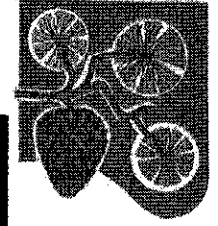


February 2018



Nisqually Pines Community Club

www.nisquallypines.com

Nisqually Pines Community Club

8903 Pepperidge Lane SE
Yelm, WA 98597

Phone: 360-458-7370
Fax: 360-458-7157
Hours of operation:

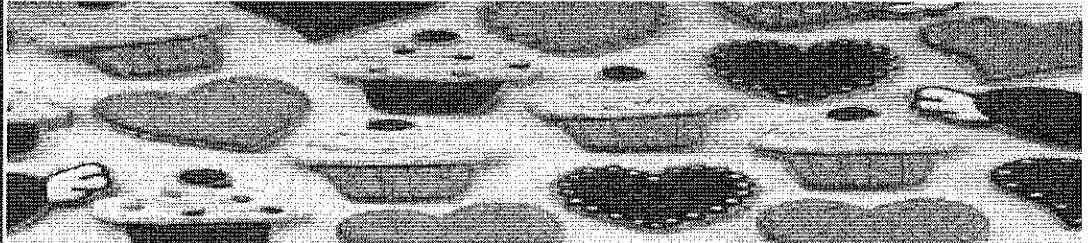
Important Dates:

February 13th
Adjudication 7pm

February 14th
Open Board 6:30pm

February 19th
Office Closed

February 25th
CERT 6PM



The Board of Directors is currently taking applications to fill two vacant positions.

What does it take to serve on the Board of Directors in the
Nisqually Pines?

- ◆ A love for your community
- ◆ A willingness to work together with others in the community for the betterment of the association
- ◆ One meeting a month and a bit of research in between
- ◆ A desire to learn how an HOA runs to help it run smoothly
- ◆ A homeowner, in good standing for at least 1 year
- ◆ Any further attributes that you may have are just icing on the cake

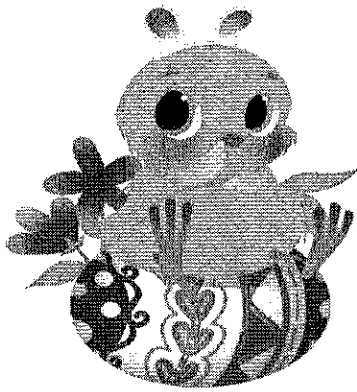
You can pick up an application at the front office.
Please consider turning in an application and becoming a
member of the Board.

Thank you to all who have helped make Nisqually Pines
a better place to live!



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Adjudication 7pm	14 Open Board 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 President Day Office Closed	20 Glass Recycling	21	22	23	24
25 CERT 6pm	26	27	28			

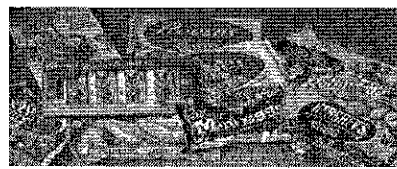


Upcoming Events



Easter Day-April 1st
Easter Egg Hunt
Date: March 31st
Time: TBA
Place: Clubhouse

Donations for plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped candy would be greatly appreciated.



**Times will be announced on the Front Reader Board
and on the Little Lake Park and the Clubhouse**



**If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the office at
(360)458-7370**

NISQUALLY PINES COMMUNITY CLUB

Looking for a place to have a meeting, birthday parties, Valentines, St.. Patrick's, Easter, Cinco De Mayo, Halloween, Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas Parties?

We have 18 tables for use and 64 chairs some are folding and regular.

We have a fully useable kitchen with all the amenities. The main room comes with a TV, cable and Wi-Fi. There is also a pull down screen for watching slides or old movies on.

Just need to bring your own projector.

Fees are as follows:

Members: Full Day (7:00am to 1:00am) \$75.00 plus \$150.00

Refundable cleaning deposit = \$225.00

Two hours \$25.00 plus \$75.00 refundable cleaning deposit

Members Sponsoring Non-Members:

Full Day (7:00 am to 1:00am) \$150.00 plus \$150.00 refundable cleaning deposit

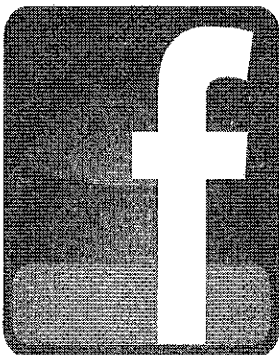
Two hours \$35.00 plus \$100.00 refundable cleaning (not more than one in a three month period)

Clubs & Organizations: Weekly meetings- \$100.00 per month plus refundable cleaning deposit of \$150.00. No more than one two hour meetings per week

Monthly Meetings: \$35.00 per month plus refundable cleaning deposit of \$150.00.

No more than one two hour meetings per month

If interested call the office at (360)458-7370



ATTENTION MEMBERS

The following Facebook page is not Nisqually Pines
Operated:

Nisqually Pines Community Yelm

The contents in these pages are misleading. If you
have any questions please call the office and talk to
the staff for clarification.

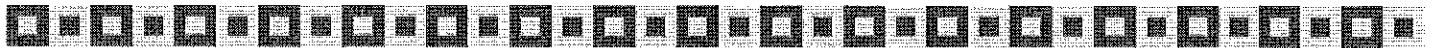
FYI

Dumpster Days

Dumpster Days was voted down by the community in 2015-2016. Not sure when or if it will be put back on the ballot for the community to vote on. So with that being said if you have mattresses, plumbing items, carpet scraps, broken toys, furniture, miscellaneous items please take it to the dump. Here are the names, addresses and phone numbers of the dumps.

