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### Seattle Center Big Birthday Bash

A golden anniversary without a REALLY Big Party? Not at Seattle Center! We're inviting the entire community to join in the Seattle Center Big Birthday Bash on Sept. 8, sponsored by Bartell Drugs.

This rollicking FREE party features U.S. Bank Music Stages, vintage cars and clothing, The Big Wedding, Century Ballroom, Outdoors, Midway Amusement, roaming entertainment, thousands of cupcakes, and for all you Patches Pals a memorial is planned for J.P. Patches, all together in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and its legacy.

FREE Play way rides, venue admissions and other fun-filled offerings across the Seattle Center campus. Visit [www.seattlecenter.com/birthday/](http://www.seattlecenter.com/birthday/) for a complete list of activities.



### Apple Festival

[See All Our Events](#)

Open All Year!

**9:00 to 5:30 Monday to Saturday**

**9:00 to 4:00 Sundays (June 1st to December 31st)**

**Closed Sundays (January 1st through May 31st)**

**Celebrate Washington's Apple Harvest with us at Lattin's!**

From the last weekend in September through the last weekend in October from **9 am to 5 pm**

**No admission charges, \$3.00 per vehicle parking**

Enjoy a day in the country with Bluegrass music amid the sweet aroma of apples. Sample our fresh-picked, crunchy apples and take some home at a great low price. Tractor-drawn wagon rides to our Pumpkin Patch from 11 am to 4 pm. Find your way through our new year round Maze. Kids can pick our their own pumpkins, bob for apples, and visit our farm animals. Savor apple crisp, caramel apples, apple butter, apple cake, baked apples, apple pie by the slice and our famous apple fritters. Bring your friends, family and cameras!

### PEHOA News:

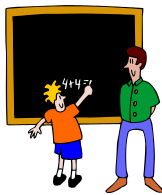
#### Meeting Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

I guess I forgot to include the time of the meeting, it's 7:00 pm tomorrow night (Tuesday) at Jeff and Aimee Wilkins's basement. Their address is 20310 108th ST E. I think we'll have the hunting camera on hand to decide about. Hope to see you there! Brad :)

#### Party in the Park a Success!

The first annual "Party in the Park" was a huge success! Probably 50-100 residents attended. We raised over 58 dollars selling hot dogs, chips, and drinks for 50 cents each! The money is being spent to rent a power washer and volunteers are standing by to clean the "basketball court". Many kids had fun on our new slide, and the new infant swing was well used. Judi Holley from the Pierce County Sheriff's office deputized about a dozen kids, handing out plastic badges and tattoos. The HOA displayed our new neighborhood watch signs, and will be getting together a work party to install them this fall. Several HOA directors attended, and listened to the concerns of all residents. We had a lot of input, and quite a few suggestion went into our "suggestion box". The Park Committee is already looking forward to next year!

submitted by Brad Doll



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**Sat September 15**  
Noon – 6 p.m.

Branch out and do something different! Plan to enjoy the Craft Beer and Live Music Festival benefiting the continued restoration of and educational programming at the Mary Olson Farm. Located on 28728 Green River Rd, in Kent.

### General Admission \$7

Kids under 13 are FREE with an accompanying adult.

### Sampler Admission \$15

21+ only, includes taster cup and 5 taster tokens. Additional taster tokens are \$1 for a 4.5 oz. pour.

**Pre-Sale:** Purchase admission online before August 17th

and get general admission for \$6 and Taster Admission for \$12

Online event registrants will receive a confirmation email. Please print this email and bring with valid ID (21 and up) to the Will Call line at Hops and Crops to gain admission. Your confirmation email IS your event ticket.

\*Please note Hops and Crops is a rain or shine event. All Purchases are Final and Non-negotiable. NO refunds will be issued.



### Food Waste Workshops

Tuesday, [September 5th](#) @ 5:30 pm

[Bonney Lake Senior Center, 19304 Bonney Lake Blvd E, Bonney Lake, WA](#) | [Get Directions](#) »

FREE

Food makes up almost a third of Pierce County's waste but there is no one-size-fits-all answer for what to do about it.

Attend a public workshop to learn about the issues and take a look at our options for reducing and managing food waste. There is no formal presentation, just drop in when you can.

