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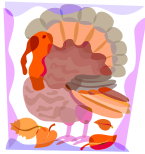
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November 2012 Edition

Bonney Lake Sr. Center Events

Thanksgiving Feast!

Thursday & Friday
November 15th & 16th
Let's join together to give thanks for who we are, what we have, and who we share it with! Please select only ONE day and sign up in the programs binder.



Wreath Making Class

Friday November 30th 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$5.00

Join us for a fun class and make a nice wreath for your door! Please sign up in the programs binder.

Fright Night/ Dinner & A Movie

On Friday November 30th from 6:30 – 10 pm, plan to enjoy a date night tradition of dinner and a movie at the Midtown Grill. They will be showing "Dark Shadows" featuring Johnny Depp! Have a four course meal and movie for a affordable price!



Zoo Career Day

Saturday November 10

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium hosts an annual Career Day each November for 6th grade through college students interested in pursuing a career working with animals in a zoo or aquarium facility. This event includes FREE admission for students. Students under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Younger siblings and adults are required to pay the regular admission rate.

At Career Day, students may observe special animal presentations, find out what our zookeepers do to care for their animals, pick up free information and have opportunities to visit behind the scenes. Please note that there is no guarantee that students will be able to see all areas.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. The Zoo closes at 4 p.m. Most activities and presentations take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You do not need to pre-register for this event. However, you must check in at the event tent before entering the zoo. Find out more at <http://www.pdza.org/career-information>

You may also want to attend the Career Day event at [Northwest Trek Wildlife Park](#). This event takes place every year on the first Saturday in March. Pre-registration is required.



2nd Saturdays

Saturday Morning at the Movies

Saturday, November 10

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



Santa Parade Dec. 1st

Come...Spend Some Time in Sumner during the Annual Santa Parade. Entry is FREE to those participating in Sumner only. Mane Stage Theatre will be hosting FREE Photos with Santa in the Gazebo at Heritage Park between 11 am and 2 pm - Sponsored by Sauro's Photography, Union Bank and the Sumner Downtown Association. We ask you to bring one non-perishable food item for the Sumner Food Bank - consider giving to those in need during this season. Drop off for food items will be at Heritage Park.

Start your holiday shopping by visiting local merchants in Sumner. Why shop in the mall when you can find something unique in one of our quaint shops?

Enjoy the tasty treats of Housewife Hotdogs, Jawa Roasted Nuts and the hot, sensational beverages of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. You can also visit one of our local restaurants if you are looking for more than a snack.



Sunday November 11

Brown Bear offers

Free Car Washes for Veterans

Brown Bear Car Wash is proud to honor veterans and service personnel on Veterans Day with free car washes at all our tunnel car washes.

Brown Bear and its employees want to show their support by offering this service to say "thank you" to people who sacrifice for our freedom. Start time is 8am...find a Brown Bear carwash near you go to <http://www.brownbear.com/>



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Holiday Giving Tree & Food Drive



November - December, 2012

Tis the season to give!

Each year the Bonney Lake Police Department works with the School District, Food Shelf, local businesses and others to organize a city-wide Food Drive and 'Giving Tree' Toy Drive.

Details on the 2012 Food Drive & Giving Tree programs will be available later in the month. For more information contact Barb at the Bonney Lake Police Department at (253) 447-3249.



Did you know that ... Pierce County has over 2500 registered sex offenders, one of them may live near you! Here are two free websites you can use to search for offenders that may live near your house, you can also sign up to receive e-mail alerts. The first site is provided by the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/sheriff/sexoffendersearch.htm . The second site is the family watchdog, www.familywatchdog.us .

PEHOA News:

Meeting Monday November 5th

HOA meeting tonight November 5th, 7:00 pm...check your email for location On the agenda...President Brad Doll will be bringing the camera from the park in to the meeting to look at the pictures. It's been hooked up for a month now, so it might be interesting to look at the pictures.

Thanks to Joel, Frank, and Brian for helping out on our clean up day, especially thanks to Joel for using his trailer, chain saw, and weed eater! :) Thanks to Jeff for sending out the dues statements already.

Annual Tree Lighting & Food Drive

Saturday, December 1, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Building

18421 Veterans Memorial Drive E ([Directions](#))



The Bonney Lake [Kiwanis Club](#) will again sponsor the annual Tree Lighting and Food Drive activities! Come join the fun!

