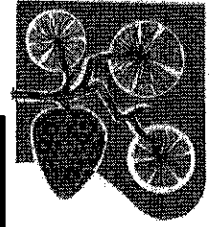


February 2019



# Nisqually Pines Community Club

[www.nisquallypines.com](http://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:  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 to 5 pm



Important Dates:

February 6th  
Study Session  
6:30pm

February 12th  
Adjudication 7pm

February 13th  
Open Board  
6:30pm

February 18th  
Office Closed  
Presidents Day

## River Park Passes

The office has new River Park Passes.  
Turn in your old passes to receive new  
ones.

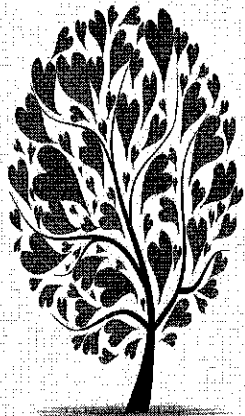
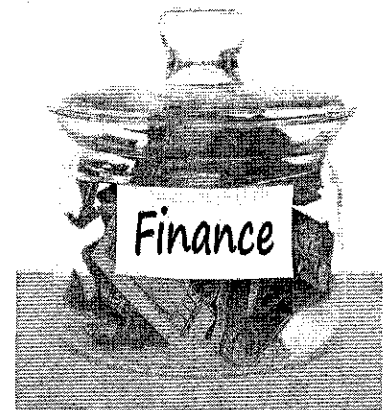
Come to the office Monday-Friday  
7:30am-5:00pm.



Are you good with numbers?  
Want to put that skill to work?

The finance committee is looking for  
new members to help build the 2019-  
2020 budget.

Pick up an application at the office.  
Monday-Friday  
7:30am-5:00pm



# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Yard Waste	5 Garbage & Recycle	6 Study Session 6:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Adjudication 7pm Garbage	13 Open Board 6:30pm	14 Valentine 's Day	15	16
17	18 Office Closed Presidents Day Yard Waste	19 Finance 6:30pm Garbage & Recycle Glass Recycle	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Garbage	27	28		

# GREENBELTS AND COMMON AREAS

The greenbelts are to remain in their natural state. They are a buffer between neighbors and clubhouse area to help keep the noise level down.

Our maintenance men have been cleaning up the greenbelts and we have found things that are not to be in there.

The greenbelts and common areas are not your personal garbage can. There is to be no dumping of yard debris, grass clippings, tires, aerosol cans, glass bottles, milk jugs, car parts, partially burned mini blinds, wire fencing, toys, furniture, chandeliers, bondo for cars, aluminum cans, seats to vehicles, household garbage, shoes, socks, etc.

Here are a few pictures of items that I have found and started cleaning up.

If you have been using the greenbelts for a dumping ground then you need to get it cleaned up before I come and find it and send you a warning letter that can turn into a fine.

This is where we live and it is our responsibility to keep clean.



# 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

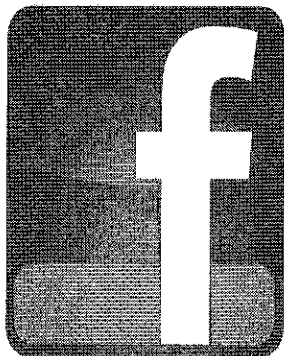
Two hours \$35.00 plus \$100.00 refundable cleaning (not more than one in a three month period)

**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



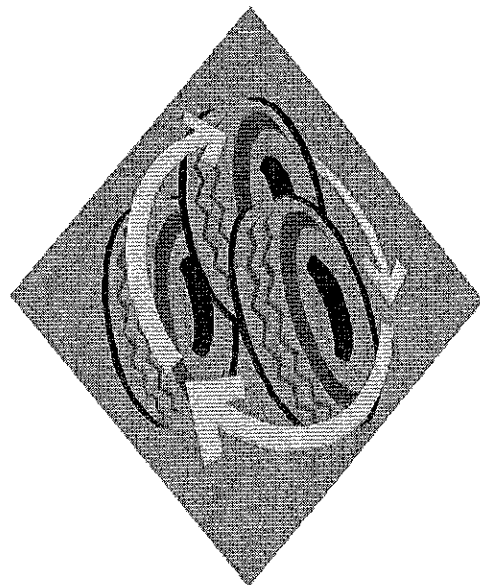
### GOODWILL

Goodwill has an e-cycle program for your unwanted electronics.

L & S Tire Center  
9215 39th Ave. S.W.  
Lakewood, WA 98499  
(253)582-5556  
Email: [lstire1@msn.com](mailto:lstire1@msn.com)

Open to the Public  
Monday-Friday  
8am-4pm

They will take unwanted tires



**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 \$39.38

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 \$53.30

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 19th    April 16th

March 19th      June 11th

May 14th        August 6th

July 9th         October 1st & 29th

Sept 3rd         December 24th

Nov 26th

# Valentine's Day

## pet safety tips!

### Xylitol

This sugarless sweetener is in many candies and gums, and is toxic to pets.