Rainier Dump: Open Friday-Sunday 9am-5pm
13010 Rainier Acres Rd. S.E.
(360)446-2600

Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center:
Open Monday-Sunday 7am-4:45pm
2420 Hogum Bay Rd. N.E.
(360)786-5494



General Outdoor Burning Rules

Check Permit Requirement's for your area. For instance, all fires within Thurston County require permits.

Do NOT use a burn barrel. Burn barrels and other burn containers are illegal under state law and their use may result in fines.

Burn only natural vegetation from your own property. Trash burning is illegal and may result in fines up to \$14,915 dollars.

Check the weather prior to starting your burn. Don't burn during air stagnation events nor in windy conditions.

Fires must be attended at all times and must be completely extinguished. Do NOT create a nuisance. You are responsible for your fire. Creating smoke, odor and ash that unreasonably impacts neighbors properties is illegal.

Curbside Garbage and Recycling
Rural Garbage Service-LeMay

Phone: 360-923-0111

Here is the pricing for garbage service in The Pines:

Garbage and Recycling Service for two months \$41.26

35 gallon garbage can pickup every week

96 gallon recycling bin pickup every other week

Glass pickup every four weeks, you provide container

Or

Garbage and Recycling Service for two months \$55.18

65 gallon garbage can pickup every week

96 gallon recycling bin pickup every other week

Glass pickup every four weeks, you provide container

The above prices are before taxes are added.

The dates for recycling glass bottles

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 12th

July 10th

August 7th

September 4th

October 2nd & 30th

November 27th

December 25th

PET SAFETY

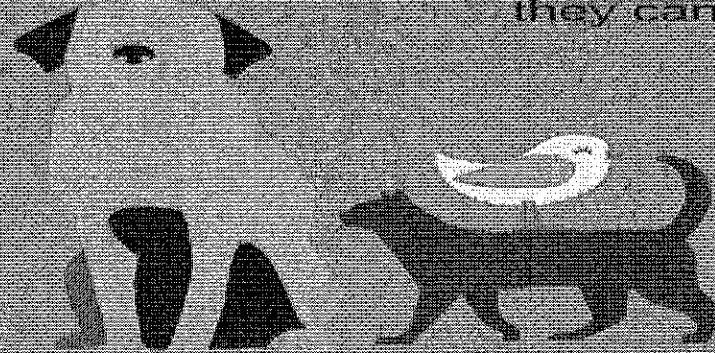
Your round pet safety tips you don't want to forget.

Summer

- Use a PDF on Boats
- Watch paws on hot surfaces
- NEVER leave in a car
- Keep hydrated with water
- Some pets can get sunburn!

Autumn

- Keep Halloween candy AWAY from pets. Chocolate especially can be poisonous.
- Keep pets in on Halloween
- No turkey (or any kind) of bones for your pet, they can splinter.



Winter

- Antifreeze is poison, be careful.
- Keep your pets warm with booties or sweaters as needed
- Watch your pets around holiday decorations especially tinsel.
- Don't feed your pet table scraps, especially of candy and goodies.

Spring

- Watch for signs of allergies including skin scratching and ear problems.
- Make sure your pet has proper ID in case he gets lost
- Learn what plants are poisonous
- Get heart worm medicine from vet



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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

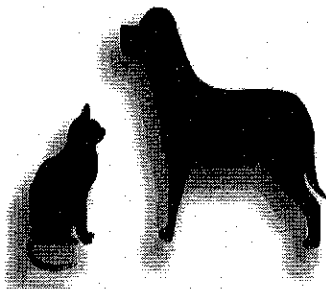
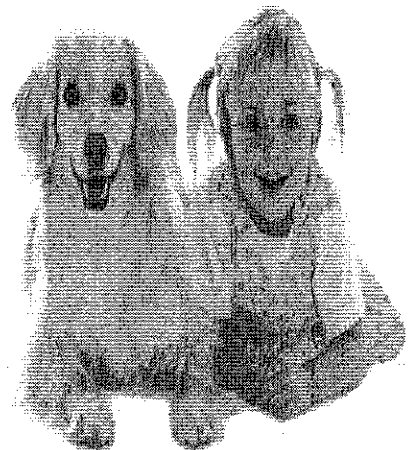
Dogs are to be on leashes at all times when outside their fenced yards. This includes all park areas, including River Park, Little Lake Park, playgrounds, clubhouse park area and office area. At the dog run area there are bags for your use. Please pick one up so that you are able to clean up after your dog.

THANK YOU!!



If your dog is lost and you cannot find him/her, you have options to recover your missing pooch:

- Post it on the bulletin board at the Pines Office
- Call the Yelm Veterinary Clinic 360-458-7707
- Call the Yelm Animal Shelter 360-458-8438
- Animal Services 360-352-2510
- Closed on Mondays
- Post on the Nisqually Pines Event Page



Article is from the magazine
Women First

Entertain Cats for pennies

To keep your kitty out of mischief, ball up a clean coffee filter and spritz with catnip spray. Your pal will have a blast batting it around, and the filters strong woven fibers will help retain the catnip scent for hours.

River Park hours

The River Park is for members and their guests only

Any vehicle found in the River Park parking area without a Nisqually Pines Pass will be towed at the owners expense. Parking is allowed only in the park. Any vehicle on or near the road will immediately be towed.