We want to hear what you think, so we can develop a program that ts the needs of our community.

Visit our website for the full schedule. A "virtual workshop" is also available online for those who can't attend in person.

Food Waste Workshops.

Website: <http://-www.-pierce-countywa.-org/-foodwaste>



### 2nd Saturdays

#### Saturday Morning at the Movies

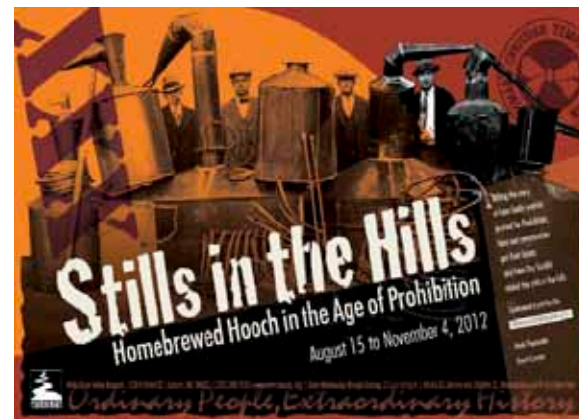
Saturday, September 08, 2012

11:00 AM at the Buckley Library FREE admission so bring the entire family and watch a family-friendly film! This event is sponsored by Friends of the Buckley Library



### Oktoberfest is coming! Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to the Bonney Lake Senior Center

Join in on the fun of Oktoberfest early at the Bonney Lake Senior Center. Featuring musician Gary Hausam singing folk music, marches, polkas and oompah music! Lunch will be Brats and Kraut, Hot German Potato Salad, Spinach & Bacon Salad, Dinner Roll and a special dessert! Head down to the Senior Center to sign up in the programs binder to reserve your seat! Cost is \$5.00 per person.



### Stills in the Hills:

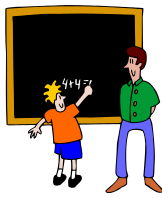
#### Homebrewed Hooch in the Age of Prohibition Display At the White River Valley Museum in Auburn runs Now through November 4

An exhibit that explores the history of prohibition through a local and national lens via historic photographs and period artifacts.

Using actual confiscated stills, historic alcoholic beverage bottles, signage, newspapers and photographs, the exhibit Stills in the Hills:

Homebrewed Hooch in the Age of Prohibition engages the visitor with the reasons why prohibition was enacted, how area residents lived with prohibition, and why the 18th Amendment was ultimately repealed.

Stills in the Hills is open August 15 through November 4, 2012 and is sponsored in part by Heritage Distilling Company, Inc. of Gig Harbor, where Every Spirit Has A Story, [www.heritagedistilling.com](http://www.heritagedistilling.com).



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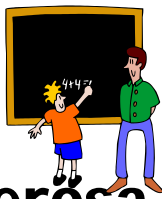


### Don't Panic: How to Avoid Losing Big If Your Wallet Is Stolen: Part 1

**LOSING YOUR WALLET OR HAVING IT STOLEN IS DISTRESSING...TO SAY THE LEAST! WHO WANTS TO CANCEL ALL THEIR CREDIT CARDS AND REPORT THEIR DEBIT CARDS LOST AND HAVE WEEKS GO BY WITH FINANCES IN LIMBO? TAKE THESE STEPS IMMEDIATELY TO MINIMIZE THE FALLOUT:**

- 1. File a police report:** If your pocketbook doesn't turn up after a diligent search, assume it was stolen and file a police report. Many cities allow residents to file reports online. Otherwise, tell the officer when the purse was missing, where it was likely lost or stolen, and the contents. Make copies of the police report to share with the bank, credit card companies, and credit bureaus.
- 2. Notify the bank:** Notify the bank that your wallet has been lost or stolen and provide it with a copy of the police report and corresponding case number. The bank may recommend you close the account and transfer its funds to a new account. Also, ask the bank to contact the major check verification companies so they can notify stores not to accept any future checks from your compromised account.
- 3. Cancel your ATM/debit card:** Cancel your ATM card and order a new one. Make sure to set up the new card with a different PIN number. It may take a couple weeks to receive a new card. Ask the bank if a temporary card is available.
- 4. Cancel your credit cards:** Contact your credit card companies A.S.A.P. and cancel your credit cards. It is especially important to promptly notify your store credit cards since store credit cards typically have less protective fraud protection policies than major credit cards. Don't cancel the account, though, because that can hurt a credit score. When possible, it is best to apply for a new credit card within the same account.
- 5. Notify the three major credit reporting agencies:** Call the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; and Experian: 1-888-397-3742) and ask for the fraud or security department. Ask the credit reporting agency to put a fraud alert on your credit report.