### Flowers

Bouquets are beautiful but certain flowers are deadly to pets. Keep them away!

### Candles

A romantic dinner can become a fire hazard when pets and candles mix.

### Decorations

Discard ribbons and wrapping paper can be trouble for curious pets.

### Chocolates

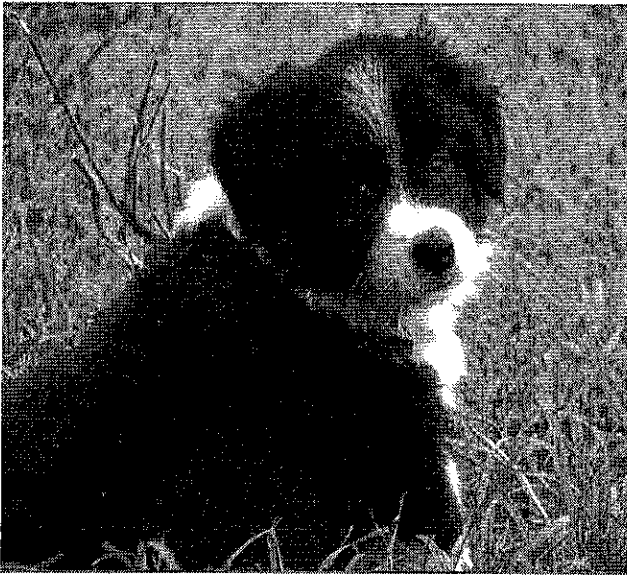
Everyone knows it but it is still a common problem. No chocolate for pets.



from,



643 Southview Rd  
Statenville NJ 08081  
winalawanimalhospital.com



**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

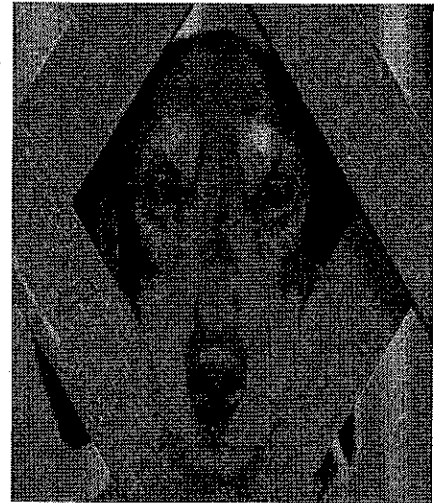
Call the Yelm Veterinary Clinic 360-458-7707

Call the Yelm Animal Shelter 360-458-8438

Animal Services 360-352-2510

Closed on Mondays

Post on the Nisqually Pines Event Page



**ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

Dogs are to be on leashes at all times when outside their fenced yards. This includes all park areas which are river park, little lake park, clubhouse park area, playground by the office and the office area.

Please make sure you are cleaning up after your pet!

**Pet feces is toxic!!**

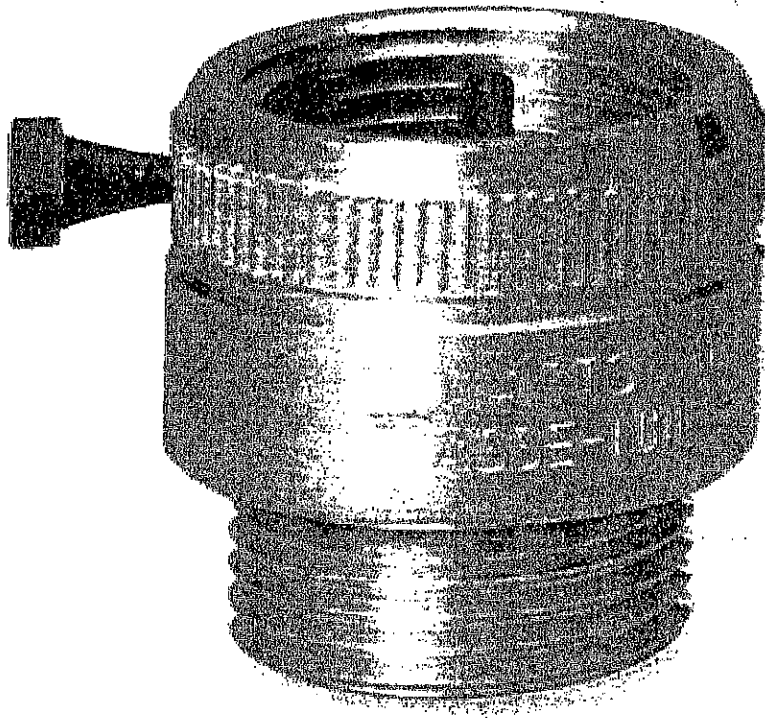
**Thank you!**







## Hot tubs, Pools, Driplines need



This is a vacuum breaker for the hose bib (spigot outside) protects your house from backsiphonage. Anything you threw your hose in to fill has the potential to contaminate your family and the water system. **Protection is the key.**