Open year round

Hours are 8am to 7:30pm approximately

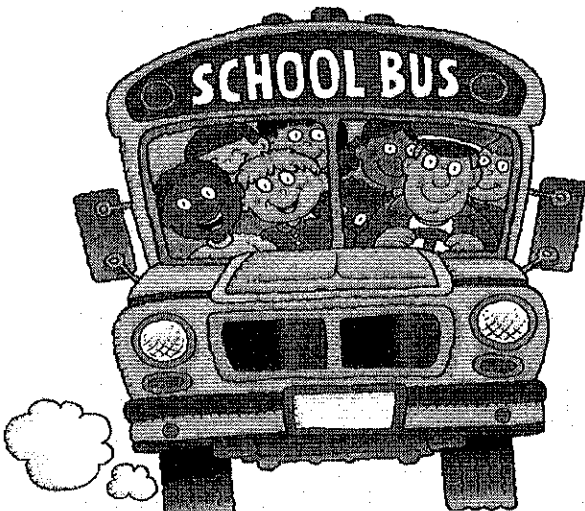
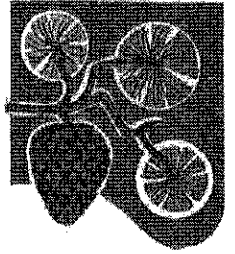
Sat & Sun Hours: 11am-9pm

No lifeguard on duty - swim at your own risk.

No alcohol permitted on the premises.

No fires or over night camping!

Per Fish and Wildlife Dept. **ONLY** Catch and Release fishing is allowed on the Nisqually River!!



The mornings are dark when the upper grades are walking to the bus stop. Little ones will be walking later in the mornings to their bus stops. Please be careful and watch for upper and lower grade children.

Speed limit is 20mph

Please renew your burn permit. You can go online at www.orcaa.org

****Seasoned firewood only during burn ban!****

You may not burn wood of any kind that is processed. All wood has to be in it's natural form. If you have any questions please call the number for **ORCAA.**

Fire may be no higher than 3ft.

A Word from our Staff

Office Manager: *Charity Mayerl*

Email: cmayerl@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7370 Fax: 360-458-7157

You can avoid late fees by getting your dues in on or before the 15th. If we are closed you can drop your payment in the slot under the window. It is safe and secure.

Office Assistant & Property Standards: *Paulette Howard*

Email: propertystandards@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7370, Fax: 360-458-7157

Reminder: Basketball stands may not be on The Pines easements. When not in use they must be on the owner's property.

Water Department: Julie Rhey-Baumann

Email: waterdept@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

WATER RATES

\$.01 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR THE FIRST 600 CUBIC FEET PER MONTH

\$.02 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR 601-800

\$.04 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR 801-1200

\$.06 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR 1201-2000

\$.10 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR 2001 AND UPWARD

(1 CUBIC FOOT EQUALS 7.48 GALLONS)

Please contact water MANAGER for water shut-offs.

Maintenance Department: *Bob Smith and Don Robinson*

Email: maintenance@nisquallypines.com, Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

It is the responsibility of all residents, renters & visitors to pick up after their dogs do their duty in any public area in The Pines. It becomes a bio hazard for Maintenance and Water departments who work in the easements along the roads.

Tips from our Water Manager

Culverts:

The culverts under your driveway are YOUR responsibility to keep cleaned out of all debris. Please clear them so the rain water will flow in the proper direction.

Gutters:

Time to clean out those gutters, so they won't overflow, wicking up the plywood on the roof causing rotting of the wood. Also make sure the water is running through the down spout to the ground.

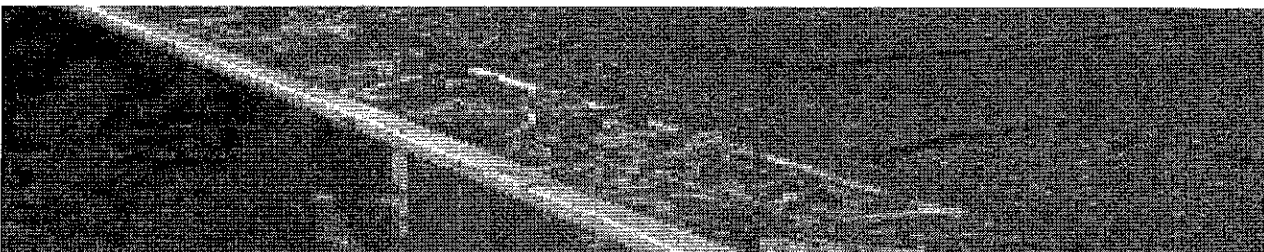
Water Shut Offs:

In case of a water emergency, do you know where your water shut off to your house is? All houses should have a shut off of their own for their home. If you don't know where yours is, you may want to call a local plumber to install one. They can put it in pretty easy right where your water line comes into the house. The meter box is Nisqually Pines shut off and should not be accessed by the homeowner.

Garbage Cans:

Your garbage service is on Tuesday, that means there should not be any garbage cans on the road on Wednesday.

Questions? Contact Julie at 360-458-7393 or waterdept@nisquallypines.com



Board News

Board of Directors

Sherry O'Dell-President, Pool and Clubhouse

Cory Parsons-Vice President, Water, Maintenance, Security, Office, River Park, Treasurer

Michael Koon-River Park, Little Park and Playground Park

Dayna Brown-Secretary, Pool, Clubhouse

Tony Swy-Board Member

Board Updates

We meet once a month, meetings have been very productive and we feel we are getting a lot accomplished. However, the additional members would allow us to get more accomplished faster. Please come check out a meeting or two and see what is happening in our community and how you can help!

