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Pee Wee Play Group for children ages 0-4

Promotes parent support and preschool readiness. Come join the fun! 10:00 – 11:00 am. Sumner/Bonney Lake Family Center. Story Telling; Nutrition for Tots ; Field Trip to Fire Department ; Arts & Crafts; Indoor Parks & Recreation. Join the fun at the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center 1503 Valley Avenue in Sumner. Snacks and activities provided free of charge all are welcome! Call today to reserve your spot. 253-891-6535

Plan to Attend the Senior Center New Year's Eve Party!

On Monday, December 31st join the FUN!

The theme this year "It's a Slumber Party!" Come dressed in your warmest jammies to celebrate another year's arrival. We will have a down home hot meal to warm our tummies and toast in a new year at noon! Please sign up in the programs binder at the Senior Center. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

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.



Puppets Please

Bonney Lake Pierce County Library
Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 am



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

Help Kids in Need – 'Shop with a Cop' program seeks donations

The [Bonney Lake Police Department](#) is once again teaming up with the Bonney Lake [Target](#) for "Shop with a Cop" on December 8, 2012. *Donations are now being accepted at the Bonney Lake Police Department Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or you can mail the donation to 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr E in Bonney Lake.*

"Shop with a Cop" is a program that, with the assistance of school counselors, chooses a number of under privileged kids who are in need of Christmas assistance. The children are teamed up with a police officer to purchase Christmas gifts for their family and themselves. These children normally would not have the financial ability to place gifts under the tree for their loved ones and some would wake up Christmas morning without any gifts for themselves.

This event would not happen without the generous support and donations from our community through citizens and businesses. Last year 22 children benefitted from this great program.





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Senior Center Christmas Lights Bus Tour

Saturday December 15th

This is a Heritage House bus trip.

Cost is \$2.00 for the entrance fee into Sprinker Park and transportation costs. We will be leaving the Senior Center at 5:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. After driving through the more than one million lights displayed at Pierce County's Sprinker Park, we will visit several well-decorated neighborhoods on the way home. Or contact the Senior Center @ (253) 863-7658



Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center: Offers Sewing Classes

Every Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center Daffodil Valley Elementary Campus, 1503 Valley Ave Sumner

Instructors are WSU Clothing and Textile Advisors



To sign up for these free classes or for more information, call [LuAnn Ugas](tel:2538916535) at (253) 891-6535.

Sewing machines, notions, fabrics, patterns and other sewing supplies available for use in classroom, or bring your own supplies and sewing equipment.

Childcare not provided

Sponsored by: W.S.U. Pierce County Extension; W.S.U. Pierce County Clothing and Textile Advisors; Sumner Family Center

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

Ride Sounder from Sumner to the Seahawks game,

10:37 & 11 am, Sounder Station

Take a trip to a Seahawks game this December! Leave from Sumner Station to have a fun and exciting time.

Seahawks vs. Arizona Cardinals Sunday,

December 9, 2012 at 1:25 p.m.

Seahawks vs. San Francisco 49ers Sunday,

December 23, 2012 at 1:25 p.m.

Seahawks vs. St. Louis Rams Sunday, December 30, 2012 at 1:25 p.m.



In the News...

Public Hearing on Food Bank Grant Funds

Make your opinion heard [Citizens encouraged to attend public hearing on Dec. 11th on potential Food Bank grant funds](#)

by [Susan @ City of Bonney Lake](#)

The Bonney Lake City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on December 11th for a potential Community

Development Block Grant. The purpose of the hearing is to: review community development and housing needs, inform

citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),

and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons.

The hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Justice Center (9002 Main Street East,

adjacent to the Bonney Lake Library) during the regular Council Meeting.

For more information please view the [Legal Notices page](#) on the City website or contact the City at (253) 862-8602.



Christmas Celebration to be held at the Bonney Lake Senior Center!

Thursday & Friday

December 20th & 21st

Sink your teeth into delicious ham topped with pineapple, au gratin potatoes, steamed broccoli, dinner roll, green salad, and apple pie! Come join us as we celebrate Christmas in style. Please select only ONE day and sign up in the programs binder. Or contact the Senior Center @ (253) 863-7658





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Winter Camps Day-long programs offered at

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium for children ages 6-8 and 9-12.

Keep your children busy over the Christmas Break with a fun educational experience for Christmas. Here's what is being offered this year at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium's Day Camp...

For kids ages 6-8

Cost is: \$45 members / \$50 non-members per session

December 20: Entertaining Enrichments

Participants help prepare fun treats and toys for some of our wildest and coolest animals at the zoo!

