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AROUND THE RANCH...

LOST KEYS??

A resident in the neighborhood has found a set of keys, out by South Prairie Road. If you lost a set, and can describe them, I'll put you in touch with the finder.

Also, it's that time of the year when crime goes up in the neighborhood. Lock up your storage sheds, garages, and RV's, they always seem to be the most likely target.

Tell your neighbors if you're going away for a few days (don't post it on Facebook!), and keep an eye out for anyone that seems out of place on your street. Contact Brad Doll at braddoll@msn.com

"Party in the Park" is set for August 9th? From 11-2. The bouncy house will be back, and there will be food, games, and lots of fun. We're currently trying to get the Pierce County Sheriff to do a "meet and greet" like they did last year :)

Half Day for Half Price @ The Point Defiance Zoo !

July 18
9:30 am - 2:00 pm



Half-Price General Admission gets visitors five-and-a-half hours of animal watching, close encounters, a [live animal show](#) and more: all for as little as \$4.25 for tots, \$6.50 for youths, \$8 for seniors and \$8.50 for adults.

Visiting hours for the general public are 9:30 am to 2 pm on this day. The zoo closes early so that The Zoo Society can prepare for its annual gala fundraiser, [Zoobilee](#).

The zoo resumes regular summer hours, 9:30 am to 6 pm, on Saturday, July 19.

Explore the Shore

July 14
12:15 pm

Become a citizen scientist for a day at Owen Beach! Join Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium naturalists for low tide beach walks where we will identify tide pool animals and record their presence and location in order to add the information to the scientific Nature Mapping database.

This is a fun and exciting opportunity for ages 5-adult to learn about the biological diversity of local beaches and how to protect them.

No RSVP needed. Each event will begin with a short introduction to tide pool animals. Come prepared with sunscreen and weather-appropriate clothing. Sturdy shoes are recommended for walking on a gravel beach. Explore the Shore is FREE.

For more information, contact Amy Hale at 253.404.3665 or amy.hale@pdza.org or check out the Zoo's [Explore the Shore](#) page.

Movies in the Park

Formerly Friday Night Flicks

August 5th, 9th, & 23rd, 2014

Movies Start at Dusk

Location: [Allan Yorke Park](#)

Join us for live movie watching outdoors at Allan Yorke Park again this summer!

Movie selections are subject to change. **Tuesday August 5th**

August 5th

For [National Night Out!](#)

TBA

Saturday, August 9th

The Lego Movie

Saturday, August 23th

Despicable Me 2



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Kids Club

July 7 - August 26, 2014

Mondays @ 6:30 pm

Tuesdays @ 11:00 am

[Allan Yorke Park](#)



Join us for great events at the park all summer long! For the third year, Kids Club events are scheduled on BOTH Monday evenings and Tuesdays during the day, so everyone can join in the fun! In July we are featuring:

Mondays @ 6:30pm

July 7th

[Recess Monkey](#)

July 14th

[Eric Ode](#)

July 21st

Last Leaf Theater

July 28th The Gothard Sisters



Tuesdays @ 11:00am

July 8th

Son of Reptileman

July 15th

Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth

July 22nd Nate Jester

July 29th Cap'n Arrr



Tunes @ Tapps

July 9 - August 27, 2014

5:00 p.m. - [Outdoor Market](#)

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Live Music

[Allan Yorke Park](#)

Join us for another great summer of outdoor concerts at Allan Yorke Park this summer. Check out our awesome lineup below!

And be sure to check out our [outdoor market](#), starting at 5:00 p.m. each evening before the Tunes @ Tapps headliners! More information

July 9th

The General's 7 Dixie Band

July 16th

Raucous

July 23rd

The Coats

August 20st

Tayla Lynn

July 30th

Spike & the Impalers



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Summer Sanity—Help your Kids NOT be Bored this Summer!

Keep your Kids rolling in Summer fun with these tried and true ideas. And to keep these activities easy on your budget substitute what you have. If you are missing one of the supplies for an activity or project, think about what you have that could work. you don't have something for the project think about what you can substitute. For example, for box building maybe you don't have any large boxes, but you could give your child empty pasta or cereal boxes. Maybe you don't have duct tape, but you could use masking tape. The point is to have fun, not spend money, and you may come up with an even better idea.

