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Its Tax Time! Pierce County Library offers Free Tax Prep to Residents Now through April 15, 2016

Buckley Bonney Lake area
Buckley Senior Center (360.829.0190)

Sumner area (Bonney Lake, Puyallup)
Sumner Library * (Sat, 10 am-4 pm)



•**Sites serve households with incomes up to \$54,000. No income limits at other locations. E-filing available at all sites.**

•What should you bring?

- Social Security Card or ITIN card for all family members
- Photo ID for primary taxpayer & spouse
- Birthdates for all family members
- Your spouse, if married filing jointly
- Identification & People
- Income & Benefits
- W-2 form for each job worked
- 1099 forms for other income (interest, dividends, unemployment, etc.)
- Year-end documents for Social Security and other benefits
- Health insurance card, form 1095A, or exemption certificate number
- Expenses
- Childcare expenses and provider name, address and tax ID number
- Mortgage and real estate taxes if you own a home
- Higher education expenses
- Business expenses, if self-employed

Next HOA Meetings is Monday March 21ST, contact us and join us at our next meeting! And don't forget that food is available from Puyallup Foursquare Church after the meeting.

Free Fun Activities for Kids Happening at the Pierce County Library

Saturday, March 05, 2016

Read With a Princess

Buckley 11:00 AM

Ages birth to 6 years, accompanied by an adult.

Event audience: Children

Come and enjoy story time with a Daffodil Princess! The princess will read stories, talk with the children and be available for photos.



Saturday, March 12, 2016

Spring Lego Fun!

Buckley 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

All ages: children under 6 with an adult

Use Lego blocks and straws + connectors as well as your imagination to create fabulous contraptions.

All attendees may enter for a chance to win a door prize.

No registration required.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Buckley Library



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Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Tea Tasting With the Tea Madame Sumner Library

Sun., March 6 at 2-3 p.m.

Taste different types of tea while learning tea folklore from LaDonna Olmstead of the Tea Madame Tea Shop in Sumner.



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February Meeting News

Hello Everybody, As you may not know at our Homeowners Association meeting in February we discussed our plan to improve Harrison Memorial park

Some of the items discussed were:

Clearing trees for better park visibility from the street and allowing more light into the park. Research has been done on the cost of this project to better project the budget. This plan will be presented at the upcoming Annual HOA meeting for approval.

Updating playground equipment

An expanded parking area out front of the park

More security cameras for better safety of patrons of the Park as well as residents surrounding the park.

**Upcoming Annual HOA Meeting Monday
April 18th at 7 PM**

**Meeting will be held at the Bonney Lake
Library, 18501 90th St E**

See you there!

Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

March 26, 2016

11:00 a.m.

[Allan Yorke Park](#)

The City of Bonney Lake community Easter Egg Hunt begins promptly at 11:00am at Allan Yorke Park, rain or shine. There is no charge for this event. Children ages 1-11 are welcome. Bring your baskets and your camera to take a free picture with the Easter Bunny!

Don't be late - once the gun goes off, it's over in a matter of minutes!



Haulin' Eggs 5k Fun Run

March 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.

[Allan Yorke Park](#)

The **Haulin' Eggs 5k Fun Run** is a hilly course where you literally haul eggs as you run! During this unofficially timed 5k event, participants will collect one egg at each kilometer; each egg corresponds to a goodie at the end of the race. The 5th, and final egg will be an egg shaped finisher prize. Awards will be given to the overall first place male and female finisher. After the race, join us for the family Easter Egg hunt through Allan Yorke Park!

For details or to register visit the race signup page:

<http://www.active.com/bonney-lake-wa/running/distance-running-races/haulin-eggs-5k-fun-run-2016>



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How to make an easier raised bed garden with hay bales

Raised bed gardens are a great solution for growing plants if you can't bend easily, your dirt is poor, or you don't even have soil. But if the cost of construction supplies like wood and nails won't leave much room in your budget for important gardening supplies like seeds and plants, consider using a hay.

Hay bale gardens provides several advantages:

There is no need to rotate crops, since each season you start with new hay bales.

The plants grow in a complete organic environment. Organic soil-free potting media will help hold nutrients and water more efficiently for faster growth.

Hay bales create an environment similar to gardening hills in soil. The plants will have good drainage.

Weeding time is minimized.

Select bales of hay or straw from fields that have not been treated with herbicides that contain clopyralid or picloram such as tordon, surmount or garzon.

These weed killers will stay in the bales and can affect the growth of the plants.

Straw bales typically have fewer weed seeds than hay bales, since the straw comes from cereal grains that have been harvested. The best bales come from wheat, rice or barley straw. These types of bales have good drainage. If you must choose hay bales, choose Bermuda, fescue, ryegrass or a grass native to your area. Select rectangular bales that are firm and tied tightly. Place the bales in a sunny location. Most plants need at least six hours of sunlight each day. Plants such as tomatoes that do not receive this much sun will not produce as much fruit. Once the garden is in place, you will not be able to move the bales.

The surface where you put your garden should be a place that can accept runoff. If you are gardening on concrete or on a rooftop, you will need to provide a place for the runoff water to go. You can place the bales on a tarp. This will divert the water to other areas so that it is not concentrated directly in one spot.

Place the bales so that the bindings are facing upward and the grain of the straw or hay is parallel to the ground. Do not cut the bindings.

Completely soak the bales with water from a garden hose once or twice every day for three days. If you are gardening on a rooftop, be aware that a 50-pound bale will hold 125 pounds of water. Make sure the surface you are gardening on will hold this weight.

On the fourth day, add two cups of dolomite lime and 1/2 cup ammonium sulfate to the bale. Mix this fertilizer into the top of the bale by scratching it into the grain of the hay or straw fibers with a gardening fork and water it in by once again saturating the bale. Add fertilizer to the bale for the next five days. If you are gardening organically, use a manure tea as your fertilizer. If not, use 1/2 cup ammonium sulfate. The ammonium sulfate or manure tea will activate microbes that decompose the bale in the center of the hay.

On day 10, add 1/2 cup of a balanced 8-8-8 fertilizer or one cup of a 10-10-10 fertilizer. The numbers on the package represent the total amount of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium in the fertilizer. Add another 1/2 cup of this fertilizer once per month as your plants grow. Never fertilize the bales more than once per month after they have been planted.

The bales should be ready to plant on day 11. Create a top cap of soil for the bale garden by mixing bagged potting soil and bagged, composted manure from your local garden center. Spread this over the top of the bales in a four-inch layer. Manure must be composted to eliminate weed seeds. **Time to Plant Your Hay bale Garden!**

Plant vegetable transplants by pushing aside the top cap and pulling the straw fibers open. Place the root ball of the plant directly into the straw fibers. Then push the fibers closed around the root ball and move the top cap back in place. A bale of hay is large enough for two tomato plants or four pepper plants, but you may plant any type of vegetable in your garden. Spring gardens may be planted just after the last yearly frost date in your region. A fall garden may be planted by midsummer.

Check the bales daily once they are planted to see if they need watering. Even if the outside of the bales are moist, the inside must remain as damp as a rag that has been wrung out. <http://www.stretcher.com/stories/12/12mar05e.cfm?08feb04dT>

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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**