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## Ponderosa Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

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### Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch now open!



The [Boat Launch at Allan Yorke Park](#) is now in operation for the 2013 season! The bollards are 'up', which means boaters must use a valid 2013 boat launch pass card, or use the pay station at the launch. For information on where to purchase boat *launch pass cards* (our location has changed!), fees, and new options and fees that go into effect May 16th, please [view the Boating Page](#) or contact the City at (253) 862-8602. For more information visit [www.citybonneylake.org](http://www.citybonneylake.org) and search for 'Boat Launch'.

**Tuesday, June 04, 2013**  
**Assess Your Collectibles**  
[Bonney Lake](#) 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Event audience: Adult

Find the value of your antiques and collectibles using online databases and websites. Feel free to bring a small, non-fragile item to price in the class.

\* **This event requires registration.** Current Availability: 9



### Family Fun Fest

May 4, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mountain view Middle School



The Sumner School District, the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Bonney Lake, with the support of the U.S. Department of Education, are pleased to collaborate on **Family Fun Fest**.

This event promotes healthy families and communities through free, fun, fitness-related activities for children and families.

There is no cost to participate in this event - all activities will be free of charge.

To learn more about this event contact Facilities & Special Projects Manager [Gary Leaf](#) and visit the participating agency websites:

» **Sumner School District** - [www.sumner.wednet.edu](http://www.sumner.wednet.edu)

» **Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce** - [www.bonneylake.com](http://www.bonneylake.com)

**Annual Meeting for the PEHOA is May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at the Bonney Lake Library.**

**For more information Contact  
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**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**[Living Well with a Volcano in your Backyard – Mount Rainier](#)**



**[Buckley](#)** Library 6:30 PM

Learn how to prepare for potential volcano emergencies and hazards. Carolyn Driedger, Hydrologist and Outreach Coordinator at the United States Geological Survey Cascades Volcano Observatory, will share the joys and hazards of living close to an active volcano.

This event is sponsored by Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Education Division

**Half Price General Admission for Moms**



To kick off an exciting weekend at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, all moms will receive half off general admission on **Saturday, May 11.**

Bring mom (and the whole family) to celebrate the opening of the award-winning [Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater](#) animal show and popular [Budgie Buddies](#) exhibit!

**Tuesday, May 07, 2013**

**Downloadable Drop-In**

**[Bonney Lake](#)** Library 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Get help checking out e-books to your Nook or Kindle, or e-audio books to your MP3 player and more. Get tips in searching the catalog for digital books and other materials.



**Saturday, May 11, 2013**

**[Spring into Meditation](#)**

**[Bonney Lake](#)** 12:00 PM

Event audience: Adult

Enjoy the spring by learning a simple meditation technique leading to the deepest levels of peace and joy. Expert Ajili Hodari will demonstrate how meditation can enrich your life, personally, professionally and spiritually.



Ajili Hodari has:

Studied and practiced meditation for more than 30 years. Conducted seminars and meditation workshops throughout the U.S.

Earned bachelor's and master's degrees in advertising, and a doctorate in law.

This event is sponsored by Friends of the Bonney Lake Library.

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Cops step-up Cinco de Mayo DUI and liquor enforcement  
As communities throughout King, Snohomish and Pierce counties bring out their sombreros and Mariachi guitars in anticipation of the coming Cinco de Mayo weekend, law enforcement is making its own plans.

Beginning on Saturday, May 4, local, county and state police in the three counties will begin intercepting fiesta-goers who get behind the wheel after too many margaritas or beers.

Officers will be especially targeting roads that are at high risk for impaired driving crashes in Tacoma, Puyallup, Seattle, Bellevue, Federal Way, Kent, Auburn, Renton, Burien, Seatac, Lynnwood, Marysville, and Everett. A Mobile Impaired Driving Unit operated by the Washington State Patrol will be set up in Kent to enable officers to transfer the custody of their arrestees to the unit's troopers so arresting officers can quickly resume their hunt for impaired drivers. "Although Cinco de Mayo is not widely celebrated in Mexico, it has become an unofficial drinking holiday in the United States. Special pricing on drinks, taco-eating contests, and dance bands galore will draw many to restaurants and bars Saturday night", said John Cheesman, Chief of the Fircrest Police Department and chairman of the [Tacoma Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force](#).

To curb the amount of alcohol drinking drivers might consume, law enforcement and Liquor Control Board officers working with the Home Safe Bar Program in the three counties will visit bars to remind patrons and servers about the state's alcohol laws. The officer team in Pierce County will be accompanied family members whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver.

