City-Wide Food and Toy Drives

’Tis the season to give!

The City is partnering with community groups on annual food and toy drives!

- Saturday, December 6, 2014: Drop off donations to the Food Bank when you attend the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Public Safety Building (6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, December 11, 2014: DM Disposal and Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. are sponsoring the first annual Food Drive pick up! DM Disposal employees will stop by each home in Bonney Lake to pick up donations of non-perishable food items on December 11th (Same day as refuse pickup day). Keep an eye out for more information by mail & email from DM Disposal on the Food Drive!
- Giving Tree Toy Drive & Shop With A Cop donations: Each year in November and December, the Bonney Lake Police Department gathers gifts of new, unwrapped toys for the Giving Tree toy drive. The BLPD is also accepting donations for the annual ‘Shop With A Cop’ program, which helps children in need to purchase gifts for their families during the holidays.

For information on other food and toy donation drives, visit our Special Events page - www.citybonneylake.org/events#holidaygiving.

Emergency Preparedness

Power Outages

With high winds and storms occasionally knocking out power, residents and businesses are advised to prepare now for the next outage that may hit the region. Here are some helpful tips for weathering a storm:

- Assemble an emergency kit. It should include a flashlight, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water, nonperishable food, and a battery-powered radio or TV. (PSE issues regular outage-restoration reports on their Call Center telephone system and Web site, as well as to the local TV, radio, and newspapers.)
- Have an adequate blanket supply on hand for extended outages. If necessary, blankets or cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss from a designated “warm” room.
- Avoid opening and closing refrigerators and freezers more often than necessary. Food in a closed refrigerator will stay cold for about 12 hours.
- Turn off lights and unplug all appliances and sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers, to prevent an overload on your circuits when electric service is restored. Leave just one light on to let you know when service returns.
- Do not use charcoal, a gas grill, or a propane tank heater to cook or heat indoors. They can cause a fatal buildup of poisonous carbon monoxide gas.
- If you use a portable home generator, read the manufacturer’s instructions – well before a storm hits – for the safe operation of the generator. Connect the generator through a transfer device, not to your home or building’s main wiring system, to ensure there is no electricity feedback into the power distribution system where power crews are working on the lines. Do not operate generators indoors or in enclosed spaces to avoid the build up of carbon monoxide.
- If you encounter a downed power line, stay well away from the line or anything it may be touching. Immediately report the location of fallen wires to Puget Sound Energy by calling 1-888-225-5773, or call 911.
- Contact the City at 862-8602 regarding plans for limb disposal or emergency shelter.
**Annual Tree Lighting & Food Drive December 6th**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Bonney Lake annual tree lighting and food drive on Saturday, December 6th, at 6:00pm at the Public Safety Building - 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive E. The City of Bonney Lake and the Kiwanis Club are again sponsoring annual holiday Tree Lighting and Food Drive activities! Come join the fun!

This year will feature the first annual Ginger Bread House Decorating Contest. Activities and music, refreshments, candy, pictures with Santa, and the annual tree lighting ceremony. Drop food donations off at the Food Bank, which is adjacent to the Public Safety Building and the community Christmas Tree.

**Where Do My Property Taxes Go?**

This year, a Bonney Lake resident with a home assessed at $200,000 will pay the City of Bonney Lake $306 in property tax. Most of your total property tax bill goes to support other units of government. Only 11% of a Bonney Lake resident's property tax bill goes to the City of Bonney Lake. Your City assessment pays for police protection, court and jail services, parks and recreation, street maintenance, and general government services. It's not a whole lot for a year, considering that you could pay almost that much for a family to attend one or two Mariners games. While no one likes paying taxes, your Bonney Lake property taxes actually get you a lot for the dollar.

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**Tree Lighting Ginger Bread House Decorating Contest**

The Bonney Lake Arts Commission and Kiwanis Club are holding a first-annual Gingerbread House Contest! Children, teens and adults can enter as individuals, teams, or businesses teams. It all culminates in an evening of holiday cheer at the Tree Lighting Event when entries will be judged for prizes! To download an entry submission form, visit the City's website at www.citybonneylake.org and click special events, then Tree Lighting.

**Date:** December 6th

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Public Safety Building - 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive E.

**Enter the Contest:** Teams, Individuals, or Businesses. See website for details.

**Information and entry forms:**
- Library, various public locations
- www.citybonneylake.org/special_events

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**WEBSITE:** WWW.CI.BONNEY.LAKE.WA.US

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**Public Works Center:** 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.

**Public Safety Building:** 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive E.

**Justice & Municipal Center:** 9002 Main Street E.

**Senior Center:** 19304 Bonney Lake Blvd.

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