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### Fort Nisqually Foundation's "Bonfires, Beaver Pelts & Bogeymen" Halloween

**Storytelling fundraiser** Fort Nisqually invites you to celebrate Halloween in the style of past centuries with ghost stories told around a roaring bonfire in the meadow outside the Fort's walls. Follow a trail of glowing jack-o'-lanterns to a blazing bonfire where storytellers from the past will send shivers down your spine as their words bring forth the spirits of the fur trade. The storytelling begins with "gentler" tales; and after a break for complimentary cider and cookies, the stories get increasingly scarier! Join the fun **Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 24 (7:00pm - 9:00pm)**

[http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/?cid=4345&park\\_id=129](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/?cid=4345&park_id=129)



### Hoot 'n' Howl

**October 23 - October 24  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

Don your best costume and bring your brood to Northwest Trek for the spookiest event of the year. Navigate through the park to search for animals in the dark on a special nighttime tram tour. Revelers young and young-at-heart can play games, win prizes, and eat treats during this wild weekend!



### **Special Activities**

Venture to the Free-Roaming Area on a special nighttime tram tour. Spot Roosevelt elk, bighorn sheep and other animals under the stars.

Trick-or-treat and pick up goodies throughout the park.  
Make spooktacular crafts to take home.



### Fort Nisqually Candlelight Tour 2015

**Friday, October 2 – Saturday, October 3  
(7:00 pm - 9:30 pm)**

**Advance Tickets Required:**

**Purchase tickets at:** <http://candlelight2015.bpt.me>

Tickets are \$12 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$8 for youth (age 4-12). Tours start every 15 minutes. For more information call (253) 591-5339.!

Campfires and candlelight provide illumination for this magical evening walking tour of Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. *Candlelight Tour* is Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, 7-9:30 pm.

Guests may eavesdrop as more than a hundred re-enactors bring to life the men and women of the Hudson's Bay Company. The people from the past won't be aware of their 21st century visitors.

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Next HOA Meeting is Monday October 19th, at 7PM. join us at our next meeting!  
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### BLPD Traffic Emphasis of the Month – October 2015

Posted on [September 30, 2015](#) by [Jaime @ City of Bonney Lake](#)

#### **Bonney Lake Police Department Speeding in School Zones/Aggressive Driving**



During the month of October 2015, Officers will be conducting a special traffic enforcement emphasis looking for speeding vehicles in school zones as well as aggressive driving violations. Keeping children safe in designated school zones is a top priority of the Bonney Lake Police Department. As a driver the most important thing you can do to protect children in school and park zones is to **slow down**. It is our goal to improve the pedestrian safety in these areas by reminding motorists to slow down to the posted speed limits.

#### **School Zone Statistics:**

Washington State law, RCW 46.61.440, defines the rules for driving in a school zone/playground and assigns a penalty for breaking those rules. Remember that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph. A speeding ticket will cost you double the fine of the normal infraction for speeding. The fines range from \$189 to \$784 depending on how fast you were going.

According to the [Washington Traffic Safety Commission](#), if a pedestrian is hit by a car is going 20 mph, the pedestrian has a 80%-90% chance of survival. If the same car were going 5-10 mph faster, the pedestrian has a 90% change of being *killed*; Speed makes a huge difference!

**Speed Kills** — On Washington roadways, there were 1,045 speeding involved fatal crashes between 2004 and 2008. These crashes resulted in a total of 1,166 deaths, which is an average of 233 per year. This accounts for approximately 40% of all traffic deaths during the five year period.

Bonney Lake Police Officers for the month of October, 2015 will impose a no tolerance policy on these violations and will be issuing traffic infractions in an attempt to reduce injuries and deaths that result from motor vehicle collisions in school zones and also that involve speeding 15 MPH or more over the posted speed limits.

### Sumner School District officials hopeful \$145 million bond will pass

For students at Sumner High School, their gym is so small that the entire school can't come together for assemblies.