To avoid being arrested, customers will be encouraged to pick up Click-it-to-ride cards. The cards can be scanned quickly by smart phone users to dial a local taxi. For more info go to

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=882>



### Free Special Needs Transportation Expands in Rural Pierce County

Pierce County Community Connections is expanding special needs transportation in rural Pierce County. The "Beyond the Borders Connector," a four-month pilot project, provides eligible riders with a link to services in rural communities. The transportation program is administered by Pierce County and serves seniors, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. The routes include:

- Bonney Lake and Prairie Ridge, with service to Rhododendron Park and Ponderosa Estates
- Sumner, with connection Pierce Transit and Sound Transit
- Bonney Lake / Sumner circulator, connecting routes in the two cities and the two transits.

Community Connections contracts with Paratransit Services to coordinate eligibility screenings, drivers, and vehicles for the pilot project. More details about routes, stops and schedules are posted online at [www.piercecountywa.org/cc](http://www.piercecountywa.org/cc).

All riders must complete an eligibility screening to take advantage of the service. There is no restriction to the number of times a rider can use the Connector. For more information and to register, residents should call 2-1-1 or 1-800-572-4357. □

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Apps that make managing your money easier

### 5 Best Money Management Apps

With the latest apps, you can do everything related to managing your money right from your Smartphone without having to get back to your desktop computer at home or the office. In fact, today's apps give you even more power and flexibility than the computer banking of yesterday and all in the palm of your hand.

- **1. Banking Apps**
  - Does your banking have to be done 24-7 and on the go? Most banks offer their own app to manage your bank account, and these apps are almost always free. All of the major banks, including Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Chase, offer these apps to their customers with accounts. Many of the smaller banking chains provide banking apps, too.
  - Most of these apps give you the same options as your online banking software designed for desktop computers, including transferring money among accounts. If your bank offers instant update, you can check your balance immediately after using your debit or ATM card and the transaction is already reflected. Availability for the iPhone, Android and Blackberry devices varies from bank to bank.
  - Three of the many banks offering mobile banking apps: Bank of America; Wells Fargo; Chase Bank
- **2. Money Transfer Apps**
  - Need to get money to someone quickly without going to the bank or paying Western Union's fees? PayPal provides a Smartphone app that is highly flexible and incredibly secure. This app allows you to do everything you can do on the desktop version of PayPal right from your phone. This is ideal for both business and personal transactions, including sending money to kids in college, paying for office supplies, and honoring contractor invoices.
  - Here are four of the best money transfer apps: PayPal; Venmo; Bump Pay; Square Register
  - PayPal is available for iPhone, Android phones, Blackberry and others. This app is free to download and use, but normal PayPal transaction fees still apply. Other popular money transfer apps include Venmo, Bump Pay and Square Register. Venmo is free. Bump Pay requires you to be physically with the other person to transfer money and Square Register is just a really cool app ideal for street vendors taking payments away from a brick and mortar establishment.
- **3. Check Deposit Apps**
  - No time to get to the bank? No problem with check deposit apps. These apps allow you to take a photo of the front and back of any signed check with your camera phone and send it directly to the bank. The app even checks to make sure the photos are high enough quality to be accepted at the bank. Currently, Chase, PNC Bank, Charles Schwab, and USAA Bank offer checking deposit apps for the iPhone. Check your bank for their app availability and Android compatible apps.
  - These banks are currently offering check deposit apps: Chase; PNC Bank; Charles Schwab; USAA Bank

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### 5 Best Money Management Apps, Continued

#### 4. Stock Apps

Want to keep track of stocks, commodities, and currencies without being chained to a desk or TV? Keep track of Wall Street and get alerts when stock values hit the mark you choose with a free app for Android phones, such as Stock Alert by Pocket Tools. Find the best deals with the app Finance or link directly to your portfolio with Wiki vest Portfolio. This app features over 60 top brokerage firms.

Five of the top stock market apps are: Stock Alert; Wiki vest Portfolio; Stock Quotes; Google Finance

Stock Quote app lets you get real-time prices on stocks, markets, currencies and commodities, even after hours and pre-market quotes. Google's Finance app gives you real-time quotes along with news and information. Some of these apps are also offered for iPhone.

#### 5. Credit Card Apps

Tired of not knowing what your credit card balance is before making a purchase? For an all-in-one app for keeping track of credit card balances, bank balances, loans and investments, Mint has established a solid reputation for itself. Mint allows you to organize your spending into categories so you can see how much you're spending on food, fuel, personal or business expenses. This app is available for new and [prepaid cell phones](#), including the iPhone, Android, and Blackberry. Hello Wallet and Square Wallet are similar apps that do much of the same thing.

Three apps for managing credit card apps are: Mint; Hello Wallet; Square Wallet

With these apps, you have all the [money management tools](#) you need, anywhere you go and every time you need them.