The port-a-potty's will start to be locked up at dusk and unlocked in the morning when the maintenance gets here. The two play area parks will close at dusk and the River Park will close at 9pm.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodation or alternative means for communication of program information should contact (Nisqually Pines at (360)458-7370) at least eight (8) days in advance of this meeting.

Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance for November 2017

General Fund: \$497,147.09

Long Range Plan: \$508,862.98

Water Loan 1 Fund: \$42,825.18

Emergency Fund: \$20,197.21

Key Bank USDA Loan: \$219,125.23

Gold Money Market: \$166,026.26

Twin Star Savings: \$20,479.99

Investment Portfolio: \$246,376.33

Grand Total \$1,721,040.27

Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance for December 2017

General Fund: \$506,262.32
Long Range Plan: \$529,644.52
Water Loan 1 Fund: \$52,770.09
Emergency Fund: \$20,200.64
Key Bank USDA Loan: \$225,723.21
Gold Money Market: \$166,040.36
Twin Star Savings: \$21,293.62
Investment Portfolio: \$246,376.33

Grand Total: \$1,768,311.09

Committee Happenings

Adjudication

January-2 cases 1 resolved & 1 no show Next meeting: February 13, 2018

Members: Phyllis Myers, Theresa Donovan, Rob Parkhill, Luke Clark and Madelon Barton

Contact: Sherry O'Dell

Closed meeting, not open to anyone not directly involved.

Looking for residents in good standing to volunteer on Adjudication Committee

Get an application at the office-Renters can be on Adjudication with the approval of homeowner

Finance

TBA

Members: Madelon Barton, Sherry O'Dell, Charity Mayerl, Connie Ihringer

Interested in helping on the Finance Committee-Get an application at the office

Must be a member in good standing

Finance committee members needed!!!

Events

Need volunteers to help organize for up coming events. Contact the office if you are interested! Next meeting: Meeting will be decided by how many volunteers call and want to be part of this event. Next event: Easter

Anyone interested in being on Event Planning Committee call the office.

Event planning help, looking for someone to take over events or they will not continue.

Members: Charity Mayerl, Rob Parkhill, Paulette Howard

Contacts: Sherry O'Dell

Most of our committees are small and consist of the same volunteers, please come and listen to what they are working on and see if maybe you can help!

Updates

Property Standards

Last month the following warnings or fines were issued:

21 Thank yous	3 2nd dwelling
1 certified letters	2 fines
34 debris	5 dog's loose
1 water leak	5 parking on easement
3 junk vehicles	2 burning toxic items
1 more than 5 vehicles	
1 disarray	

94.1A.012 What is the definition of junk vehicles/watercrafts? Junk vehicles/watercrafts or any motor vehicles, motorhome, travel trailer, semi-trailer, or pick-up camper, canopy or watercraft which is inoperable or improperly stored, or is in a state of disarray*, or is otherwise disassembled or considered spare parts or that can leak any hazardous materials, including petroleum products.

Property owners may store up to two junk vehicles, but they must be fully screened from public view.

NO TARPS! Vehicles that are enclosed within a building, or a six (6) foot high solid fence, or solid walls which provide a permanent screen barrier or fence to prohibit visibility from right-of-way and/or adjacent and nearby properties are not considered part of an automobile and marine graveyard.

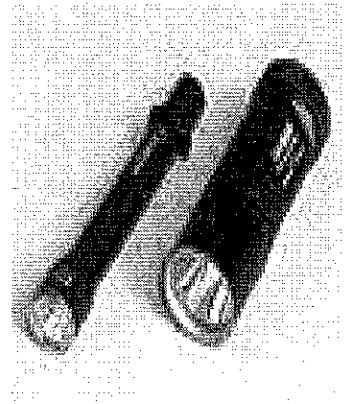
The barriers and fencing must not be placed on community property or compromise the visibility at intersections or curb cuts. Junk vehicles/watercrafts may not be stored on community rights of way, streets or other community property.

Definition of junk vehicle/s.

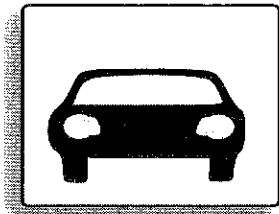
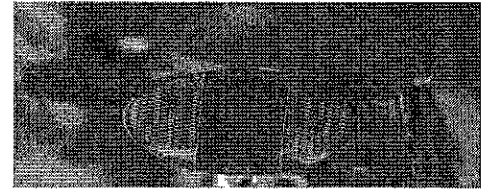
- 1) Junk vehicle/s is defined as any inoperable, abandoned, disassembled, or extensively damaged vehicle with two or more of the following conditions;
- 2) A build-up of debris, moss or weeds on, in, or around the vehicle that obstructs use.
- 3) Damage to the frame
- 4) More than one missing or shattered window or windshield
- 5) More than one inoperable missing headlight or taillight
- 6) More than one flat tire
- 7) A missing or inoperable engine or transmission
- 8) A missing wheel, tire, body, panel, door, hood or other obvious body part, not including a bumper
- 9) A missing license plate
- 10) A license plate that has been invalid for more than 60 days
- 11) Evidence that the vehicle has not been moved in at least 60 days
- 12) The definition does not include special-interest vehicles, vehicles undergoing active restoration, farm machinery, or prominently displayed ornamental machinery

It is getting darker earlier- **PLEASE** be mindful of vehicle traffic!! For your safety, please walk along the edge of the roads or in the easement against oncoming traffic.

