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Zoo Career Day Saturday November 9th

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.

Bonney Lake Sr. Center Events

Thanksgiving Feast!



Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration
Thursday, November 21st &
Friday, November 22nd
Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings! Elegant setting and entertainment. We will offer two seating's, please choose ONE only. The meal will be served at 11:30am. Please sign up in the programs binder to reserve your seat.



Wreath Making Class

Plan ahead to take this fun class and make a nice wreath for your door! Please sign up in the programs binder.
Friday December 6, @10:00 am - 11:30 am. Cost: \$5.00

Check out all the great activities at the Senior Center and make your Holidays and everyday special!



Santa Parade @ 2:30 pm, Dec.6th

Come...Spend Some Time in Sumner during the Annual Santa Parade. 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?

You can also visit one of our local restaurants if you are looking for more than a snack.



November 11 Brown Bear offers Free Car Washes for Veterans

The mission of [Grace For Vets, a non-profit organization](#), is to honor those who have served or are currently serving their country. This international program unites the car wash industry each year on November 11. Whether observing Veterans Day, Remembrance Day or Armistice Day, we unite together as a whole, and provide FREE car washes to ALL veterans and service personnel. Brown Bear Car Wash will be giving free Bear Essentials car washes to current and former service personnel from 8am to 8pm at all of our tunnel locations.

<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.



BRIDGE LIGHTING & PROCESSIONAL □

This family friendly FREE event makes a great start to everyone's Holiday Season. Plan to attend November 28, 5 pm when Sumner lights up the night @ the Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse to Windmill Gardens. Thousands of lights transform a bridge and a windmill into Sumner's unique winter wonderland. Fudge, carriage rides and more make it a festive start to the holidays.

For more information contact: Sumner Downtown Association, 253-720-9846, www.sumnerdowntown.com

PEHOA News:

Next Meeting November 4th 7 pm.

Check out our Website at : <http://ponderosaestates.org/>

Zoolights 2013



Nov. 29 - Jan. 5, 2014

Closed Dec. 24 & Open Dec. 25 & Jan. 1



Zoolights Hours: 5 - 9 pm

Bundle up and stroll the Zoo as it comes aglow with more than a half-million lights.

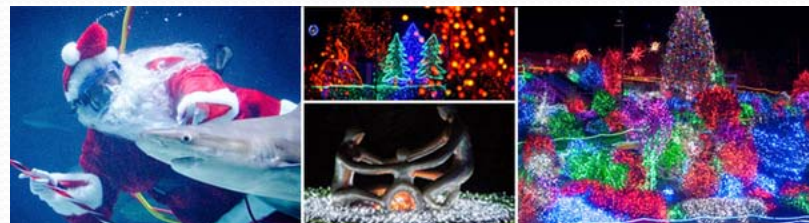
Explore seas of dazzling lights and see breathtaking light displays of ice-skating puffins, playful tiger cubs, the massive flame tree and a Giant Pacific Octopus. Warm up in the steamy [South Pacific Aquarium](#). [Ride a camel and take a spin on the antique carousel!](#)

*SAVE money with the Zoolights Value Pass, which includes admission to the Zoo during the day and Zoolights at night ([view hours](#)). **Available only at the Zoo's front gate.**

Scuba Diving Santa can be found swimming with the sharks during the first three weeks of Zoolights on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at **6pm**.

Dates: December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18.

FREE with Zoolights admission.



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Fall home repairs in preparation of winter heating months ahead Essential Fall Home Repairs

In many states, the leaves are starting to turn and it will be leaf peak season soon. I can't believe it's fall already! Fall is an important time to tend to your home and sort out any fall home repairs that need to be done. Most of these **fall home repairs** and maintenance ideas can be done easily and affordably. As the weather cools down and winter comes in, your house begins to come under more pressure. During the Spring and Summer, it's had a big rest, but you have to make sure you are ready for the rain, cold and warm spells, and maybe a little lightening and snow! Take it on yourself to make sure your house really is in ship shape to sail through this year's storms.