Activities and music, refreshments, candy, pictures with Santa, and the annual tree lighting ceremony. Drop food donations off at the Food Bank, which is adjacent to the Public Safety Building and the Community Christmas Tree.



Bonney Lake's New Senior Van Rolls Into Town

By [Bonney Lake & Sumner Patch Staff](#) November 3, 2012

Bonney Lake's Senior Center has a new van, thanks in part to the hard work of it's volunteers.

Halloween had a sweet surprise for Bonney Lake's seniors, when the new van rolled in to the [Senior Center](#) during lunch hour.

Having a new van will allow the Senior Center to expand it's programs and bring back the well-loved road trips.

Money to replace the aging van was raised by Senior Center volunteers, who offered the city council \$21,000 this June after almost two years of fundraising.



Sales Tax Decreases in Bonney Lake, Sumner Give You Another Reason to Shop Local

In case you hadn't heard... Effective Oct. 1, shoppers in both Bonney Lake and Sumner will pay a lower sales tax, because both cities opted out of the Pierce Transit service district earlier this year. Both towns have the same reduction – from a sales tax of 9.4 percent to 8.8 percent. This change in sales tax rates is due to the revised Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) boundaries and the elimination of Pierce Transit services to both cities earlier this year.

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Putting your Lawnmower to Bed

This fall, after you have given your lawn its final cut, take an hour to prepare your mower for next year. If your mower has a 4-cycle engine (the fuel you use is gasoline only), the first thing to do is to drain the motor oil. Do this while the engine is still warm. This ensures that any impurities that are in suspension in the oil are drained right out of the engine. Refill the crankcase with fresh oil (probably 10W30 or the grade your owner's manual calls for). If you have a 2-cycle engine (your lawnmower uses a mixture of gas and oil), your motor doesn't have a crankcase. The oil in the fuel mixture lubricates the engine, so you obviously won't need to do this. Once the engine is cool, drain the gas tank. After draining the tank, start the engine and let it run on the gasoline remaining in the carburetor, until the mower stops because it's out of gas. Running the engine out of gas will make sure that you don't get any build up of "gunk" in the carburetor or fuel system, and also forces you to use fresh gas in the spring. An alternative method is fill up the tank now, then add an after-market product (stabilizer) to the gas. This additive is designed to stop the build up of gum in the carburetor and fuel system. It's available at hardware stores or automotive stores. However, I have always found that running the mower out of fuel works well, and the bonus is that I don't have to worry about a gas tank full of fuel being stored in my shed.

Now is the time to clean or replace the air filter on the mower as well. Follow instructions in your owner's manual.

The next step is to remove the spark plug. A spark plug wrench is your best tool, but you can use a pair of vice grips or crescent wrench on the metal base of the plug. Turn gently. Remember that spark plugs can break. After removing the plug, put a few squirts of motor oil into the spark plug hole, and without replacing the spark plug, slowly pull on the starter cord to turn the engine over a few times. This distributes the oil you just squirted in on cylinder walls and valves, preventing rust inside the engine.

While it is in your hand, clean the spark plug, or if it's a couple of years old, get a new one. If you replace it, make sure you get an exact match. Spark plugs are not all the same and the wrong plug can actually damage your machine. Take your old plug to the store with you to ensure you get an exact match. Put the spark plug (hand tight) back into the mower. Now, you won't forget where it is next spring.

To keep your mower looking good, and make sure it doesn't rust, don't put it away dirty. Scrape off any build up of grass clippings on the underside, and clean the engine surface and mower deck. Finally, put your newly cleaned mower away somewhere that it is protected from the elements and animals.

Come next spring, all you will need to do is tighten the spark plug, fill the tank with fresh gas and start your engine. The oil you squirted into the spark plug hole will make the exhaust smoky for a few minutes until it is burned up, but it won't cause any harm.

The best part of going through this process now is you won't have to waste any time next spring struggling with a mower that won't start. Following this simple process has kept my 20-year-old Craftsman mower running. It has never seen a service man and just keeps on going. You too will be able to start your mower up, cut your lawn and get on with enjoying that new spring weather. No fights with a balky engine and no trips to the service shop.



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Keep your Home Warm this Winter...Time to Winterize !

Winter is approaching. Would you like to keep the glacial wind out of your house? Are cold floors and drafts common in your house? Will you resign yourselves to feel miserable the whole winter? How informed are you about potential leaks in your house? Do you know how to detect those leaks and how to take care of them? A little time and work will keep the heat indoors, and as a result, your health, your home and your wallet will benefit.

