

# Ponderosa Press

## Ponderosa Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

February 2015 Edition

### HOA Meeting News



**Doggie doo bags obtained for the park:** The home owner's association was provided more dog clean up bags for the park. Lauren will restock the bags at the park for use. Also, at last check the trash cans were full and needed to be emptied Brad volunteered to dump the trash. Thank you both for stepping up to the task! We appreciate your service!

**Branches down in the park/Neighborhood clean-up day:** Neighborhood Clean-up Day will be held on February 21. The plan is to have two teams to cover the areas needing attention. Lauren to lead the first team that will be meeting at 8 a.m., at the entrance on 210<sup>th</sup> and South Prairie. Jeff to lead the second team, that will be meeting at 11 a.m., at the entrance of 202<sup>nd</sup> and South Prairie. Wear your gloves and bring your tools to help with these two fun projects. Brad to send out an email as a reminder.



**Barking/roaming dogs:** We all love our furry companions! But lately, there have been complaints about barking dogs and dogs defecating on neighbors lawns/porches. The HOA Board will be creating a "dog etiquette" letter to be sent in the annual news letter latter this year to help our friends and neighbors better cope with this issue. Please be courteous to your neighbors and help keep our neighborhood safe, clean and friendly by keeping your pets under control. Your help is GREATLY appreciated!

**Front entrance beautifying project:** Summer Doll is planning a Community Service/Leadership project and is asking for a group of volunteers to work on landscaping and beautifying the front entrance on 202<sup>nd</sup> and South Prairie. A neighbor suggested a Mount Rainier landscape idea and re-painting the sign was suggested. A motion was made to plan on budgeting \$500 for front entrance beautifying project, motion seconded and approved. Mark your calendars for May 2, 2015 and plan to be a part of creating the "new look" for our entrance.



**Annual Party in the Park event update:** Summer Doll has volunteered to lead planning for this year's "Party in the Park" which is scheduled for August 8, 11a.m.- 2 p.m. Stay tuned for more this fun family event!

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#### Spay Station

February 26 @ 6:45 am  
Pet Pros, Bonney Lake,  
21201 Hwy 410, Bonney  
Lake, WA 98391

#### FREE Spay and Neuter!!!

Are you low income? Low Income  
For Pierce County is:

(1 person \$39,350) (2 persons  
\$44,950) (3 persons \$50,550) (4  
persons \$56,150) (5 Persons  
\$60,650)

OR are you on Public Assistance of  
any type? Then let us spay/neuter  
your dogs/cats for free!

If you have a dog or cat that you  
would like to have spayed or  
neutered, it's a wonderful time to take  
advantage of this low cost option! **If  
you are on public assistance or are  
low income then the surgery is  
FREE!** We also offer vaccines, flea  
prevention, and microchips! Please  
arrive at 6:45am! It is NOT first come  
first serve.

#### Pierce County Library Sponsored Events of interest for February

##### Valentine Making Craft

Thursday, Feb. 12 3:30 p.m.

Bonney Lake 3:30 PM



All ages, under 6 with an adult

Have some fun with scissors, glue and glitter and make a beautiful valentine for family  
or friends. No registration required.



##### Creative Creations

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Sumner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Ages 3 – 8



Make. Build. Sculpt. Tinker. Craft. Explore. Use your imagination and have fun with art  
supplies, Play-Doh, blocks,  
straws + connectors and more!

##### Minecraft Club

Friday, February 27, 2015

Sumner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Ages 7 - 13



Play, build, learn and compete with other Minecraft fans. 10 laptop computers  
available; please bring your own laptop if possible. Snacks provided.

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### Romantic Date Ideas for Valentine's Day...And Beyond



This Valentine's Day and throughout the month of February, get ready to restore the passion that is so vital to keep the flame burning brightly. Whichever your current situation, don't despair. It's never too late to be romantic; nor is it too late to be romanced.

Remember, it is often the thoughtful things that are said or done that stand out the most. For example, the rose you spontaneously purchase for your date will outdo the fanciest dinner, and the love note you give will outshine nearly any activity that money can buy.

Below are several creative ideas and suggestions aimed to add romance to any dating relationship for Valentine's Day and throughout the year.

#### **Valentine's Day Dates**

Decorate your Valentine's dorm room, office, or bedroom with a barrage of paper hearts, balloons, and crepe paper streamers.

Leave a card and a heart shaped picture frame with your favorite picture of the two of you surrounded by rose petals for your Valentine to discover.

Buy a box of chocolates for your Valentine but remove one or two confections. In its place, leave some heart earrings or a locket to be discovered. Be sure to carefully repackage the box to avoid the appearance of tampering.

Write your sweetheart a love note on a sheet of pink or red construction paper. Intermittently throughout your letter, glue down candy hearts that say, "Be Mine", "I'm Yours", "True Love", etc. in places where you would otherwise write them in. Leave the card in a special place, accompanied by a vase full of flowers, for your date to discover. Your Valentine will be captivated by your creativity and charm. Fill up the house with red heart-shaped balloons that you bought discount from a wholesale party store. Consider doing the same with flowers from a wholesale outlet.

Place handmade hearts with loving messages on them and leave them in many places for your Valentine to discover, such as in the car, briefcase, purse, and mailbox.

#### **More Romantic Date Ideas**

Looking to add a little romance to your new relationship? Or perhaps you've been in a long-term relationship and feel it's time to rekindle the sentimental and amorous moments from the early stages of your courtship. Consider one or more of the following creative dates to get the romantic juices flowing.

#### **Sentimental Flashback Date**

Step back in time to relive the advent of your relationship with the Sentimental Flashback Date. Recapture every moment of your first date. Go to the same restaurant, wear the same clothes (or similar outfits), and visit the same fun places. Play songs from that era that'll elicit warm thoughts and memories from yesteryear.

#### **Romancing the Snow Date**

Regardless of the season, every woman loves to be romanced! In the winter season, consider the Romancing the Snow Date. Take a day trip to the local mountains for a romantic date at a ski resort area nestled amid the pristine snow-capped mountains.

Experience the charm of main street villages that provide casual, friendly, and down-to-earth hospitality. There's always a lot of "off the slope" action awaiting you.

Boutiques, galleries, bistros, coffee houses, and restaurants are great places to visit.

#### **Fireside Date**

A warm, crackling fire illuminating the living room, a CD carousel set with hours of romantic background music, a platter of freshly prepared hor d'oeuvres, and a kettle of hot brewed apple cider is all you need to put this date into action.

Enjoy a splendid time of scintillating conversation. Read a favorite short story to each other. Be entertained with a friendly game of backgammon or chess. Enjoy many laughs combing through old school annuals and photo albums. For more ideas go to: <http://www.stretcher.com/stories/03/03jan27e.cfm?FPTue>

