

# Ponderosa Press

## Ponderosa Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter

June 2016 Edition

### HOA Officers for 2016 Announced!

President- Brad Doll

VP- Joel Taylor

Treasurer- Jeff Wilkins

Secretary- Crystal Hiller

3 year- Andrew Peterson

2 year- Leslie Hogue

1 year- Dave Wheeler

At Large- Lauren Choi

At Large- Kelsy Pearson

Thank you to all who participated in the voting process at the annual meeting.



June 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

All dads will receive half-off general admission **and** half-off any [Deep Forest Challenge zipline course!](#)

Bring your dad to the Zoo for a wild time on this special day! See the new [live animal show](#) at Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater, stroll through the open air [Budgie Buddies](#) exhibit to feed the friendly birds, touch a [stingray](#) and a [sea star](#), and more!

**Do something fun with your Dad on Father's Day !**

[Half price admission for DAD's at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium !](#)

### Celebrate Dad

### " Stand Up Against Crime" Rally Set

Join us On Friday June 24,2016 for " Stand Up Against Crime" location for rally will be at Prairie Ridge Recreation Hall parking lot 14205 215 Ave East Bonney Lake WA

Agenda for event will at 5:00 pm making signs for event 5:30 pm Rally guest speakers Sheriff Pastor and Dan Roach 6:00 pm go to assign location until 7 pm. If you have any question please don't hesitate to email me at [kmartin@safest.org](mailto:kmartin@safest.org). Let's help make our community safer !

### Home Owners Association Meeting Minutes

(Unofficial) May 16, 2016

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with The Flag Salute.

Welcome – Introduction of existing board members

Treasurers report was given

Announcement of the new Board of Directors per the ballots that were tabulated from the Annual HOA meeting in April ( see related announcement to the left)

Discussed Old Business

New Business included plans for the Party in the Park, the removal of the trees in the Park schedule as well as the selling of the logs for revenue recovery.

\*\*\*Next HOA Meeting is Monday June 20th, at 7PM. Contact us and join us at our next meeting!

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### Free Washington State Parks Days

There are a number of [fee-free days this year in 2016 at Washington State Parks](#) to take advantage of and it's a great chance to explore new parks. On regular days, you would pay \$10 to get in to a state park for the day or \$30 for a yearly pass. (By the way, these make excellent gifts – my husband got a Discover Pass yearly pass for a Christmas gift this year & we have already used it several times and should use it a number of times this summer). Tomorrow, Saturday June 4th, is National Trails Day, which means it's free admission at all the Washington State Parks and then again, next Saturday June 11th is National Get Outdoors Day with another free admission day. So, make sure to plan your trips for these days if you want to have free admission. (Just know that the parks can get quite crowded, depending on which park you go to on a beautiful June day like tomorrow will be.

#### The Fine Print:

Free days apply only to day use (not overnight stays or rented facilities)

**June 4: National Trails Day**

**June 11: National Get Outdoors Day**

Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday

A Discover Pass will still be required on these days to access lands managed by the [Washington State Department of Natural Resources](#) and the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#).  
<http://www.thriftynorthwestmom.com/free-washington-state-parks-days/>

### Don't forget that Kids Club Begins July 5

Mondays @ 6:30 pm

Tuesdays @ 11:00 am

[Allan Yorke Park](#)



**Join in the fun this summer! Enjoy great events at the park all summer long. For the second year in a row, Kids Club events are scheduled on both Monday evenings AND Tuesdays during the day, so everyone can have some fun on their schedule. See the Bonney Lake City website for updated schedule of events.**

[http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section\\_community/parks\\_recreation](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_community/parks_recreation)

### Did you know there is Eyeglass Frame Repair Available?

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### 4 Ways to Extend the Life of Your Car

Buying a new car is a massive expense, second only to buying a home. Obviously, unless you have a serious bankroll, maximizing that investment is important. If you don't want to replace your current car as soon as it's paid off, you need to know a few things about extending your car's longevity. The longer you can keep your current vehicle, the more money you'll save. Here are some helpful tips and tricks to get the most out of your car in the long run.

#### **Oil Changes**

First, make sure that you're getting your oil changed regularly. The rule of thumb is every three months or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first. If you're wondering why time plays a role here, it's because conventional oil (and some synthetics) will lose their viscosity over time, even if the engine isn't used very much (viscosity is a measure of oil's ability to lubricate). You might also consider putting high quality synthetic oil in your vehicle. While these are more expensive than conventional oils, many of them can provide protection for a longer period of time, which saves you money and hassle in the long run.

