lake High School – just tell the front desk coordinators its for Key Club. Students will tie strips of cloth together and weave them into blankets to give the children. Contact Newgard through Bonney Lake High School if you want to help make the blankets. The blanket drive ends Dec. 15.

Bonney Lake Giving Tree

Food donations may be dropped off at the Public Safety Building Mon – Fri. during business hours. All food will be given to the Bonney Lake Bread of Life Food Bank and those in need at the Bonney Lake Senior Center. The food drive ends Dec. 9.

You can also drop off new toys at the Public Safety Building during office hours for the Giving Tree program, which helps struggling families in town celebrate the holidays. Used toys will not be accepted. The city is also setting up a giving quilt with individual children who will put in a "wish" for specific items this holiday season. Check back soon for that list.

Sleep Country Secret Santa Toy Drive

Visit [Sleep Country](#) in Bonney Lake and drop off unwrapped books, toys and games to help needy foster children in the area. If you can't make it into the store during office hours or want to give a monetary donation, you can do so through the Sleep Country [website](#).

Other ideas for helping this Holiday Season include: adopting residents at a nursing home; or give to a shelter (Tacoma Rescue Mission for example); check with your church; hobby group or employer to see about participating in their organized giving opportunity.

These are just a few suggestions to get you thinking about sharing joy during this Holiday Season.





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Last Minute Gift Ideas for Anyone on Your List



All of the following are cute little sayings I have compiled that go with a particular gift item. Do just one item for a simple gift, OR consider putting together a basket of several items and attach their saying to each item.

1. **Any sweet treat:** "Wishing you a season filled with sweetness!" **Rice Krispie Treats:** "Snap, Crackle, Pop" We think You're really Tops! "**Toffee or Brittle:** "Any way you break it, We think you're the greatest!"
2. **A plate of cookies:** "Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, from your "crummy" neighbors. OR "Rolling out a batch of Christmas cheer, for someone we think is very dear!"
3. **6 pack or single bottle of Barq's Root Beer:** "Have a wonderful Christmas, it shows you're "barqing" up the right tree!"
4. **Hershey's Kisses in a Wire Wisk:** "We "whisk" you a merry "kiss" mas.
5. **Popcorn:** "We just "popped" in to wish you a Merry Christmas!" OR **homemade Salsa & Tortilla Chips:** "Have a hot and spicy Christmas!"
6. **Loaf of bread:** "For being there when you were "kneaded", for "rising" to the occasion, large or small. For never "loafing" on the job, for helping others "heel" with TLC. No matter how you "slice" it, you do a terrific job loving others."
7. **Jar of Jam:** "Hoping you have a Holiday "Jammed" packed with fun!!" "Have a "Berry" nice holiday season!!" Or "Hoping your Christmas is "Jam-packed" with Christmas Cheer!!"
8. **Filled Basket:** "Wishing you a basket full of Christmas blessings"
9. **Brownie Mix (or other mix):** "Whip up this mix for a wonderful holiday fix! Wishing you a "rich" Holiday Season!!" (Attach the recipe!)
10. **Plant:** "The kindness you show makes our friendship grow and grow! Hope you have a Happy Holiday!!"

For MORE ideas go to : [Budget101.com - - 121 Fun Sayings For Simple Gifts | Homemade Gag Gift Ideas](http://www.budget101.com/gag-gifts/121-fun-sayings-simple-gifts-2238.html#ixzz1eSR04wCk)
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