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NEXT PEHOA MEETING April 7th @ Jeff and Aimee Wilkins's basement. The address is 20310 108th ST E. , enter through the garage. Annual meeting will be held on Monday May 19th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at the Bonney Lake Library. More info on this in the near future.

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Kids' Easter Egg Hunt
April 19, 2014 @ 11:00 a.m.
Allan Yorke Park



The City of Bonney Lake community Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday April 19th (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!

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Spring Fair
April 10 - 13, 2014



Get ready to shake off your winter blues at Washington's biggest celebration of Spring, the Washington State Spring Fair in Puyallup, April 10 - 13, 2014. Welcome in the spring with baby animal exhibits, delicious fair treats like scones and elephant ears, tons of free entertainment including racing pigs, leaping Dock Dogs and dancing horses, and learn new gardening tips and tricks at Northwest Living & Garden. Plus, see cars smashing at the Slam fest Demolition Derby and Monster Truck shows, and whirl and twirl on some of your favorite rides!

Daffodil Parade set for Saturday April 5th!

Get your rain gear and lawn chairs it is Daffodil Festival time again!! Plan a great family outing to see all the floats, bands and flowers at this year's Parade! The Daffodil Festival will be celebrating it's 81st year during the 2014 festival season with the Daffodil Parade being the highlight of Festival Week. The parade travels through the four cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting and consists of over 150 entries, including floats, bands, marching, and mounted units. Floats are decorated with thousands of fresh-cut daffodils and the parade is a bridge that links one generation to another.

The Parade route is legendary and involves all the communities in the valley. Beginning at 10:15 AM Grand Floral Parade will flow through its route in Tacoma starting at 11th & Pacific Ave. Then its on to Puyallup at 12:45 PM Grand Floral Parade winds through town starting at Sparks stadium on the corner of 7th Ave SW & 5th St SW. At 2:30 PM Grand Floral Parade Sumner begins at Kincaid Ave & Main St.

Finally, at 5:00 PM Grand Floral Parade Orting starts Bridge St & Washington St flows through the streets of Orting for all the folks in that community to enjoy.

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April Pools Day



East Pierce Fire and Rescue and the Bonney Lake Police are teaming up to sponsor April Pools Day, a free family water safety event from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at the Sumner/Bonney Lake Aquatics Center pool, behind Sumner High School, at 1707 Main Street.

The event will include water safety instruction, activities and prizes followed by an open swim with the firefighters and police officers. Activities will be geared toward children ages 7-12. An adult must accompany children age six and younger.

Space is limited to the first 100 swimmers, so plan to arrive early. Call the fire department at 253-863-1800 during regular business hours for more information.

[Event Flyer](#)

Two for Tea?

Join Tea Connoisseurs in a educational tea tasting event sponsored by the Sumner Library. Enjoy different types of tea while learn history, storage, purchasing tips and folklore of tea from Tea Madame LaDonna Olmstead. Bring all your tea toting friends for a fun day tasting tea!

Sumner Pierce County Library

1116 Fryar Ave. 98390 • 253-548-3306

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m. Registration required.

Register online @ <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/calendar.aspx?id=281>



Assess Your Collectibles Computer Search Class Tuesday, April 08, 2014 From 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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. Registration required call: Bonney Lake Pierce County Library
18501 90th St. E. 98391 • 253-548-3308

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt



Get your Easter Basket and join in on the fun with the Adult Night-time Egg Hunt Saturday April 19th (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, participants (Please do not bring children to the event) 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. Gather your friends and flashlights @ Allan Yorke Park Field #4 (Across street from snack shack and rest rooms) There is a charge \$5 per person for this event . For more information visit www.sumner.wednet.edu/studentfamilyservices/parksrecreation/ or call (253) 891-6500.

HOA Meeting Discussion Points

At our February HOA meeting, we didn't have enough directors for a quorum, so we couldn't conduct any business. However, we did have a few interesting suggestions come forward, and we would like your feedback.

1. Should we have an appliance pickup day? Several years ago the HOA paid for an appliance service to come through the neighborhood and pick up used appliances, left at the curb by the homeowners. Should we do this again? See info about recycling in this newsletter...do we need to go farther on this issue??
2. Fix up the front entrance? Should we invest some money to hire a professional landscape company to spruce up and maintain the entrance?
3. Bus stop for the kids? Should we construct some type of shelter for the kids waiting for the bus at the entrance?
4. Fix the fence? We need to repair the fence into the wetlands, it was cut by the squatters lining in the vacant house on Bonanza (they're gone now!). Does anyone know of a good local fence company that might be interested in giving us a bid on this rather small job?

Let me (Brad Doll) or any of the directors know your thoughts on these subjects, and we'll bring them up at the meeting.

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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. If you look forward to giving Easter baskets to your children each year but don't enjoy the high price of expensive pre-made baskets, here are some simple ideas for saving money on this fun holiday tradition. Like anything else you buy, it helps to set a spending limit — maybe \$5 per Easter basket. Then have fun being creative and trying to keep within your basket budget. try to shop for Easter basket fillers in advance (I use the same principle for Christmas stocking stuffers, too). You can keep a basket in the corner of a closet for storing these types of items found throughout the year. Keep an eye out for small games and toys in clearance bins at the grocery store, at dollar stores, and during any stops to thrift stores or yard sales.

Here are some Inexpensive Easter Basket Filler Ideas:

Plastic eggs can be reused every year. Fill with jelly beans or small plastic toys of interest to the child. Bags full of fake bugs, dinosaurs, etc., can often be found at dollar stores for under a \$1 per bag.

Homemade candy and treats.

Homemade frosted Easter-shaped cookies individually wrapped. You can also make cookie lollipops by adding a lollipop or ice cream stick before baking. Crispy Rice Treats or Popcorn Balls colored with pastel food coloring and shaped like eggs.