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### Don't Panic: How to Avoid Losing Big If Your Wallet Is Stolen: Part 2

- 6. Get a new driver's license:** Contact the local Department of Motor Vehicles to find out the requirements for obtaining a replacement driver's license. While waiting for a replacement license, keep a copy of the police report in your car in case you get pulled over.
- 7. Get a free copy of your credit report:** A few weeks after you've lost your wallet, order a free copy of your credit report from [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com) to check if any fraudulent transfers have been made in your name. Important: The Fair Credit Reporting Act guarantees you access to your credit report for free from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies—Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion—every twelve months. [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com) is the **only** authorized source for the free annual credit report that's yours by law.
- 8. Report fraudulent transactions to the police:** If you notice any fraudulent transactions, you may need to file a police report. Some financial institutions/credit card companies will file this police report for you.

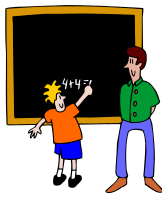
#### Other Tips:

**Plan ahead:** Write down the contents of your wallet. A simple way to do this is to photocopy the front and back of all the cards in your wallet (make sure you make a copy of your driver's license too), and then store this document in a protected place in your home such as in a safe. Also, make a contact list with the phone numbers for your local police department, bank, credit card companies, credit reporting agencies, and Department of Motor Vehicles. If you do lose your wallet, your pre-prepared wallet contents list and contact list will make your life much easier.

**Label your wallet with your phone number:** Put a label with your phone number inside your wallet in case a Good Samaritan stumbles across it.

**Keep some cash separate from your credit cards:** Keep some cash in a money clip or pouch separate from your wallet. As such, if you lose your wallet, you will still have some cash to use. It is also a good idea to not store your checkbook in your wallet.

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### Fast food tips to keep you within your food budget: **Five Fast Food Facts**

Sometimes you just have to eat fast food. We all have the best intentions. We plan meals ahead of time. We make dinners and put them in the freezer. We try and keep the pantry full. But you have to admit that sometimes you just have to have fast food. Here are some **fast food** facts to help you keep within your food budget:

- 1. Eat off the value menu.** It may seem obvious, but it's the number one rule you should remember. Most **fast food** chains have a \$1 or value menu. It's always cheaper than a combo and it's much better for your health to eat a small burger, small fries and a drink, rather than a super double bacon cheeseburger, extra large fries and a quart size soda.
- 2. Order off menu.** Was your fast food chain running a super special \$2.99 meal recently or offering a special item selection? Most places will still give you the special item or price if you request it. I've been ordering a special \$2.99 meal from a local chain location near me for ages, even though they took it off the menu two years ago.
- 3. Beware of the extras.** Some places have a lot of little hidden extra fees they tack onto that \$5 combo meal, such as thirty cents to upgrade your fry size, sixty cents for cheese, or fifty cents for each extra sauce. Before you know it, your \$5 meal can turn into a \$7 or \$8 meal.
- 4. Deconstruct your combo meal.** It is true that a combo is usually cheaper than individual items. However, what if you don't need a 32-ounce soda and an extra large fry? Would you save a couple of dollars per person to order the specialty sandwiches separately and with a small fry and drink? Work out the pricing before you order. It only takes a couple of minutes and you could still have your super deluxe bacon cheeseburger and save money too.
- 5. Think about sharing.** No one needs the amount of calories in a large combo meal. Often my husband and I will order one combo meal and an extra burger (usually off the dollar menu) and share the fries and drink. A 24-ounce or 32-ounce soda is more than enough for two people. So the next time fast food is the only way to go, save some bucks by trying these fast food tips.