Generally, 40% of the heat loss is due to a poor insulation of the foundations, the lofts, and the attics of our homes. One can reduce heating bills by 30% with better insulation and proper sealing. A malfunction of three degrees of any thermostat can cause another 30% waste of energy. Remember that an electronic thermostat will subtract 10% of the cost.

How to detect leaks? Purchase incense sticks, light them and place them in front of the potential sources of leaks. Watch the smoke.

Two things may happen:

- 1.The smoke will disappear and the sticks will shine.
- 2.The smoke will head towards the leak.

In the first instance, it confirms the presence of a major leak and in the second instance, a minor leak. The most common leaks are found around windows, plug sockets and paneling. Here are simple and inexpensive solutions:

Windows: Between the frame and the window, apply some common mastic or mastic for glass to seal off any leak you may suspect.

Plugs: Cut off the current and install small foam cushions approved by the Occupational and Safety Health Association (OSHA) between the wall plate and the case.

Paneling (moldings, plinths): A draft proof made of latex paste or transparent silicone will be of great help. One can also obtain colored silicone or the type that can be painted.

Examine all other potential sources of leaks and seal them off now. Common mastic should be sufficient.

The house will feel more comfortable as soon as modifications are made. Involving the time is worth the effort. Stay warm.

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Homemade gifts say something that purchased gifts cannot

Homemade Gifts for Christmas



It seems that every year the names on my Christmas list multiply. It is getting harder and harder to buy for so many people each year. This year, though, we decided to give homemade gifts. Even if you give homemade gifts to just the adults, it will save money. Giving homemade gifts to the whole family can be a huge money saver. One thing I especially enjoy about homemade gifts is that I can work on them together with my kids. Try using some of these homemade gift ideas for those on your Christmas list this year.

1. Sewn Homemade Gifts

If you are an avid seamstress, use that talent. Lap quilts only take a few yards of fabric and a few hours of your time. Fleece blankets are great for any age person from the baby to the retired grandparents that aren't able to get around much.

2. Pillowcases

One inexpensive gift, which kids and just about anyone else on your list will love, is make them pillow cases. You can choose material that you know they like. It doesn't take that much material and you don't need to purchase a pattern. You just sew up the sides and machine hem the bottom for a wonderful gift that gives all year!

3. Food in a Jar

You can put all the dry ingredients for cookies, soups, and brownies into a jar. These make great gifts for teachers and co-workers. The layers in the jars make an attractive gift and also provide the receiver with everything they need to make a quick meal or dessert. You can make a lot of these very inexpensively and in a short amount of time. Tie a piece of Christmas fabric to the lid with some ribbon and it's even all wrapped!

4. Canned Goods/Family recipe book

Homemade jams and jellies make great gifts. If you have diabetics in your family, use an artificial sweetener in your recipe. Make up a basket with jars of different types of jam. Add some crackers or homemade breads to the basket to make the gift complete. This can be a great family package gift as well. If you prepare these jams during the summer months when fruit is in season, you'll be a step ahead of the holidays and you won't have to fight the crowds at the stores. Or compile a book of recipes handed down to you from your grandmother or other relatives, family favorites, and tried and true crowd pleasers etc.

5. Movie Package

This can be done a couple of different ways. You can purchase movie theater gift cards. You can print out ticket "coupons" to be redeemed at a later date when you take someone to the movies. Or you can buy a family friendly movie, microwave popcorn, candy, and cans of soda. Package it all up in a big bowl for the popped corn and you have another gift that is suitable for an entire family.

6. Paper dolls and toys

There are many sites that offer free printable paper dolls, toys, activities and coloring pages...use these resources to bring your children, nieces and nephews some old fashioned fun! Paper doll site: http://tpetit.best.vwh.net/dolls/pd_scans/index.html ; toys: <http://www.thetoymaker.com/2Toys.html> ; <http://www.papertoys.com/> ; activities and more: http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/free_printables.htm

7. Ornaments

Kids love to make ornaments. Beautiful ornaments can be made with old Christmas cards, leftover wrapping or scrap book paper. Usually all you need for these is paper, glue, scissors, and string or ribbon for hangers. Ornaments make unique gifts for grandparents and teachers.

Look online for more ideas for inexpensive holiday, homemade gifts. Your wallet will thank you!