Carry a flashlight or wear bright colored clothes so you can be seen easier during the twilight and evening hours.



Bicycle riders— please make sure your reflectors work or you have a light so you are more visible.



Car Owners- Check your front headlights and rear taillights to make sure that they are in working condition.

C.E.R.T

CERT is looking for members to join them on the last Sunday of every month at 6pm. Learn about emergency preparedness in your community and what you can do to help yourself and your community.

Sunday February 25th @ 6pm
Clubhouse

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Call 811 Before You Dig

As winter approaches, you may have plans to start construction and landscaping projects. Your friends at Puget Sound Energy want to remind you about the importance of calling 811 at least two business days prior to any digging. It is the law, and utility-owned lines are located for free.

Whether you are planning to use your employees or hire a contractor, start digging means calling 811 before each job. Outline your dig area in white paint so that the utilities will know where to mark. Even homeowners digging on their on property must call, if digging deeper than 12 inches.

Don't take a chance. Call 811 before you dig, then dig by hand within 2 feet of the markings.

Visit their Safety page to learn more about gas and electric safety, and our Business Services page for all your energy needs.

For questions, please email businessaccountservice@pse.com



PARK TRAIL

The trail from Heather to the River Park is "Use at your own risk" due to the storm damage and erosion.



Classified Ads

Handy Man

Roof repairs or replacement
Skylight replacement, roof cleaning
Call Wes Craney
360-970-4480

Affordable prices, honest
& efficient.

I'm experienced in painting, texture,
flooring, tiling, carpeting, sheet
rock, etc.

Also outside work: welding, trim-
ming, cutting trees, landscaping,
lawn mowing, pressure washing,
deck repair & mechanic.

Call 360-970-1992

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**Seeking Clients or
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Rides to appointments or chores

Honest and dependable

Will work by the hour or the job

Call Julie 253-380-5290

Caregiver Wanted

Looking for someone
part-time caregiving for a
disabled adult

Contact Laurie
(253)441-5806

WANTED

Caregiver 4 days
a week needed
(360)458-7294

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Been looking for some
Avon? Now is the time
to call (360) 955-5100

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Motor
Title for boat &
trailer
\$2,000

(360) 522-0474

OPEN PUBLIC

BINGO

NISQUALLY

MOOSE LODGE

Monday's at 6:30pm

1117 Yelm Ave. W

(360)458-3381

For Sale

Baby High Chair

Vintage 1950 era

\$100

Pink Cradle \$50

Treadmill \$50

(360)464-0993

House Cleaning

College student will
clean your home

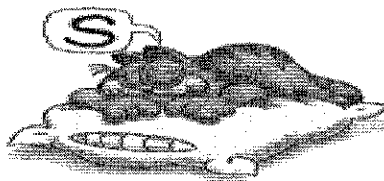
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Call April

(360)701-6685

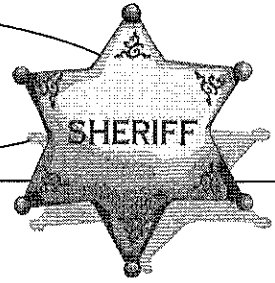
REMINDER

Quiet hours are from 10pm-7am
7 days a week



To advertise
here contact the
office staff
360.458.7370

Police Blotter

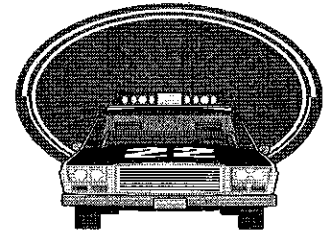


December

- 22-Routine Patrol, field interview Heather/Port Orford
- 23-Routine Patrol, civil problem Daphne Ct. resolved, 2nd civil problem Daphne Ct. phone detail
- 27-Routine Patrol, civil issue/unwanted Linden Court, order service Heather Lane

January

- 10- Routine Patrol
- 11- Routine Patrol, citizen report/reckless driving complaint, welfare check Daphne Court
- 12- Routine Patrol, alarm Heather Lane unfounded, public service phone detail child custody issue resolved Kalmia Court
- 13- Routine Patrol, child custody issue resolved Kalmia Court
- 14- Routine Patrol, radar enforcement Port Orford
- 15- Routine Patrol, traffic stop expired tabs
- 16- Routine Patrol, trespass Briar Street unfounded
- 18 -Routine Patrol
- 20 -Routine Patrol, traffic stop warrant arrest DUI
- 21 -Routine Patrol, burglar Sumac Court arrest and in custody
- 22 -Routine Patrol, welfare check Heather Lane resident is fine



Routine Patrol means house checks, Clubhouse, River Park, Office and area patrol. If you see something suspicious, call 911. Don't wait until the next day and call the Pines Office.

****Please note that if you call the Sheriff and they aren't in the Pines on our time, their response time will vary on type of emergency. ****

The non-emergency number for the sheriff is 360-704-2740 Please lock doors and don't leave valuables in your vehicles. If you are going on vacation, you can have the sheriff check your house to make sure it is secure.

Fill out a vacation request form at the office.

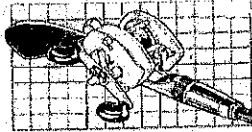
Since we have the Thurston County Sheriff in The Pines we have seen less criminal activity.