**All outside hose bibs must have a vacuum breaker on them.**

**Office has the vacuum breakers for \$6.50**

## *A Word from our Staff*

**Office Manager:** *Charity Mayerl*

Email: [cmayerl@nisquallypines.com](mailto: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](mailto:propertystandards@nisquallypines.com), Phone: 360-458-7370, Fax: 360-458-7157

**REMINDER: Get you burn permits from ORCAA**

**[www.ORCAA.org](http://www.ORCAA.org)**

**Burn only natural wood no processed wood**

**Water Department:** *Julie Rhey-Baumann*

Email: [waterdept@nisquallypines.com](mailto:waterdept@nisquallypines.com), Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

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

**\$.02 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR THE 601-800**

**\$.04 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR THE 801-1200**

**\$.06 PER CUBIC FOOT FOR THE 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](mailto:maintenance@nisquallypines.com), Phone: 360-458-7393, Fax: 360-458-7157

**Each resident is responsible for their own yard/tree debris. Please don't call the office for pick up and no dumping in the greenbelts.**

# 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 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 shutoff 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 home owner.

## 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](mailto:waterdept@nisquallypines.com)



# Board News

## Board of Directors

*Dayna Brown-President, Pool*

*Sherry O'Dell-Vice President and Treasurer*

*Cory Parsons-Secretary, Office, Maintenance and Water Contact*

*Tony Swy-Board Member and River Park Contact*

*Claudia Privette-Board Member and Clubhouse Contact*

*Madelon Barton-Board Member*

*Kara Rickman-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 2018**

General Fund: \$370,799.87

Long Range Plan: \$446,227.24

Water Loan 1 Fund: \$41,336.78

Emergency Fund: \$20,237.65

Key Bank USDA Loan: \$218,801.21

Gold Money Market: \$166,192.37

Twin Star Savings: \$30,144.50

Investment Portfolio: \$246,765.30

**Grand Total \$1,540,504.92**

# UPDATES

## Treasurer's Report:

### Ending Balance for December 2018

General Fund: \$367,934.24

Long Range Plan: \$379,915.41

Water Loan 1 Fund: \$51,281.05

Emergency Fund: \$20,241.09

Key Bank USDA Loan: \$224,519.90

Gold Money Market: \$166,206.48

Twin Star Savings: \$31,051.71

Investment Portfolio: \$246,765.30

Statement not rec'd as of 12/31/18

**Grand Total \$1,487,915.18**

# Committee Happenings

## Adjudication

January Meeting Cancelled Next meeting: February 12, 2019

Members: Phyllis Myers, Theresa Donovan, Rob Parkhill, Luke Clark

Contact: Claudia Privette

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

Meetings to resume February 19th 6:30pm

Members: Luke Clark, Madelon Barton, Sherry O'Dell, Connie Ihringer, Mary Serna

Contact: Kara Rickman

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: TBA

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:

25 Thank yous	2 2nd dwelling
9 Basketball Stands	2 parking on easement
26 debris	5 junk vehicles
1 nuisance	2 dogs
1 disarray	5 fines
2 fences are down	1 certified

### **94.1.A030 Basketball Hoops: Basketball hoops may not be on Pines easements**

**(1) No portion of the basketball hoop or stand should be any closer than 2 feet to the edge of the black top at anytime. (2) When not in use the basketball stand/hoop must be on the owner's property.**

There is no fine for this 94.1 at this time but it is still a rule and it needs to be followed.

If you are new to the Pines and do not have a copy or current Resolution 94.1, please stop by the office to pick up an copy or view online at [www.nisquallypines.com](http://www.nisquallypines.com).

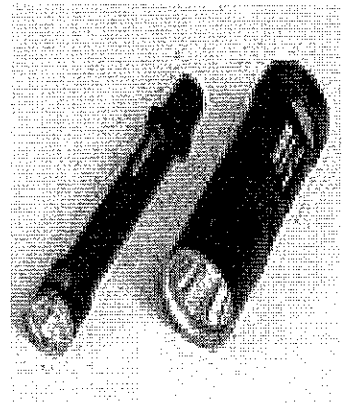
**Speed limit is 20 MPH**

**Please slow down!**

**Please watch for children and parent's please remind  
Your children to watch for cars and not to block  
Roadways. Please slow down and watch for**

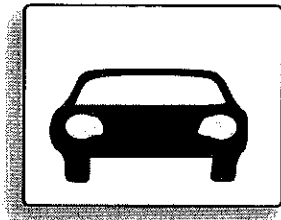


It is getting darker earlier - **PLEASE** be mindful of vehicle traffic!! For your safety, please walk along the edge of the roads or in the easement against oncoming traffic.