Sidewalk Chalk Eggs: Mix 1 cup plaster, 1/2 cup water and several drops food coloring. Pour mixture into empty egg carton sections. When dry, peel away the carton and hot glue two sections together at the center to form a complete egg. Toys from fast food children's meals can be found in "like new" condition at thrift stores and yard sales for \$0.25 or less.

Rubber stamps and stamp pads.

Homemade play dough, Crayons, Small bag of potato chips, Bubbles, A jump rope, Jack's, A Frisbee, Chopsticks, Fancy shoelaces, Stickers, Books, Stationary, note cards, envelopes, stamps, Coloring books or coloring sheets.

Find some simple Easter related clip-art and print the picture out in black and white for homemade coloring sheets, or print out several and staple them together for a custom made coloring book. New novelty pillowcase, flower pot (fill w/packet of seeds, soil, drainage rocks, gardening gloves, instructions for growing their own Spring flowers).

For older kids/teens, try a make-up container (including sample sizes of soap, perfume, lip gloss, nail polish, etc.), a fishing tackle box (include a few lures), a personal popcorn bowl (containing a bag of gourmet popcorn), or a new purse. For teen-agers or grown children, try a grocery bag filled with their favorite foods.



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A Crash Course in Creative Frugality

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Whether your family was hit hard by the recent economic downturn or if the slowing economy was merely a blip on your financial radar, either way you can benefit from a crash course in creative frugality. Creative frugality is the art of using ingenuity and inventiveness in your efforts to economize. It's not merely saving for the sake of saving; creative frugality is making a game of getting the most for the least outlay of cash.

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Most people understand what creativity is, and they have a good idea what it means to be frugal. But the idea of putting the two together is a little hard to grasp. To get you started in the right direction (or to help you refocus if you're already headed down the frugal pathway), here is a week's worth of challenges to stretch your abilities to think and act in creatively frugal ways:

Sunday For at least one day this week, challenge yourself not to spend any money on anything. Enjoy the feeling of keeping your cash in your wallet.

Monday When you do spend, put yourself on a "cash only" system. Give your credit cards and even your checkbook a rest by buying only what you can pay for with cash.

Tuesday Try not to purchase anything this week at full price. Use coupons, buy on sale, or simply delay your purchase until you can get the item at a discount.

Wednesday Put off a trip to the grocery store as long as you can this week. Be creative in using up what you already have in your pantry.

Thursday - Surf the Internet for new ways to save money. Sign up for a free e-mail newsletter or check Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest for places that will provide ideas and encouragement.

Friday For the next seven days, don't spend any money on entertainment. Brainstorm with your family to come up with things you can do that are free: search YouTube for interesting videos, see who can find the best website on a topic, do some mall-walking, or read a good book.

Saturday Look for ways to save gas and give your car a break this week. Combine errands, do business online or get some exercise by walking to places that are within walking distance.

Nancy Twigg is a Christian speaker and the author of [Celebrate Simply: Your Guide to Simpler, More Meaningful Holidays and Special Occasions](#)

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Puget Sound Energy Offers FREE Refrigerator Recycling



Did you know that PSE offers FREE refrigerator recycling? With FREE Pick up and a \$25 Reward ?

They DO ! The program is open to all PSE customers in an effort to prevent old refrigerators and freezers ending up in the landfill. And as a bonus they PAY you \$25 to haul it away ! Requirements for their services are: The refrigerator or freezer must be clean, empty, defrosted, and in working condition. The size limit of the refrigerator/freezer is 10-32 cubic feet. You must be a current Puget Sound Energy electric customer. Limit **three** appliances per household.

If you are recycling one side-by-side refrigerator, it will be considered as one appliance for recycling. It will not be counted as two separate units.

An adult, 18 years of age or older, must be present to sign and release the unit at the time of the pickup. The unit needs to be plugged in and running on the day of the pickup. Recycling appliance must be disconnected from waterlines prior to the pick up crew's arrival. **You must provide clear and safe access to your appliances for the removal team. They will not risk injury or be able to move personal effects or modify your home (e.g.: remove door or railings) to remove the unit(s). Recycling your old refrigerators and freezers helps you save up to \$200 per unit a year. All units are recycled in an environmentally responsible manner and most materials of glass, metal, and plastic is collected and reused.**

If you have any questions or would like to schedule your pick up date by phone; contact our customer service center toll free at 877-577-0510.

Spring Back Mattress Recycling NW

Spring Back Mattress Recycling NW is a division of the NW Furniture Bank offers an alternative to taking your old mattresses to the dump. The hours of operation for Recycling NW are Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 and are located behind the Furniture Bank at 2301 Dock Street, Tacoma WA 98421. With over 30 million mattresses sent to landfills across the country each year recycling them is a top priority for many environmentally conscious Washingtonians. Over 90% of a mattress can be recycled so it makes good sense to promote this mindset of reuse recycle for these items. Spring Back Mattress Recycling NW was created with three purposes in mind:

1. To create employment opportunities
2. To divert mattress waste from the landfills
3. To provide re-purposed mattresses and a revenue stream to NW Furniture Bank



They are dedicated to growing this venture as the preferred method of mattress disposal in the Puget Sound. The number one requirement to effectively recycle an old mattress is that the items can be in **any condition but MUST be dry**. The WILL pick up our used mattress if within 15 miles of SBNW we will pick up your mattress set for a fee. How much does it cost? \$20 per piece for in home pick up. \$10 per piece if it is brought to the furniture bank. Even if the mattress is stained or ripped it can still recycle it, but it must be dry. Recycling our mattresses helps the environment and our community. Go to <http://www.nwfurniturebank.org/> for more information.