Suspicious Activity contact Thurston County Narcotics Task Force

Website: co.thurston.wa.us

Created by NPCC Staff and Board of Directors.
If you have anything you would like to see more or less of,
please let us know!!

Deadline is the 20th of the month.



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Nisqually Pines Community Club

Board Meeting

November 8, 2017

Minutes

Please silence all cell phones

Roll call of board members Cory Parsons, Mike Koon, Dayna Brown, Sherry ODell, Tony Swy

Closed Session – Board will be working with the resident and will check in with him in a few months to see progress

Minutes- Dayna Brown M/S/C

Treasurers Report – Sherry ODell read the report

There is no meeting in December

Open Meeting to discuss the ballot for the well will be Wed Nov 15, at 630 pm

Dept Checkins

Office- Office will be closed Friday Nov 10th for Veterans Day and Friday Nov 23-24 for Thanksgiving

Water and Maintenance – Cory Parsons reported that the water department and board contact had a meeting with the engineer and contractor. Next week there will be a meeting with the community about the well.

River Park- Mike Koon & Cory Parsons reported about the new gate at the river park

Clubhouse – Sherry O'Dell & Dayna Brown reported that the clubhouse has been used every weekend for the holidays

Committee Reports

Adjudication- Luke Clark no adjudication to report

CERT – Mike Koon will be working on first aid equipment & training

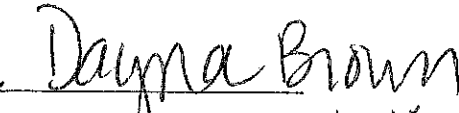
Upcoming events-

Veterans Breakfast Friday Nov 10 8am-11am

Taking donations of Thanksgiving dinner food for the baskets.

Thanksgiving potluck Sun Nov 19th 5pm Bring a dish to share


Sherry O'Dell President


Dayna Brown Secretary

1-10-2018



Relay For Life Fundraiser
Spring Fling Bazaar
Saturday April 14th 9am-4pm
Nisqually Pines Club House
16949 Port Orford Blvd, Yelm

Kritters Krew is hosting a Spring Fling Bazaar!!

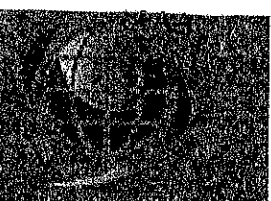
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Property Tax Relief Programs Overview

Like every responsibility, there are always exceptions where special consideration is given for certain circumstances. Our state leaders have created programs to support different needs in our communities.

The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Exemption Program helps eligible individuals on a limited income to pay property taxes. This program freezes the value of your residence, exempts all excess levies, and may exempt a portion of regular levies.

A senior citizen must be 61 years old and annual household combined income may not exceed **\$40,000**. Disabled persons have no age limit but must be unable to work because of a physical or mental disability.

There is also a Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Deferral Program which postpones payment of your property taxes. But unlike the exemption program this program is not a reduction of your taxes. On your behalf, the Department of Revenue pays the deferred property taxes. When the property changes ownership, the amount of the postponed taxes, plus interest each year, becomes a lien in favor of the State until the total amount is repaid.

Apply for a destroyed property tax adjustment if your property has been partially or totally destroyed. Also apply if the Governor or County Board of Commissioners has declared your region as a disaster area and there is a value reduction of 20% or more.

When you decide to make home improvements through remodeling and additions there is a Residential Remodeling Exemption available for home improvements. This law was passed to allow homeowners a three-year tax break in order to pay on any loan application associated with the home improvement project.

If you have agricultural, open space or timberlands, you may apply to classify your land under the Current Use/Open Space Program. This generally means a reduced assessed value for the duration of the classification; however, removal may result in penalties and interest charges.

These programs are available for you, the taxpayer. If you want more information on any of these programs, please call our office at (360) 867-2200.

What should you do?

Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances in the home is the most important factor in reducing the risk of CO poisoning.

Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and the local codes. Most appliances should be installed by professionals.

Always follow the appliance manufacturer's directions for safe operation.

Have the heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.

Examine vents and chimneys regularly for improper connections, visible cracks, rust or strains.

Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operations:

- Decreased hot water supply
- Furnace unable to heat house or runs continuously
- Sooting, especially on appliances and vents
- Unfamiliar, or burning odor
- Increased moisture inside of windows

Operate portable generators outdoors and away from open doors, windows, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.

In addition, install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Every home should have a CO alarm in the hallway near the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area. The CO alarms should be certified to the requirements of the most recent UL, IAS, or CSA standard for CO alarms. Test your CO alarms frequently and replace dead batteries. A CO alarm can provide added protection, but is no substitute for proper installation, use and upkeep of appliances that are potential CO sources.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call for assistance from a neighbor's home. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in the home.

Get medical attention immediately and inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected. Call the Fire Department to determine when it is safe to reenter the home.



To report a dangerous product or a product related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC relayewriter at (800) 638-8270. Consumers can obtain recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Consumers can report product hazards to trfb@cpsc.gov.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

THE "INVISIBLE" KILLER

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the "invisible" killer. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas. Every year more than 100 people in the United States die from unintentional exposure to carbon monoxide associated with consumer products.