December 21: Winter Wonders

Kids will learn all about how our animals get ready for the winter through wild close encounters and fun games!

December 27: Cool Cats and Wild Wolves

Participants will meet the superstars of the zoo-wolves, tigers and leopards to name a few!

December 28: Extreme Team

Point Defiance Zoo is home to some of the most extreme critters on the planet-meet some super animals as kids explore the zoo from top to bottom!

For kids ages 9-12

Cost is: \$60 members / \$70 non-members per session

Small Class Sizes: 6 maximum!

December 20: Junior Zookeeper

Participants will find out what it's like to be a zookeeper! Spend a day at the zoo and gain hands-on experience as they help us take care of the animals.

December 21: Junior Aquarist

Jr. Aquarists will dive into the daily life of an aquarium biologist and get your hands wet as you take care of some cool marine animals.

December 27: Treasure Hunters

Explore Point Defiance Park from one end to another as we search the wilds for hidden treasure in this geo-caching adventure!

December 28: Junior Zookeeper

Find out what it's like to be a zookeeper! Spend a day at the zoo and gain hands-on experience as you help us take care of the animals.

Call (253) 591-5333 to register, and review these [policies and procedures](#) before bringing your child to Zoo Camp.



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

Visit our new website <http://ponderosaestates.org/>



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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 "sweet" 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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Imaginative Gifts for Seniors

For almost everyone who gives gifts at Christmas, there's one or two people who are elderly. Many of them seem not to need or want more "stuff" in their lives. If your friend or relative is confined to a senior residence or home, finding the right gift is even tougher. In this situation, space for things is often an issue. So what's a gift giver to do? Here are 10 unusual and frugal ideas that will bring a smile to even the most over-stuffed senior.

1. Ergonomic kitchen tools - Years ago, a friend gave me a potato peeler with an ergonomic handle, and I haven't stopped using it since. I know she didn't pay more than \$6 for it, but it's one of the best Christmas gifts I ever got. Jar openers, spatulas, corn peelers, etc. can be found in most discount department stores or viewed and ordered online. Your friend with arthritis in her thumbs like me, will love you for it!

Recordable greeting card - These are so cool. Try a karaoke card and record your own voice singing old time favorites. Jokes? Even better. Drug stores, card shops, and supermarkets carry them and they cost between \$6 to \$10.

3. Stuffed calendars - Purchase a calendar with a motif your friend will love and then go through and mark important dates, such as birthdays of friends and family, upcoming events, and anniversaries. Pre-marking them for your gift recipient will show your thoughtfulness and maybe help remind you, too! Package a few stamped greeting cards along with the calendar if you want to make it extra special.

4. Trip back in time - Gather some old photos of your senior, perhaps from an event like a wedding or important birthday. Tape one to the cover of a pretty tin filled with old time candies, like Necco Wafers or Mary Janes. Place remaining photos in a Christmas card. Crank it up a notch with a subscription to [Good Old Days](#) or [Reminisce](#) . I did this for my own Mom for years and she looked forward to every issue.

5. Deck of cards - Either poker or pinochle will do and get a new score pad and some sharpened pencils. Add a few coupons for card games with you!

6. As Seen on T.V - Confined seniors watch television a lot, and infomercials are hard to miss. I'll bet your senior would love at least one of the items they've seen. CVS has shelves devoted to these products for under \$10.

7. Pocket games - A sliding tile puzzle, sometimes called the 15 puzzle, is old fashioned, but still tons of fun. eBay has a large assortment of handheld games like this including pin ball, ring games, pocket poker, and more. Many of these are vintage and often cost less than a dollar. Buy a good sampling for giving.

8. Free samples - Who doesn't love free? Start collecting them early using online free sample sites and collect items like shampoo and conditioner, t-shirts, and fruit snacks. Wrap each sample in pretty tissue and place the whole lot in a wicker basket. If you know your senior has a love for one of them, include the full size as well as the sample. Try [Nikki's Freebie Jeebies](#) for starters.

9. Grandparents dream - You've seen the books that allow Grandma to record a story for the grandchildren. Why not reverse it? Have the grandchildren record a story, either a book or their own daily doings, and wrap it up along with current pictures of the kids. School portraits are good, but random shots of everyday life are better!

10. Yourself - Almost nothing beats a visit from you, especially if your senior is homebound. Make a commitment to them in your heart and do it. Your thoughtfulness will shine through and you'll benefit as much or more than they will.

Schedule your gift delivery day and call ahead to make sure it's convenient. Put a bow in your hair or wear a red tie. Let your senior know you love them and care about how they celebrate the holidays. Jingle Bells at the top of your voice would not be inappropriate!