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.

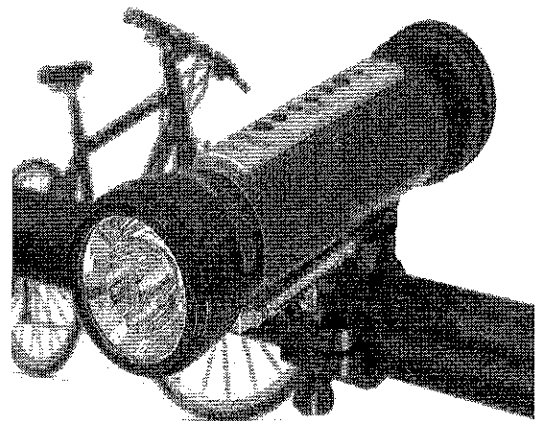


Car Owners— Check your front headlights, rear taillights and brake lights to make sure that they are in working condition.

When walking or riding a bike please wear bright clothing or reflective tape and/or carry a flashlight.

Remember it is hard for cars to see you at night if you are wearing dark colored clothing.

Thank you!!



## PUGET SOUND ENERGY

### Call 811 Before You Dig

As fall/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](mailto:businessaccountservice@pse.com)



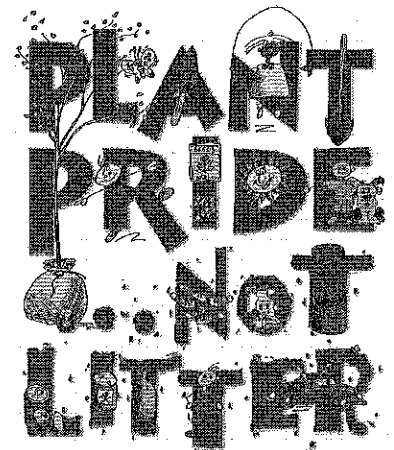
### PARK TRAIL

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



### WHY PEOPLE LITTER

Lazy  
Don't Care  
Litter begets Litter  
Ignorance  
No Sense of Pride  
Lack of consequences for their actions



# 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

## Caregiver Wanted

Looking for someone part-  
time caregiving for a dis-  
abled adult

Contact Laurie  
(253)441-5806

## AVON

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

Claudia Privette  
Independent Sales  
Representative

## House Cleaning

College student will  
clean your home

Have excellent refer-  
ences

Call April  
(360)701-6685

## For Sale

Wheel Chair \$150  
Walker \$100  
Call 360-960-1526

## OPEN PUBLIC

### BINGO

### NISQUALLY

### MOOSE LODGE

Monday's at 6:30pm  
1117 Yelm Ave. W  
(360)458-3381

### For Sale

White Farm Table  
Over 10ft

\$800

Coffee Table \$225

2 wooden chairs pink

\$40 each

(360)464-0993

### For Sale

Lg. Canning Pot \$50

Computer Chair \$60

2 glass end tables \$25  
each

2 matching glass lamps  
\$25 each

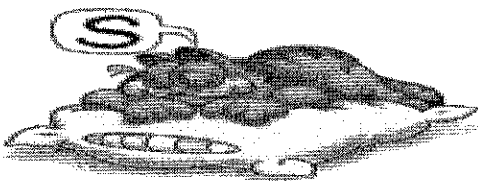
New wall unit wood  
\$135

11 two man saw with  
handle \$30-\$80

(360)955-5146

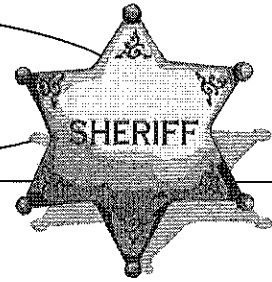
## REMINDER

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



To advertise here  
contact the office  
staff 360.458.7370

# Police Blotter

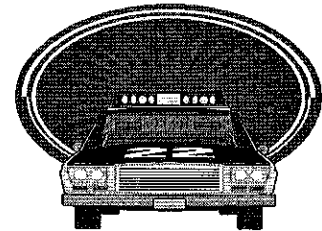


## December

- 27-Routine Patrol, field interview with 2 people at community center, field interview with 2 people Heather, checked area for mail theft suspects
- 28-Routine Patrol, field interview at the community center
- 30-Routine Patrol

## January

- 2-Routine Patrol, responded to a call at Boxwood Ct. S.E. call was cleared
- 3-Routine Patrol, talked with a homeowner
- 5-Routine Patrol, field interview Port Orford & Pepperidge, traffic stop headlight out, field interview on Thuja & Pepperidge
- 6-Routine Patrol
- 7-Routine Patrol
- 8-Routine Patrol,
- 9-Routine Patrol
- 10-Routine Patrol, assist Pierce County Youth Service on Thuja, civil issue Boxwood
- 11-Routine Patrol, public service Boxwood
- 12-Routine Patrol, vehicle parked in fire lane @ community center safety discussion with driver
- 13-Routine Patrol
- 14-Routine Patrol
- 15-Routine Patrol
- 17-Routine Patrol,, traffic stop for speed gave verbal
- 18-Routine Patrol
- 20-Routine Patrol
- 21-Routine Patrol, civil issue Aspen Court resolved



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](http://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.