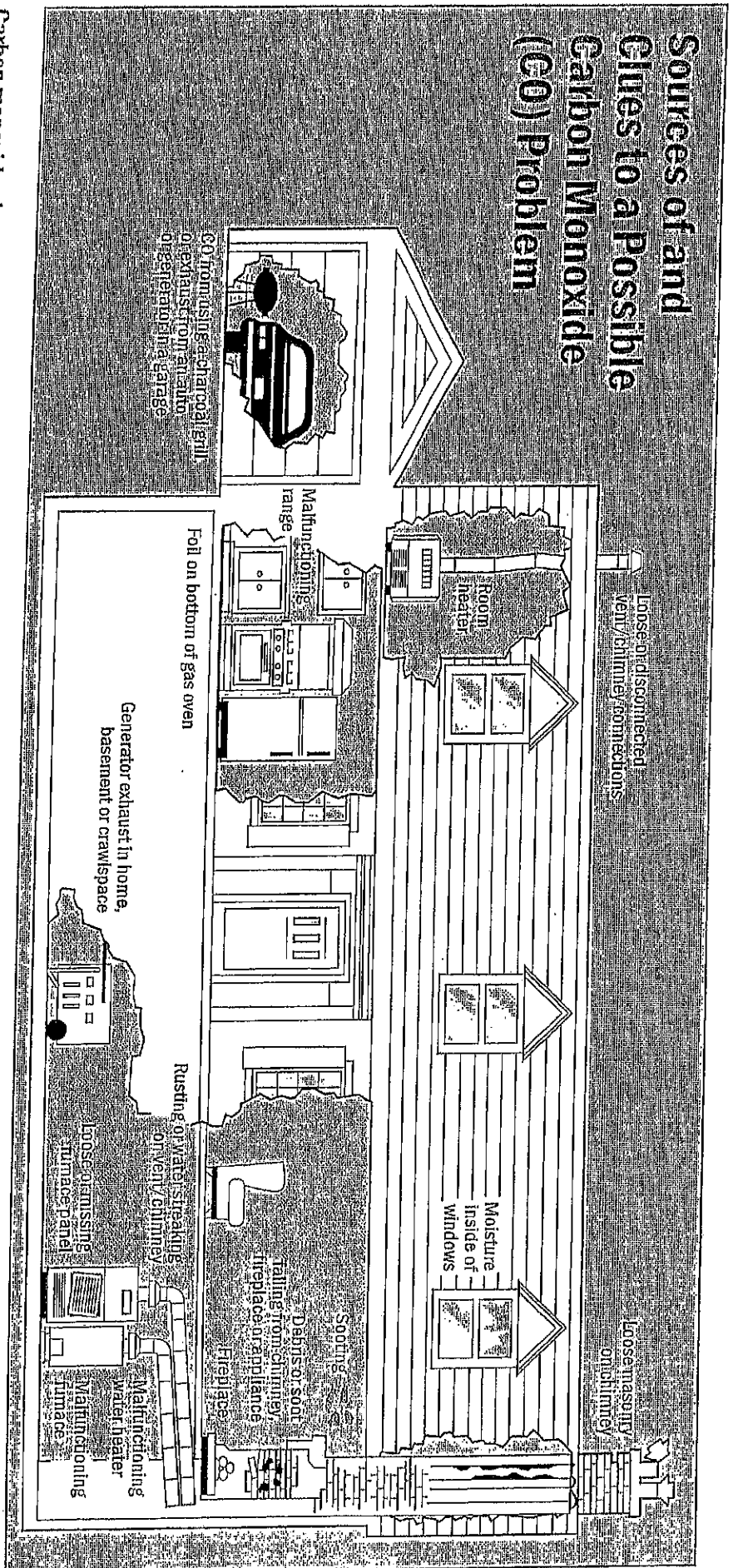
What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is produced by burning fuel. Therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source.

When cooking or heating appliances are kept in good working order, they produce little CO. Improperly operating appliances can produce fatal CO concentrations in your home.

Running a car or generator in an attached garage can cause fatal CO poisoning in the home. So can running a generator or burning charcoal in the basement, crawlspace, or living area of the home.

Sources of and Clues to a Possible Carbon Monoxide (CO) Problem



Carbon monoxide clues you can see...

- Rusting or water streaking on vent/chimney
- Loose or missing furnace panel
- Sooting
- Debris or soot falling from chimney, fireplace, or appliances
- Loose or disconnected vent/chimney, fireplace or appliance
- Loose masonry on chimney
- Moisture inside of windows

Carbon monoxide clues you cannot see...

- Internal appliance damage or malfunctioning components

- Improper burner adjustments
- Hidden blockage or damage in chimneys
- Only a trained service technician can detect hidden problems and correct these conditions!
- CO poisoning symptoms have been experienced when you are home, but they lessen or disappear when you are away from home.

Warnings...

- Never leave a car running in a garage even with the garage door open.
- Never run a generator in the home, garage, or crawlspace. Opening doors and windows or

- using fans will NOT prevent CO build-up in the home. When running a generator outdoors, keep it away from open windows and doors.
- Never burn charcoal in homes, tents, vehicles, or garages.
- Never install or service combustion appliances without proper knowledge, skills, and tools.
- Never use a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating.
- Never put foil on bottom of a gas oven because it interferes with combustion.
- Never operate an unvented gas-burning appliance in a closed room or in a room in which you are sleeping.

Burglary Prevention Tips

Sergeant Ray Brady

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Division would like to provide homeowners some helpful tips to prevent burglaries. Most burglaries in Thurston County occur during daytime hours when most residents are not home between 8am - 5pm.