Don't sweat it. Sometimes your child won't enjoy an activity as much as you expect him to. Don't get frustrated, just try something else and come back to that activity on another day.

- Board Game Bonkers- Play a board game with a twist like Backwards Monopoly. Lose \$200 when you pass go and try to be the first to lose all of your money. You can also create your own board game with your children.
- Card Work- Create your own card game. You can make new rules for a card game you have, or create an entirely new game including the cards.
- Create a Collage- Take old magazines and colored paper and create a collage to hang on the wall.
- Cushion-lympics- Pile cushions or pillows on the floor and practice Olympic events like the long jump or wrestling.
- Create a Clubhouse- Start a new club for your friends complete with membership cards, by-laws and a secret hideout.
- Finger Print Fun- Press your fingertips onto a washable ink pad and press them onto a piece of paper. Use a pen to draw body parts and faces on your finger prints to create your own cartoon characters.
- Fort Building- Create a fort using recycled cereal boxes and other found items.
- Get "Buggy"- Use a shoe box to collect bugs from the yard. Collect fireflies in a jar at night.
- Ice Cream in a Bag- Mix 1 tablespoon sugar, ¼ teaspoon vanilla and ½ cup of milk or heavy whipping cream in a quart size zipper bag. Seal the bag tightly. Fill a gallon zipper bag half-full of ice and cover it with 1/3 cup of rock salt. Place the quart bag inside the gallon bag, seal it tightly and shake for about 5 minutes. Enjoy your new frozen concoction!
- Indoor Tents- Cover chairs and tables with a bed sheet to create a tent. Read a stack of books inside your tent.
- Marshmallow Pops- Insert a straw into one end of a large marshmallow and dip it in melted chocolate then cover it with candy sprinkles.
- Mini City- Make a city from blocks, Legos or other toys for toy cars to drive through.

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It's Camping Season !

Here are the Top 10 Ways to make Enemies of your Fellow Campers



1. If you need an extra table at your campsite go ahead and grab one from an empty site. If someone else shows up to camp there, you can always put it back. And if you're not at your site when they pull in, they should be okay without a table for awhile. And if you do borrow one, don't worry about putting it back when you leave. That's the job of the campground manager. They'll gladly figure out where it goes and return it.
2. Go ahead and dump your gray water in the closest convenient spot. There may be posted spots for disposal of waste water, but as long as the majority of folks use them, it won't really matter if you don't.
3. If you carry in trash, just bag it up and leave it at the site. If the managers are doing a good job, they should dispose of it before the wild animals get into it.
4. Don't worry too much about "quiet time." Most campgrounds designate certain hours (usually after 10 p.m.) where only quiet campfire conversation is appropriate. However, the majority of campers really won't care if you want to start up a midnight Frisbee match. You're all there to have fun, right? And besides, if you go into your tent when the conversation gets lively, the sound will be contained by the tent walls.
5. Don't feel obliged to keep your dog on a leash, especially if it's well-trained. People are camping to enjoy the great outdoors, and animals are a part of that. Your dog's presence will just enhance their experience. A few people might be afraid of unleashed dogs, but the likelihood of you running into one is extremely rare.
6. One of the perks of camping is that you don't need to worry about cleaning up after your pet when he does his business, like you would in town. It's all natural. That's the beauty of enjoying the wilderness!
7. If you have friends who will be joining you and you need to let them know where your site is, make up some signs and nail or wire them to trees to point the way. Some people frown on putting nails into live trees, but it's really not a big deal.
8. Go ahead and cut through other people's campsites if you're in a hurry to get to the restroom, playground, or water. It's not like the campsite is their home or anything.
9. You don't need to clean out your fire pit before you leave. The camp managers will probably have time to get to it before the next campers arrive.
10. Similarly, you don't need to clean up your site before heading home. That is what the fee you paid to camp there is for. The whole idea of leaving the place nicer than you found it is just fine. Please be courteous to your fellow campers and NOT follow these rules this season!