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April 2013 Edition

Annual Easter Egg Hunts

Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

March 30, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Allan Yorke Park



13 City of Bonney Lake community Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday March 30th (rain or shine). The hunt begins promptly at 11:00am at Allan Yorke Park. There is no charge for this event. Children ages 1-11 are welcome. Bring your baskets and your camera to take a free picture with the Easter Bunny!

Don't be late - once the gun goes off, it's over in a manner of minutes!

No registration required. All participating dogs are certified therapy dogs

City of Bonney Lake City Hall in NEW Location!

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WE HAVE MOVED

Justice & Municipal Center
9002 Main St E

View detailed information [here](#).



April Pools Day

Saturday, April 6, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FREE



Visit the Sumner/Bonney Lake Aquatics website for details.

1:00 - 3:00pm

Boating and Water Safety Activities

Games & Prizes

3:00 - 4:00pm

Open Swim with Firefighters and Police Officers

Space limited to 150 swimmers. Activities geared for children 7-12 years. Children 6 and younger must have an adult accompany them in the water. Questions? Call (253) 863-1800.

Presented by Sumner/Bonney Lake Aquatics & the Bonney Lake Police Department.

JOIN LEGO MADNESS!! @ The Bonney Lake Library

Bring your imagination and build something awesome with the Library's Lego's. Tuesday, April 10, 2 - 4 p.m.

Ages 6 and up. Parents please plan to stay with children in need of assistance. No registration required. Drop in any time during the event.

Bonney Lake Pierce County Library

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Fennel Creek Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony Saturday, April 13, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Location: Willow Brook Storm Pond (11110 185th Avenue E)

Mayor Neil Johnson has announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the Fennel Creek Trail "Safe Routes" link on Saturday, April 13th at 10am. The public is invited to attend!

This \$800,000 Fennel Creek Trail link project is funded in large measure with a WSDOT "Safe Routes" grant as part of an alternative safe walking and bicycling route for students to get to Victor Falls Elementary, Mountain View Middle School, and BLHS. The project was recently put out to bid, and should be completed by this fall.

For more information, please contact Facilities & Special Projects Manager [Gary Leaf](#), or view the [Current Projects](#) listings using the links below:

- » [Fennel Creek Trail Project](#)
- » [Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Projects](#)

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt

Non-City Event - Sumner/Bonney Lake Recreation

March 30, 2013

[Allan Yorke Park](#)



There will be an Adult Night-time Egg Hunt as well on Saturday March 30th (9:00 p.m., line up starts at 8:00 p.m.) sponsored by the Sumner-Bonney Lake Recreation Program. With over 2,000 eggs to find, you will have a chance to win prizes such as gift cards, spring gift items, soda, chips, candy and MORE! Event will take place rain or shine. There is a charge for this event. For more information visit

www.sumner.wednet.edu/studentfamilyservices/parksrecreation/
or call (253) 891-6500.

Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 9:00 p.m. (Line up starting at 8:00 p.m.)

Ages: 18 and older only (Please do not bring children to the event)

Cost: \$5 per person

Allan Yorke Park Field #4 (Across street from snack shack and rest rooms)

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Bonney Lake Police Dept. Traffic Emphasis April 2013 – Hands Free, or a Fee



During the month of April 2013, Bonney Lake Police Officers will be conducting a special traffic enforcement emphasis looking for motorists that use their cell phones to illegally talk or text while driving.

Mobile phone use while driving is common but widely considered dangerous. Due to the number of collisions that are related to cell phone use while driving, the State of Washington has made the use of a cell phone without a hands free device while driving illegal.

Cell phone driving statistics:

Distraction from cell phone use while driving (hand held or hands free) extends a driver's reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent. (University of Utah)

The No. 1 source of driver inattention is use of a wireless device. (Virginia Tech/NHTSA)

Drivers that use cell phones are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. (NHTSA, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

10 percent of drivers aged 16 to 24 years old are on their phone at any one time.

Driving while distracted is a factor in 25 percent of police reported crashes.

Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent. (Carnegie Mellon)

The use of a cell phone while driving is a traffic infraction with a fine imposed in the amount of \$124. Bonney Lake Police Officers for the month of April, 2013 will impose a **no tolerance policy** on these violations and will be issuing traffic infractions in an attempt to reduce motor vehicle collisions.

Contact the BLPD with questions at (253) 863-2218 or visit

www.citybonneylake.org/police.

Did You Know... City Departments Have Moved!

