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Ponderosa Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

March 2015 Edition

Daylight Savings Time Begins! Sunday March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward Saturday Evening!

Tuesday, March 10th , 24th 2015

Get Smart with Online Classes

Sumner Library 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Your classes on your schedule. Find out how to access online learning available with your library card to learn just about anything—from tech skills and language learning, to basic cooking and web development, it's learning on demand.

•**This event requires registration.** Current Availability: 15 as of 3/1/15

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



FREE Day at the Zoo March 17 for Seniors and Patrons with Disabilities

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium invites area Seniors and patrons with disabilities to enjoy a FREE day at the Zoo! Bring your friends and experience the fun first hand. The hours are 9:30 am to 5 pm and applies to Seniors 65+ and community members with disabilities. For more information please go to their website:

<http://www.pdza.org/calendar?cid=425>



Free Fun Activities for Kids Happening at the Pierce County Library

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Block Play

Buckley Library 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Ages 3 – 8 and their families

Building with blocks develops a child's math and science skills, and provides lots of fun! Bring your children to a block party and build, talk, explore and create together. All you need is imagination!

This event is sponsored by Pierce County Library Foundation

Friday, March 27, 2015

Minecraft Club

Sumner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Ages 7 - 13

Event audience: Children, Tween (ages 9-12)

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

This event is sponsored by Friends of the Sumner Library **Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

Creative Creations

Sumner 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Ages 3 – 8

Event audience: Children

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

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Hello Everybody,

For those who don't know me, I'm Summer Doll and I'm a resident here in the neighborhood that has taken on the project of fixing up the front entrance on the neighborhood!

The plan is to repaint the sign, build a mound and plant some nice bushes and various plants. The entrance hasn't had much maintenance in a while, and it needs some sprucing up! :) The reason I'm emailing you is I'm looking for volunteers to come help put this project together and make it a success! The more help we have, the better--and it's great to see other people's perspectives. I'd love to hear any ideas/suggestions you all might have.

The project is set to take place on Saturday, May 2nd starting at 9 AM. Depending on how many people volunteer, we should be done by 12 PM (noon) or so. Every bit of time you can volunteer helps!

We are looking for volunteers to 1) repaint the sign 2) plant bushes and landscaping.

Please mark this date on your calendars, and please let me know if you'd like to help.

If you have any other questions or concerns, contact me at sdoll93@uw.edu

Thank you, have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

- Summer L. Doll U.W.T. Psychology Major, Minor Human Rights
U.W.T. Library Student Assistant
- U.W.T. Psychology Club Vice President
STEPS High School Mentor
- St. Joseph Mental Health Unit Volunteer



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How to Clean your Front Loading Washing Machine

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Solution #1 - Run a load of whites with bleach or run an empty load with 1 cup bleach on the hottest setting you can use.

Solution #2 - Wipe the washing machine down with a bleach water solution. Pull back the rubber seal and wipe inside there too. Rinse.

Solution #3 - Homemade HE Washer Cleaner

2 cups vinegar

1 cup baking soda

Pour vinegar in the detergent compartment. Pour baking soda into drum of washer and use hottest water setting possible.

Solution #4 - Wipe it down with a bleach water solution. Pull back the rubber seal and wipe inside there too. - Just wipe the HE washer down with vinegar and rinse.

Solution #5 - How to clean a front loading washer - Add 1/2 cup dishwasher detergent to your washer either with white clothes or without clothes and run on the hottest setting.

Solution #6 - To prevent mold build-up in your washer- Wash 1 load of whites a week with bleach or add 1/2 cup of Borax to each load of laundry. If you're hesitant to use bleach, adding Borax to every load will virtually eliminate the problem.

Additional High Efficiency Washer Tips:

Be sure you aren't using too much laundry detergent and that you use the right kind of laundry detergent. With laundry detergent, more is NOT better. Soap build up will cause the bacteria to build up too.

You can use [Homemade Laundry Soap](#) that just costs \$10 per YEAR if you want, too!

And leave the door open so it will air out.

So that's the way to keep your front loading washer clean! Pretty easy and it takes just a couple of minutes!

Enjoy your fresh clean washer!



Great Date Night Idea!

Museum Pass Available at the Library check out a pass for free admission to area museums

As part of a cooperative project among Pierce County Library, Tacoma Public Library, Puyallup Public Library and local museums, Pierce County Library customers have the opportunity to use special passes for free admission to the partnering museums. Partnering museums are **Museum of Glass, Tacoma Art Museum** and **Washington State History Museum**. Visit your [Pierce County Library](#) to check out a museum pass, using a valid library card. Checkout is limited to 1 pass per museum for 3 weeks. You may check out passes to the 3 different museums. Although passes cannot be reserved or renewed, you can check for availability by searching the [library catalog](#) for "museum pass." Pass users must adhere to the rules of the museum.

Go to: <https://www.piercecountylibrary.org/books-materials/museum-pass.htm> for more information.

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- There are always days when kids are stuck inside to play. Often it is due to weather, but there are tons of other reasons why your outdoor plan may not be an option! Check out these FUN indoor activity ideas!

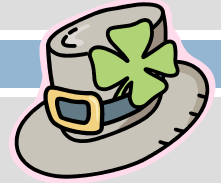
- [Melted Crayon Art Project](#)
- [Bubble Wrap Stomp Painting](#)
- [Alternative Uses for Pool Noodles](#)
- [Q-Tips and Straws – Fine Motor Skills Activity](#)
- [Make Your Own Flubber](#)
- [Olaf Sock Snowman](#)
- [Fingerprint Bug Jar Printable](#)
- [DIY: Fluffy Flip Flops](#)
- [Flowered Headband Tutorial for Kids](#)
- [Make Pipe Cleaner Funky Flowers](#)



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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style make Luck 'O the Irish Cream Trifle

Use any clear glass container for the Irish Cream Trifle dessert
Use large or small containers even votive glasses will work to serve this decadent delicious dessert.
Recipe from HoosierHomemade.com

Ingredients:

- **1 batch of Brownies** sprinkled with Andes mints or chocolate chips
- **International Delight Irish Crème Coffee Creamer** {1/2 cup for pudding + 1/2 cup for cake}
- **1 (4 oz) pkg of Instant Vanilla Pudding + 3-4 drops of green food color**
- **1 1/2 cups milk**
- **1 box of Andes Chocolate Candy**
- **1 bag of Andes Mint Chips (in the baking aisle)**
- **1 tub of Cool Whip Whipped Topping or fresh whipping cream**

Instructions

Better Than Brownies

- 1. Mix brownies and sprinkle with Andes Mint Chips, bake and cool**

Pudding

- 2. Combine vanilla pudding with 1 1/2 cups milk and 1/2 cups Irish Creamer {you can use more creamer if you want, just decrease milk, you need a total of 2 cups}**
- 3. Mix well and place in fridge to set**
- 4. After the brownies {or cake} have cooled, cut into pieces and place in a dish, poke with a fork and pour Irish Creamer over, place in fridge about 10 minutes**

Assembly

- 5. Place a layer of brownie in the bottom, top with pudding mixture, sprinkle with chopped Andes candies or chips, add Cool Whip, and sprinkle with Andes mint chips or green Jimmie sprinkles**
- 6. Repeat layers depending on the size of dish you are using**