However, Sumner School District officials are hopeful that a February 2016 bond measure will help solve some of the district's challenges when it comes to a quickly-growing student population.

With more students and families moving into the district as part of new housing developments and planned communities, the district is rallying support and understanding for voters to pass the estimated \$145.6 million, 2016 Capital Projects Bond.

By 2023, the Sumner School District is estimated to see an estimated 18 percent (1,490 students) increase in students, according to district officials.

With that in mind, they are beginning to plan ahead for the influx of students.

"The growth won't be at just one grade level," said Steve Sjolund, the district's Educational Support Services officer. "We will see a growth at the elementary schools, middle schools and at the high schools."

Sjolund says a majority of the growth can be attributed to the new master planned community, Tehaleh, in the south end of the district. With growth in the valley as well, the bond will work on the needs for all areas of the district.

Plans for construction of a \$13.5 million Early Learning Center and a \$15 million expansion to Mountain View Middle School are also included in the bond.

District-wide, the bond would include a \$6 million upgrade to install turf and lighting at locations throughout the district.

"The goal has always been to share Sunset Chevrolet stadium," Campbell said. "But we're growing out of that."

It would also include \$4 million for safety and security upgrades. The district is also expecting about \$15 million in matching grants from the state as well.

The district has yet to announce how much per thousand the bond would be for taxpayers, but Campbell doesn't anticipate it to be higher than \$2.41 per thousand — what taxpayers paid in 2013.

"We've done a lot of really good work to be fiscally responsible," Campbell said. "We're mindful of the tax rate and the budget."

District officials say the resolution for the bond needs to be approved in November to run on the ballot in February.

"Our goal is to do what we say we will with the money," Campbell said.

Read more here: <http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/local/community/puyallup-herald/ph-sumner/article33506979.html#storylink=cpy>



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### Rainy Day Date Ideas

Some of the best dating moments include spending quality time with your honey in the warm and cuddly confines of the indoors, especially when there's a cozy fireplace crackling in the background. This article highlights a downpour of creative date ideas for you and your date to enjoy when under cover, or as in the case of the Liquid Sunshine Date, when there's no cover at all, and you're creating memories splashing out in the rain or in other inclement weather.

So grab your umbrella or don your coolest clothes because things are sure to heat up when you incorporate some Rainy Day Dates into your dating repertoire. Liquid Sunshine Date

Raining again? Are you wasting another day at home wishing you could be outside enjoying the day with your sweetheart? If the rain is getting you down, then you need to "get down" in the rain! Make it a point to splash your feet in every puddle that comes across your path. Afterwards, return home for some hot chocolate and dry towels.

#### Grocery Store Date

You'll be surprised at the many laughs you'll encounter together at the supermarket as you take turns pushing the cart up and down the aisles in search of the items from your "make a meal together" shopping list. As you approach the end of your shopping list (and after you've sneaked a few odd items into the cart while your date wasn't looking), make it a contest to see who can come closest to predicting the total cost of the grocery bill. Select a prize for the winner. Now it's time to cook dinner! Go back home, put on your aprons, and team up to concoct a gourmet dinner that would satisfy even the most discriminating of tastes.

#### Learn a New Skill Date

Another idea to pass away the time on a rainy day is to spend it with your date learning a new skill or activity. There are many skills a man and a woman can enjoy learning from each other that are both useful and fun. Useful skills a woman can teach a man include how to sew on a button, cook a meal from scratch, accessorize your clothes, or put down a toilet seat. A man, on the other hand, can teach a woman beneficial skills such as how to change or rotate a tire, program a VCR, or plumb a sink. Another angle to explore with this date is to learn a skill or activity together that neither of you have experienced before but would have an interest in. Examples include learning to play a guitar, frame a picture, refurbish a piece of furniture, or if things aren't going so well, you can teach each other how to get out of a bad date.