Posted on [March 20, 2013](#) by [Susan @ City of Bonney Lake](#)

On March 7, 8 and 11, several City of Bonney Lake departments moved from City Hall to the **Justice & Municipal Center** building at 9002 Main Street East (adjacent to the Bonney Lake Library) . The Bonney Lake Municipal Court and Executive Department offices have been at this location for the past year.

The following departments have now moved into the Justice & Municipal Center (JMC) building:

- **[Administrative Services Department](#) - 1st floor**

City Clerk, Human Resources

- **[Finance Department](#) - 2nd floor**

Utilities, Accounting

- **[Community Development Department](#) – 3rd floor**

Building, Planning, Code Enforcement

In April, Public Works Administration and Engineering staff will move from the City Hall Annex into the old City Hall, which has been renamed the **Public Works Center**. Thus, both public works administration, engineering, and operations will all be together in the same complex. When Public Works Admin and Engineering vacate the City Hall Annex, the Annex building will be leased to private parties.

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City of Bonney Lake Park District Proposal

Recent Updates:

» [April 23, 2013 Special Election - Pierce County Website](#)

In 2004, the City Council proposed a park bond levy for parks and trails. At that time, the City Administration was not very supportive of the measure. Despite the efforts of a small enthusiastic bond campaign committee, the proposition narrowly failed at the ballot box. In 2005, the Sumner School District, the City of Bonney Lake, and the City of Sumner explored creation of a Metropolitan Park District encompassing the boundaries of the Sumner School District. After the proposal was returned to the various city councils for discussion, the proposal failed to get off the ground.

In 2008, the City undertook a survey to assess interest and support for a YCMA. The survey was very positive. In 2011, the City updated its Parks Plan, and the Council began discussing the possibility of creating a city-wide park district as a funding mechanism to increase the City's park and recreation facilities. Given the Great Recession and the current status of City funding, there are no existing funding sources to undertake major park related projects. Consensus of Park Summit attendees and an outside online survey (Patch.com) both indicated that a Park District is the financing method most favored by the public.

On May 7, 2012 and September 27, 2012, the City held "Park Summits" to explore the interest in creating a park district and begin implementing the capital plan outlined in the adopted Parks Plan. Nearly 100 people attended these meetings. While there was a diversity of opinions about what should be done first, and there was great deal of interest in developing more parks, trails, a sports complex, and a community recreation center.

The City has compiled a number of resources to help citizens learn more about the Park District proposal:

Metropolitan Park District Facts Brochure

- [Property Tax Allocator \(online calculator\)](#)
- [Park District Quick Fact Sheet](#)
- [Creation of a Bonney Lake Metropolitan Park District \(PowerPoint Presentation\)](#)
- [Sample Work Plan for April 23, 2013 Parks Voter Measure](#)
- [Park Project Menu Options](#)
- [Bond Finance Levy Options](#)

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Frugal Non-Candy Easter Basket Filler Ideas

Easter is one of the biggest holidays of the year and many children look forward to receiving brand new dress clothes and baskets every year. Often Easter baskets are usually filled with different types of treats such as colorful jellybeans, chocolate bunnies, and while these candies are usually a part of the traditional part of Easter, parents can also place non-candy items inside of baskets that their children will enjoy.

Here are some Inexpensive Easter Basket Filler Ideas:

One type of non-candy item that parents can use for Easter baskets are bubbles. Many children like playing with bubbles since they offer fun and excitement to them. Blowing bubbles might get a little messy for young children but they can make a great alternative form of entertainment other than consuming sweets..

Children's' books are always fun to give to kids during the Easter season. Little girls like dolls and many commercial toy sellers offer Easter themed dolls for little girls during this holiday season. Miniature toy cars are always fun items for little boys and they can be used as a basket gift. Etch a sketches will probably always remain a childhood favorite and they can make great additions to an Easter basket.

Sticker sets can be used by children to create their own Easter adventures. Parents can purchase Easter play sets for children that consist of bunnies, chickens, cows and other farm animals.

Pinwheels are definitely a spring time favorite that children enjoy and they can be offered to children during the Easter holiday.

Kites are a favorite amongst kids and are relatively inexpensive, often under \$3.

Airplane Kits- these are "make your own airplane" kits that are wooden or foam and are often \$1 or 2/\$1. They are great fun and the kids have a blast putting them together. OR go on this website for FREE printable paper toys <http://www.thetoymaker.com/2Toys.html>

There are a variety of gift ideas that parents can use for Easter that do not involve candy or other sweet treats. Be creative! Choose a theme and include appropriate items for that theme. Don't forget to make sure that all items are age appropriate too.