**Chrissy DeHan**  
Broker



C: 360.789.4093  
O: 253.397.4911  
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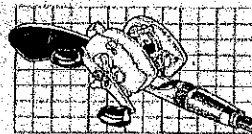
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# Nisqually Pines Community Club

## Meeting Minutes

November 07, 2018

*Please silence all cell phones*

### **Roll call of board members:**

**Minutes-** Cory Parsons M/S/C

**Treasurers Report** – Sherry O’Dell was read

### **New Business**

Change of office contact- Contacts will change in June after election. Kara Rickman will be a backup.

Lighting (in community and the little parks) Board will spend up to \$50 on each light at the two parks.

Complaint/Adjudication- monthly lists will be sent to the board.

Chairs for clubhouse- board has approved chairs for the board. The others will wait for now. Will watch for sale or auction.

Swing set for small park. A swing set has been picked and will be ordered.

Dog park- moved to study session

Connie’s resolution 2018-01 (Changes to Key Bank Acct for USDA loan) A letter from the board to the USDA will be written and sent with board approval to move additional money in the account to the long range plan. A motion was made to write the letter with 4 agreeing and 3 opposing.

Carpet Cleaner – Suggested to try Rainbow for an additional bid.

Plywood for covered areas – moved to next meeting

Generator for office – Decided not to get one at this time.

Windows and ductless heat pump for office and clubhouse – Wait until spring when the weather is a bit warmer to replace windows first.

Road repairs- Calling 3 companies to give bids. Hope to have them by study session.

Number of board meetings per month -Study Session the first Wednesday of the month  
Open board the second Wednesday and then a meeting for finance

Porta potty -Porta potty was put back at the playground and little lake park. Still need placement for permanent placement. Will discuss at study session.

Storage units: Kara Rickman was denied the request to move the storage to a closer location.

**Old Business:**

**Dept Check-ins**

**Office-** Cory Parsons Couldn't hear on tape

**Water-**Cory Parsons Couldn't hear on tape

**Maintenance and Security-** All is good

**River Park-** Tony Swy Couldn't hear on tape

**Pool-** Dayna Brown reported about the beautiful mural that is being done.

**Clubhouse** - Claudia Privette has been booked every weekend

**Committee Reports**

**Adjudication-** Claudia Privette no adjudication this month

**Cert-** Sherry O'Dell no CERT meeting until January

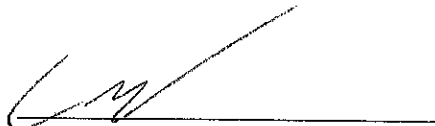
**Upcoming events-** Veterans Breakfast Nov 12 and Thanksgiving potluck Nov 18

**Closed session-** Water damage to residents item because reservoir over flowed. Item was replaced.

Employee The board approved the volunteer dinner and the employee Christmas bonus



Dayna Brown President



Cory Parsons Secretary

# Save Water and Energy by Showering Better



*Your TV and video game system aren't the only things that need energy to keep going. It takes energy to bring water to your home and school. Energy is also needed to heat that water when used for showering and hand washing. But did you know that if you use less water for cleaning and playing, you'll save energy and protect the environment?*

## Drops Need Watts

Water and energy work together. Have you ever picked up a gallon of water or milk from the fridge? It's pretty heavy, right? A lot of energy is used to carry every gallon of water you use from a drinking water source to a treatment plant that makes it safe to drink. After water leaves the treatment plant, more energy is needed to carry it through water pipes to your house. Imagine the journey it has taken—and just how tired you would be after carrying that much water all day!

And the work doesn't stop there. If you want that water to be hot, it takes energy to warm it up before it hits the tap. Here's some food for thought—the energy it takes to treat and deliver the water that just 10 houses use in a year could power your home's refrigerator for more than two years!

That's why it's so important not to waste water at home or school. Don't leave the water on when you brush your teeth. Make sure to turn off the faucet all the way after you wash your hands. If water drips from the faucet after you turn it off, it could be a leak. Tell an adult so it can be fixed. One of the best places to save both water and energy at home is in your shower. Besides taking shorter showers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® program has some tips for how you and your family can "shower better."