#### Plan a Trip Date

It doesn't cost anything to dream. And planning an imaginary trip to that island paradise or resort town is one way to curb your dream travel aspirations and to bring you one step closer to it becoming a reality. Target a roomy space such as the living room floor or kitchen dining table and spread out all the maps, brochures, and travel guides that you each have resourcefully gathered for this occasion. As a concluding step to your Plan a Dream Trip date, cut out pictures, words, and phrases from your trip planning resources and paste them on a sealed jar that you can use to put your spare change in. Maybe this trip will become a reality sooner than you might think.

#### Create a Pizza Date

Bad weather can certainly put a damper on your plans for an outdoors date, but one thing it's not likely to damper is your appetite. Good weather or bad, you've got to eat. So "weather" or not, food here we come! A compliment to any indoor activity is to create your own pizza together. It's simple and easy, and best of all, it requires a team effort. The ready-to-use pizza dough and sauce provide the basics. The fun comes in when you go to the store to select your toppings (olives, 'shrooms, pepperoni, etc.). Try some new toppings you never considered on pizza before, such as pineapple, asparagus, potatoes, or even candy. See who can come up with the most outrageous, yet delicious creation. Whatever you do, be sure to re-think the onions. This is a date, after all.

#### Vintage Comedy Radio Show

Spend an evening together in front of the radio just like your grandparents did in the old days. There are many comedy radio shows on the air that are hysterical. Just check your local AM frequency programming. Once you hear these with your date, you'll have each other doubled over laughing when you mimic the style of the characters on the radio program. Some of these vintage comedy shows can even be pulled down off the internet. Bookstores also provide recordings that can be purchased. Some entertaining personalities to consider for this date include Bill Cosby, Bob Newhart, Jerry Seinfeld, Firesign Theater, Garrison Kieller, etc. Hearing just a line or two from one of your favorite shows will have you in stitches.

#### Scrapbook Date

One of the greatest benefits of dating is creating lasting memories together. Every dating couple has a story to tell, and one of the most creative ways to do this is by telling it through a well-constructed scrapbook. Give your scrapbook a theme such as "Over the Years" or "Our Trip to..." then on the next rainy day, meet together to record your memories. Enjoy the moments developing your memory book and reflecting back on the momentous times you shared. As a finale, set aside 30 minutes each and write up a personal summary, poem, or travel review to include at the end of your scrapbook that'll make you want to look back on the trip for years to come. These are a few ideas for each rainy day dates ...can you think of some??

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### Winterize Your Car and Avoid Problems Later

You can avoid many dangerous weather problems by planning ahead. Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary. **Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:**

**Keep your gas tank full** - in case evacuation is needed. **Do not drive through a flooded area** - Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control and possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars. **Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded** - Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.

If a **power line** falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire. **Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing. **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

**Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels. **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning. **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing. **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly. **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability. **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well. **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly. **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level. **Install good winter tires** - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs. If there is an explosion or other factor that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake. If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway, avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.

### Be Prepared-Make an Emergency Kit for Your Car

In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car including

**Jumper cables:** might want to include flares or reflective triangle

**Flashlights:** with extra batteries

**First Aid Kit:** remember any necessary medications, baby formula and diapers if you have a small child

**Food:** non-perishable food such as canned food, and protein rich foods like nuts and energy bars

**Manual can opener**

**Water:** at least 1 gallon of water per person a day for at least 3 days

**Basic toolkit:** pliers, wrench, screwdriver

**Pet supplies:** food and water

**Radio:** battery or hand cranked

**Cat litter or sand:** for better tire traction

**Shovel**

**Ice scraper**

**Clothes:** warm clothes, gloves, hat, sturdy boots, jacket and an extra change of clothes for the cold

**Blankets** or sleeping bags

**Charged Cell Phone:** and car charger





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**For all you Hawks Fans !**  
**Try some of these great recipes for the next game day tailgate party .**  
**Go to the link below**

**Go Hawks!!**

<http://www.thriftynorthwestmom.com/25-game-day-recipes-12th-fan/>