Weather Stripping

Weather stripping basically involves plugging the gaps on your doors and windows. This prevents the loss of heat, saving you money on your energy bills, and also helps stop rain from coming in through any gaps. The easiest way to weather strip is to buy affordable weather stripping kits from your local DIY store or online.

Insulate Your Walls, Ceilings and Floors

Putting insulation in place is sadly one of the more expensive maintenance jobs you may have to do. However, the good news is that through saved energy and home efficiency, it normally pays for itself a few times over in the long term. Start with the attic and exterior walls if you have access. Then try the interior walls and under your floors. Read up more on the Net and get expert opinions if you are unsure of anything. If not done correctly, it could be ineffective.

Fix and Clean Your Guttering and Drainpipes

This is an ongoing project. Leaves and mud block the pipes and guttering around your home, so keep getting up there to keep them clean. Fix any broken parts as water drips can infiltrate your brickwork and cost a lot of money in the future to fix.

Caulk Any Cracks

Get some caulking and borrow a caulk gun. Go around the exterior walls and interior areas applying the caulking to any cracks you encounter. Do this before the rain comes, so you don't trap water inside the walls!

Get Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide is deadly and it kills every year! It's undetectable by sight or smell and only feelings of lethargy can alert you to it. Faulty boilers and heating equipment could cause carbon monoxide leaks and you should stop what you are doing this minute to go and get a carbon monoxide detector. It really could save your life!

Plumbing and Leaky Taps

You should really keep on top of this task all year round. However, as the colder weather comes in, your plumbing may be susceptible to freezing, among other things. Take the time to check all your plumbing and repair any leaks or broken pipes. Also check all taps around the home and make sure the washers are in good condition and everything is running efficiently. Toilets should also all be flushing properly and drains should be draining.

This is a guest post by Forest Parks. He can be found blogging over at his frugal living blog FrugalZeitgeist.com.

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Simple *Fall* Pleasures

The weather is changing here in the Pacific Northwest. Summer is finally over.

There's a definite chill in the air many days. Now we can look forward to some of those fun activities that only happen in the autumn: Collecting leaves and pine cones for wreaths and other decorations; heading out to the local pumpkin patch; baking fresh apple

and pumpkin pies; brewing hot spiced apple cider (I can smell it simmering just thinking about it).

Later this month, the United States celebrates Thanksgiving Day. One of our family traditions for this particular holiday is making a Thanksgiving Tree. We make a tree trunk with bare branches out of black craft paper and tape the "tree" to the dining room wall. Then we cut out individual autumn-colored leaves (red, orange, yellow, brown) from more craft paper. As someone in the family thinks of something or someone that they're thankful for, they write the item or person's name onto one of the leaves and then tape the leaf to the tree branches.

We try to put the Thanksgiving Tree in place by mid-November so our family has at least a full week to add more leaves to the tree. By Thanksgiving Day, the tree is FULL with the names of people, events and things we're thankful for. This is great fun for the kids and a meaningful addition to our family's holiday traditions.

My recipe for hot spiced cider is one of those throw-it-together-as-you-go recipes, but I'll try to explain the process as best I can. First, I take a large jug of apple cider (a gallon if we're entertaining). Then I pour the cider into a large pot on the stove (or into the crock-pot if I don't want to use a burner). Heat to a simmer. Then add the following ingredients to the cider:

- about one cup of frozen orange juice concentrate (this ingredient is a MUST) approximately two teaspoons (more or less) of EACH of the following: Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ginger, Cloves (whole or ground)

and sometimes I add about one cup (or less) of cranberry juice cocktail Let it all simmer for awhile (half an hour at least). The smell wafting through the house while the cider is simmering is simply heaven. Mmmmm ... Serve the hot spiced cider in mugs. For a nice touch, add a whole cinnamon stick to each mug. Having a large pot of cider simmering on the stove when company arrives is a sure way to make them very happy that they chose to come over to your house.