## Showering Facts

The shower is a place where we can clean up, cool off, wake up, or relax after a long day. But it's also a place where we waste a lot of water and energy! Consider this:

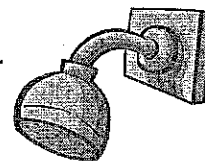
- The average shower lasts eight minutes. Since a standard showerhead has a water flow of 2.2 gallons per minute, each shower uses 18 gallons of water!
- Across the United States, we use more than one trillion gallons of water each year just for showering.

Never fear! You and your family can still save water and energy. WaterSense has a special label for showerheads that use less water but still provide a great spray of water when you shower. If your family uses a WaterSense labeled showerhead:

- Every shower, you'll save enough electricity to power a 60-watt light bulb for eight hours.
- Every year, you'll save the amount of water it takes to wash more than 70 loads of laundry. That's a lot of dirty soccer jerseys!

### Did You Know?

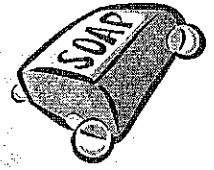
Water is also used to cool the power plants that generate the electricity we use every day. So every time your television, computer, or lights use energy, water is being used up too. In fact, it takes 3,000 to 6,000 gallons of water to power one light bulb left on 12 hours a day for a year. Turn out the lights and save both water and energy!





# Every Drop Counts!

See what can happen when you cut your shower time by just one minute (or more if you're feeling ambitious) by filling in the blanks below. If you don't know how much time you spend in the shower, just use the average person's time of eight minutes.



1. How long do you spend in each shower? = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
2. Multiply that by the average shower flow: x 2.2 gallons a minute = \_\_\_\_\_
3. Multiply your answer for #2 by the number of times you shower every week: = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per week
4. Multiply your answer for #3 by 52 weeks = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per year
5. Subtract one minute from your regular shower time. = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
6. Multiply that by the average shower flow: x 2.2 gallons a minute = \_\_\_\_\_
7. Multiply your answer for #6 by the number of times you shower every week: = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per week
8. Multiply your answer for #7 by 52 weeks = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per year
9. Subtract your answer for #4 from your answer for #8 = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons saved per year!

**Bonus:** WaterSense labeled showerheads use less water but still have power. Estimate how much water they save by recalculating numbers 6 through 9 above using a shower flow of 2.0 gallons per minute. Show your parents how much water you can save by looking for WaterSense when shopping for a showerhead.

## Use Your WaterSense

Below are 13 hidden vertical, horizontal, and backwards words related to saving water and energy. How many words can you find?

A L P L U G V J S X S Q Q T G  
 G A C F K E Y P X Q G G A M Y  
 B B J Q R N T Q B F N B E J E  
 I E Y E K V U X E T I E S K I  
 I L G H E I W K D E V L N E H  
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AVERAGE  
 DROPS  
 ELECTRICITY  
 ENERGY  
 ENVIRONMENT  
 FLOW  
 GALLON  
 LABEL  
 RESOURCE  
 SAVINGS  
 SHOWERHEAD  
 WATERSENSE  
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There are more than 300 million people in the United States. If each person reduced his or her shower time by one minute, we could save a combined 165 billion gallons each year!