Burglars often drive to the residences they target and will often come to the front door and knock. If someone answers the door they will often make up some excuse for being at the location or advise they are looking for someone. If no one answers the front door they will try other doors around the residence before breaking in. Some steps you can take to help prevent burglaries:

- Report any suspicious vehicles or persons to law enforcement (360 704-2740 dispatch)
- Obtain a license plate if someone comes to your door and they don't belong there
- Have an audible alarm system that can scare off burglars and alert neighbors
- Make sure doors and windows are locked
- Place rods or wooden dowels in sliding windows and doors
- Secure window style air conditioners (This is a very common point of entry)
- Have a good Neighborhood Watch Program and have neighbors call law enforcement if they see anything suspicious
- Leave a light, radio, or TV on in the residence when you're away
- Make sure landscaping does not allow places for burglars to hide

Winter Water Safety Tips

Sergeant Ray Brady

TCSO Dive Rescue Team would like to take a moment to remind the citizens of Thurston County about the dangers of our waterways. As the weather continues to get colder this winter we want to discourage citizens from being on the water without proper thermal protection and a life preserver. Stay off frozen lakes, ponds, streams and rivers. Frozen water in Thurston County is typically not capable of supporting a person's weight. Our waterways don't freeze solid enough and often have thin or weak spots near outflows, inflows, or any moving water. Take extra precautions to keep kids and pets off of frozen waterways. Have a safe and happy winter.

Winter Safe Driving Tips

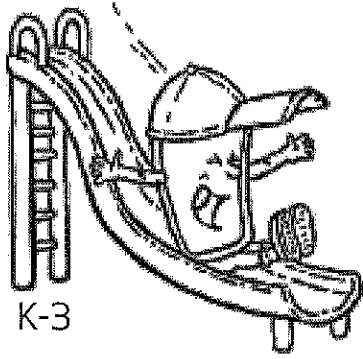
Sergeant Jeff Dehan

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office would like to remind our citizens to be prepared for winter road conditions. We suggest that each vehicle you drive have a Preparedness kit. This kit should include, at minimum, the following:

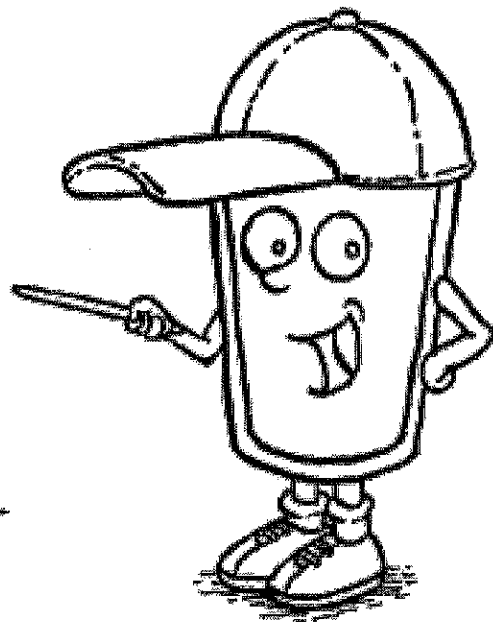
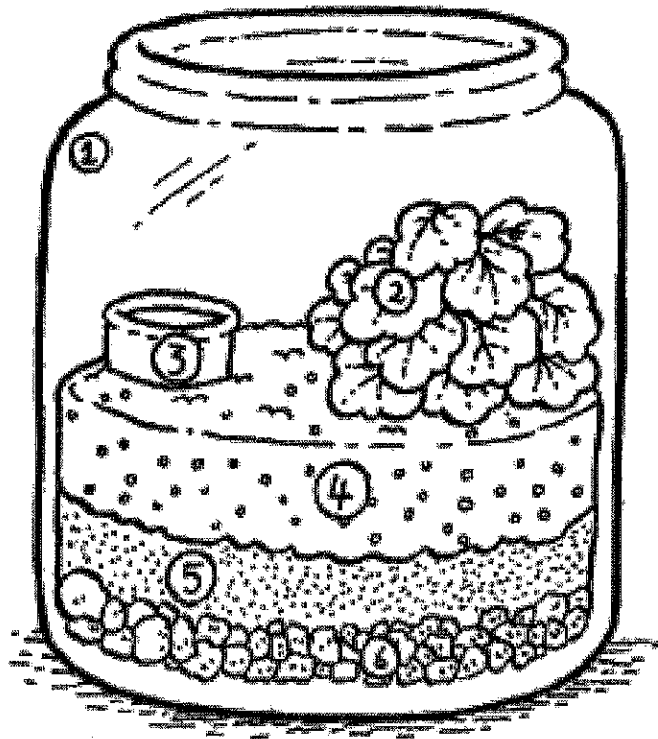
- Blanket and or extra warm clothing
- Bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods
- Flares
- First aid kit
- Cell phone charger
- Snow chains
- Good winter tires installed on your vehicle prior to driving

When driving on wintery roads, please keep in mind these few helpful tips:

- Buckle up
- Keep your car's windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination
- Brake early and slowly
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles
- DO NOT use cruise control
- Avoid abrupt steering maneuvers
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.
- If necessary to pull over, make sure you are clear of the roadway



Thirstins Water Cycle Activity



You will need:

1. jar
2. plants
3. bottle cap or shell of water
4. soil
5. sand
6. small rocks

Directions:

1. Fill jar as in the picture and put the lid on.
2. Put the jar in a sunny place and see how the water cycle works.

