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Ponderosa Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

July 2015 Edition

AROUND THE RANCH...Have a safe and happy 4th! Please be careful with your fireworks and keep a look out for your friends and neighbors



Plan to attend the next Home Owners Association Meeting on Monday July 20th, at 7PM, contact Brad Doll for directions to meeting location. The HOA has food available each month for those in need. The food will be available following each monthly HOA meeting. It is generously being provided by Puyallup Foursquare Church and Ponderosa residents.



Party in the Park August 8th 11AM - 2PM
Harrison Memorial Park 20711 107th St E Bonney Lake, 98391
The third annual Party in the Park will be a fun family event that you will not want to miss! Come and enjoy a wonderful day of fun with your family and neighbors. Also, PEHOA will be sponsoring a recycling event during the party. Please see our Facebook page for a list of items that can be recycled.
www.facebook.com/PonderosaEstates

Half Day for Half Price @ The Point Defiance Zoo !

July 17

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Discounted Half-Price Admission gets visitors four-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 18. No coupons or discounts are valid on this day.

Explore the Shore

July 15 @ 10:30 am



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 our [Explore the Shore](#) page.

Movies in the Park

Allen York Park

Tuesday August 4th, 2015

For [National Night Out!](#)

Big Hero 6

Saturday, August 8th, 2015

Pitch Perfect

Saturday, August 22nd, 2015

Strange Magic

Saturday, August 29th, 2015

Guardians of the Galaxy

Make a memory with your family this summer! Bring your lawn chairs, sleeping bags, popcorn, snacks and enjoy a movie on the big screen under the stars.



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Kids Club

July 6 – September 1st

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 & Tuesdays @ 11:00am

**July 6th
Recess Monkey**



**July 7th
Cap'n Arr**



**July 13th
Brain Vogan and his Good Buddies**

**July 14th
Steve the Pretty Good**

**July 20th
Eric Ode**

July 21st Son of Reptileman



July 27th Eli Rosenblatt

July 28th Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth

Tunes @ Tapps



2015 Schedule

5:00 p.m. - [Outdoor Market](#)
6:30 - 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!

**July 8th
[The Coats](#)**

**July 15
Spike and the Impalers**

**July 22nd
The Great Pretenders**

**July 29th
[Sweet Kiss Momma](#)**



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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-Olympics- 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!