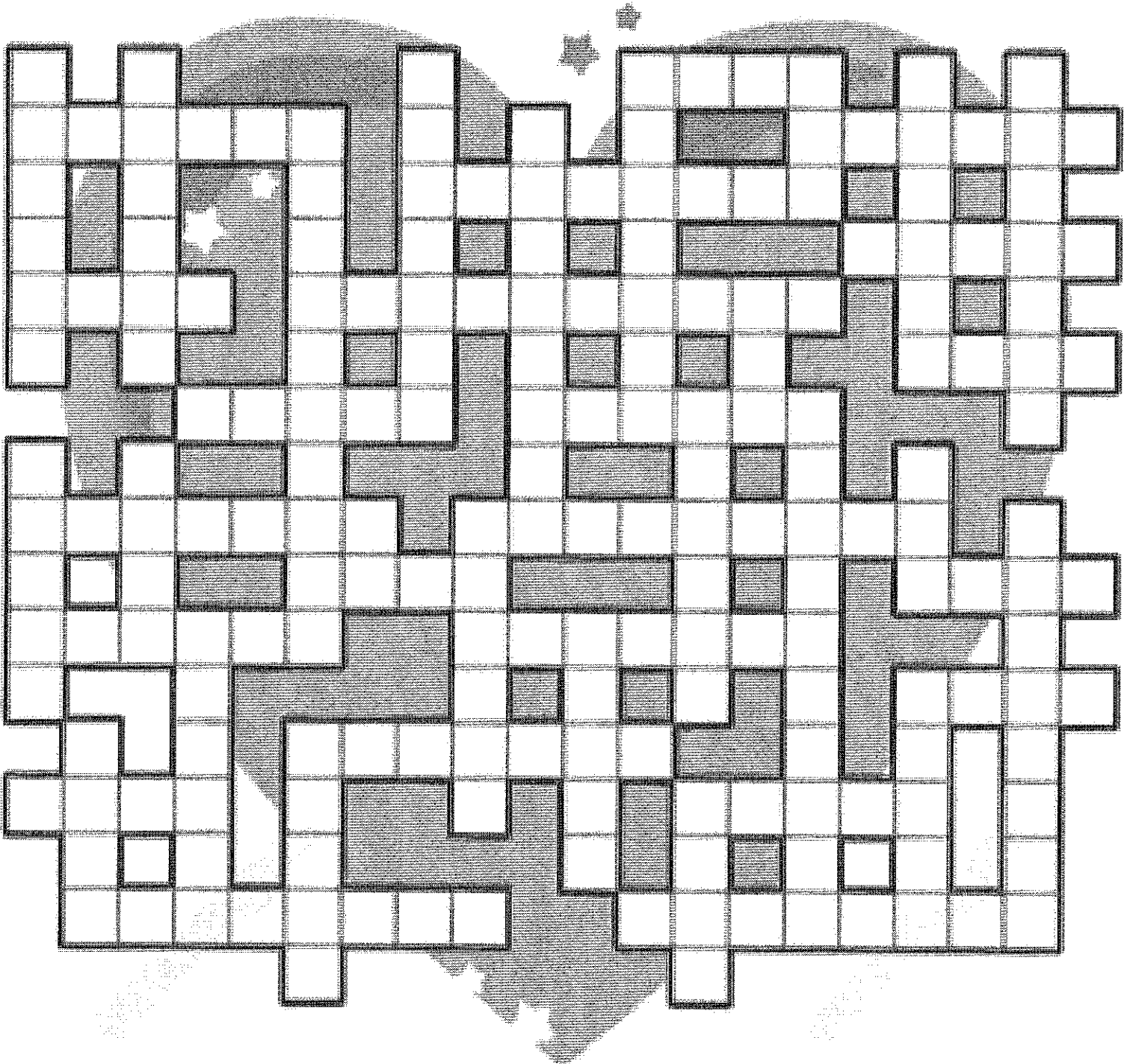


Energy we use at home is measured in something called kilowatt-hours, or kWh. On average, your home's television uses 26 kWh of electricity per month. If your family uses WaterSense labeled showerheads, you save more than 370 kWh of electricity per year. With the energy you're saving, you could watch 14 months of television!

For more information, visit the WaterSense Kids' website at [www.epa.gov/watersense/kids](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/kids).

# FILL-IN (or CRISS-CROSS) CROSSWORD PUZZLE

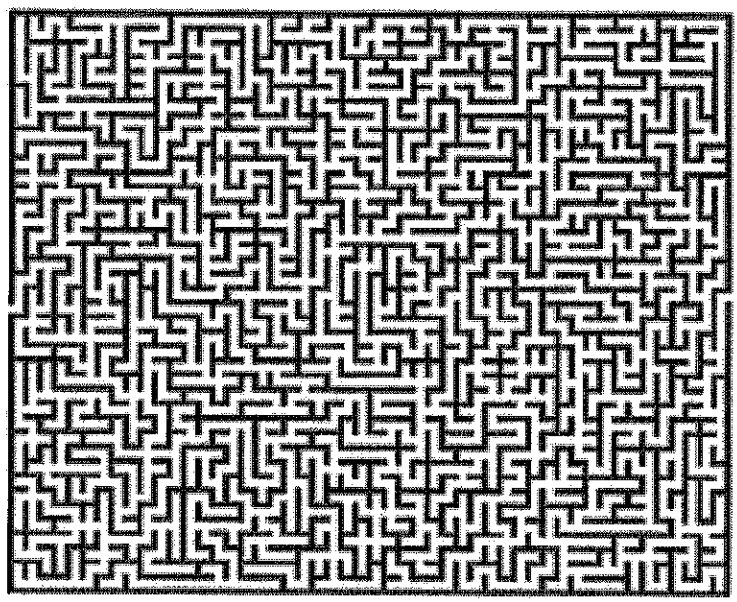
Fill in the blanks with the words: ADMIRATION, ADORER, ANDRETTA, BESTMAN, BRIDE, CARESS, CONSTANCY, COUPLE, CUPID, DATING, ENGAGEMENT, EYRE, GIMP, GLAD, GROOM, HEARTEN, HEDGES, HUGS, ISULT, JULIET, KISS, LYRE, MEALS, ODE, PASSIONS, PENELOPE, PRESENTS, QUEEN, RENDEZVOUS, RING, ROMANCE, ROMEO, ROSE, RYE, SCENTS, SHY, SYMPATHY, TENDER, TIER, TRISTAN, TULLE, ULYSSES, UNISON, WEDDING.