#### **Suspension Inspections**

Nothing puts a damper on driving quite so much as a blown shock or strut. While there's no surefire way to pinpoint when these suspension components are going to fail, having regular inspections will help ensure that you are aware when signs of impending failure begin to appear (fluid leaking from the top or bottom of the strut, for instance). Make sure the inspection is being conducted by a professional if you're not confident in your own skills, and ensure they're checking all the suspension components, not just the shocks and struts.

#### **Major Services**

All vehicles, regardless of make, model or type, have major services required at specific intervals. Most often, these are at 30,000-mile intervals, but it does vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. To ensure that you are able to maximize the longevity of your vehicle, don't skip these services. They're expensive, but they're important. These are the times when the most important parts of your car are serviced (think transmission, differential and the like). Some major services also include a timing belt and water pump change. Skipping this service can be detrimental. Follow your mechanic's recommendations on major services.

#### **Care for the Outside**

While the condition of your car's exterior won't necessarily play a role in how reliable it is or how many miles you get out of the engine, it will play a role in how much you enjoy driving your car. Having a car that you're proud of will encourage you to keep it for a longer period of time. If you're driving a clunker that is dinged, nicked, scratched and dented, or the paint's oxidized to the point it comes off as powder, chances are good you're going to look to upgrade it even if it's mechanically sound.

Protecting the outside of your vehicle isn't that hard to do, but it does require that you take a proactive stance. Don't park outside if at all possible, and always wash and wax your car regularly. Take care of dings and dents as soon as possible. Use a high quality car wax and a cleanser designed specifically for washing a car (never, ever use dish soap).

With these simple tips, you should be able to maximize the longevity of your car and make the most of the investment. Above all else, be proactive with mechanical maintenance. There is nothing more important to a functional vehicle than an engine and transmission that have been kept in good condition.

See more tips at: <http://www.stretcher.com/stories/13/13may27j.cfm>

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### 10 Easy Ways To Ensure Financial Failure

There are a large number of steps you can take to help you become financially successful, but all your hard work can be for nothing if you are also doing things that undermine the financial success you're seeking. The financial steps to success are important, but understanding the steps that will ensure financial failure are just as important, if not more so. It usually only takes a single financial blunder to wipe out any progress you've made. Here are 10 of these financial blunders you want to avoid or resolve as soon as possible to ensure the long term health of your finances.

**\*Spend More Than You Make** (live beyond your means): While you may be able to get away with spending more than you make for awhile, it will eventually catch up with you. At some point, you will have to make up the difference, and when that point arrives, your finances will not be a rosy picture.

**\*Live Paycheck to Paycheck:** While living paycheck to paycheck may seem better than living beyond your means, it will still ensure that you fail to meet your financial goals. Paycheck to paycheck living fails to take into account unexpected expenses that happen in life, and in life, unexpected expenses always occur

**\*Try And Keep Up With Joneses:** The Joneses aren't who you are competing against. In fact, what they are doing and buying likely has very little to do with your own financial goals. The reason that it may look appealing is because you don't understand what your financial goals really are and trying to keep up with the Joneses simply means that you will continue to not know what your financial goals are (because you are too preoccupied to try and keep up with someone else's financial goals who are probably doing the same thing themselves)

**\*Not Know What Your Financial Goals Are:** If you don't know where you are driving, the chances of you getting there are very slim. The same holds true with your finances. To succeed, you need to know where you want to be financially and creating a map to them will make it that more likely that you reach them. Not knowing what they are in the first place is like traveling following a blank map.

**\*Let Money Control You Instead Of Controlling It:** Money is a means to an end, not the end itself. After all, it is nothing more than pieces of paper with printed ink on it. Financial success isn't dependent on how much you have, but rather whether you can get what you want with what you have.

**\*Don't Improve Yourself:** If you are unwilling to improve yourself, you and your finances stagnate. Improvement is a never ending process (who do you know that is perfect?) and is an essential part of your finances both in taking care of them and creating the wealth you want.

**\*Rely On Others To Take Care Of Your Money:** Rarely do those that are taking care of your money have the same interest as you do (they are probably interested in making money for themselves, not for you). While it is perfectly acceptable to rely on others to give you suggestions and help with financial decisions, you should be an integral part of the decision process. If you rely on others to take care of absolutely all your financial interests, you will likely be quite disappointed in the results.

**\*Invest In Things You Don't Understand:** If you want to lose all the hard earned money you've made and start from square one again (or even in the hole), start investing in things you have no idea about. The problem isn't that the investments are necessarily bad in themselves, but most investments have risks. When you have no clue what you're doing, that usually means that others who do have a clue make money while you lose a lot. No matter how much Uncle Joe talks about what a great investment it is, place your money elsewhere until you are confident you know everything about it.

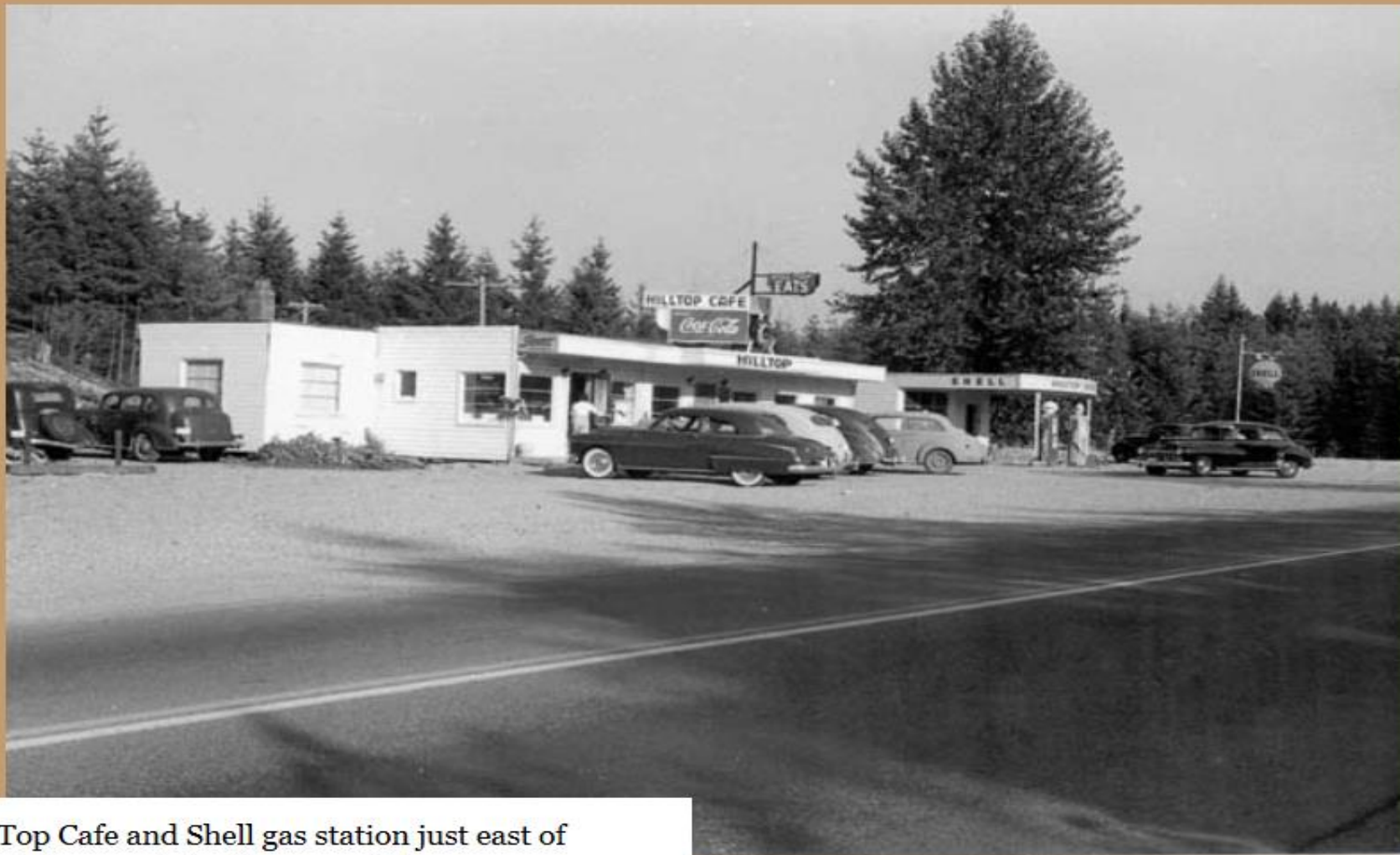
**\*Be Financially Afraid:** Just as being too aggressive can ensure financial failure, being afraid to take any risk at all will also almost always ensure it. To grow your money to meet your goals means taking calculated risks that bode in your favor over time. Not doing so will result in your finances treading water, if not sinking, and falling short of your goals.

**\*Ignore Your Finances:** It seems that many people believe if they simply ignore their finances, then things will get better or take care of themselves. While it is a nice hope, it's nothing more than that and not reality. Reality says that ignoring your finances and not taking the steps that need to be taken will ensure you fail to reach your financial goals.

Avoid these financial blunders and you greatly increase the odds that you will meet your financial goals no matter what they are. For more articles like this go to: <http://www.stretcher.com/stories/07/07may28b.cfm>

Blast from the past !

Visit Bonney Lake's History website: <http://www.gblhs.org/index.html>  
for more great pictures and history of the area



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