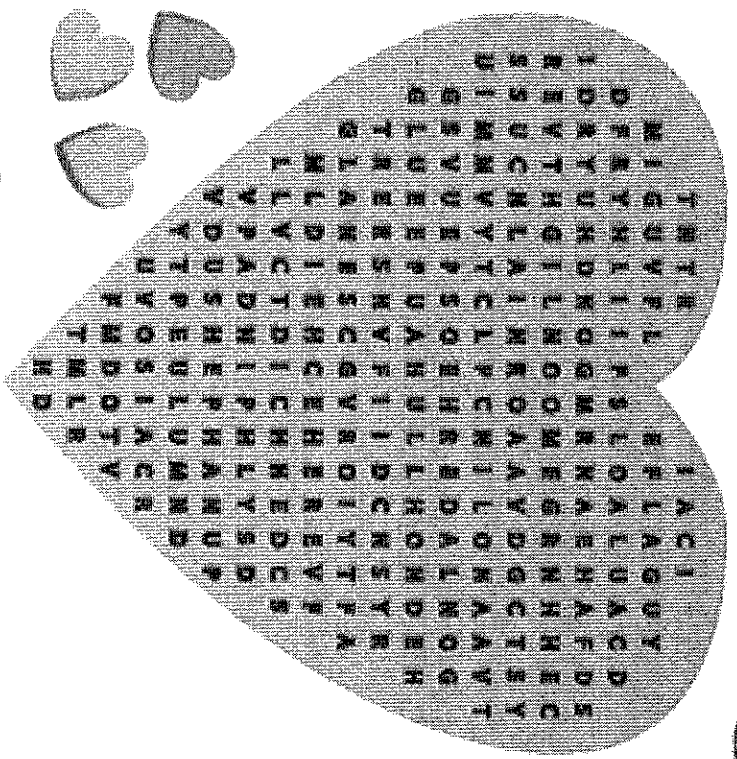


# Valentine's Day

## P U Z Z L E S



Orthogonal Maze



### Valentine's Day Word Search

- CHOCOLATES    GREETINGS
- ROSES            CANDY
- CANDELIGHT    MOONLIGHT
- SUNSET          GIFT
- SMOOCH         LOVERS
- CUPID            VALENTINE

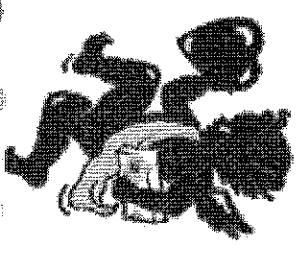
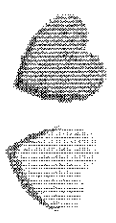
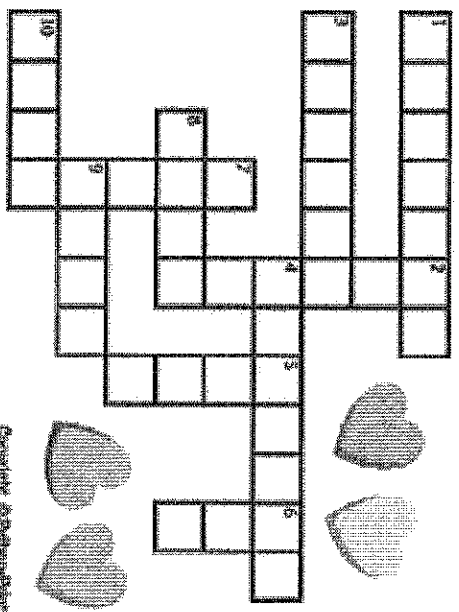
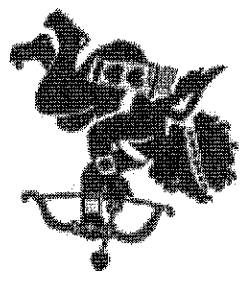
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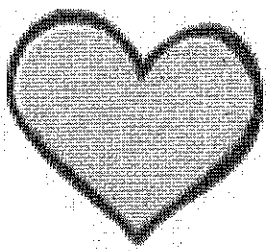
#### Across

1. How can we be lovers if we can't be...
3. Love lifts us up where we...
4. You and me could write a ball...
8. You need another lover like you need a... in your head.
9. All you need is...
10. I never thought that I was gonna lose my...

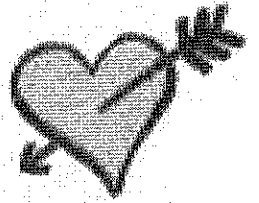
#### Down

2. Guilty of love in the first...
5. You are always on my...
6. I was losing the man that I love and all I could do was...
7. Love makes the... go round





# Word Search



K	S	Q	S	J	I	V	R	T	D	S	R	Q	G	K
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CANDY  
 CARDS  
 GUPID  
 DEAR  
 DOVES  
**FEBRUARY**

TREATS  
 VALENTINE  
 SWEETHEART  
 RED  
 LOVE  
**KISS**

