

CEDAR RIDGE

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Hello Spring!

Spring is just around the corner! Get ready for warmer days, blooming flowers, and outdoor fun.

Hi Neighbors!

Letter from the President - Cris Entrop

Top 'O the month to you!

As our weather begins to change and we see signs of spring coming our way, we hope you find renewed energy!

Also keep increased safety in mind as more kids will be out playing and enjoying the changing weather.

Your 2024 board is working hard to get into our groove as we learn the ropes and set goals that will best benefit our neighborhood. As always, we'd love any and all input! Be on the lookout for upcoming community events that you don't want to miss!!

Join us for our upcoming board meeting on April 8th

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Joanie Davey's Residence
20313 108th St Ct, lot#22
Bonney Lake, WA 98391



2 Neighbor Spotlight

Karen and Jess Dale



Meet Karen and Jess Dale, residents of Cedar Ridge for over two decades, originally hailing from the beautiful state of Colorado. They are currently celebrating 38 years of marriage!

They've woven their lives deeply into the fabric of our community, raising their children Callista, Joshua (US Navy veteran), and Andy in Cedar Ridge.

Karen brings warmth and knowledge to the Bonney Lake Library, where she has served as a supervising associate since 2002. Beyond her literary pursuits, Karen's creative spirit shines through her remarkable quilting craftsmanship.

Other talents are woodworking and wood turning. Currently, she's channeling her skills into crafting a trophy case to showcase Jess's impressive collection of drag racing accolades. *continue on page 3*



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Upcoming April Newsletter

Board of Directors

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Joanie Davey (Position Open)

We have various committees who oversee the operations for the homeowners association.

Architectural Control Committee
Elections Committee
Events Committee
Landscape Committee
Rewrite Committee
Safe Streets Committee
Welcome Committee
Yard of the Month

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Early March is also a good time to prune your roses. Remove any dead or injured canes. Keep the three to five strongest canes but cut them back by about a third, making sure each cane has at least one outward-facing bud.

Swansons Nursery

4 From Editors Desk



Can you believe it's already March 2024? Time seems to be flying by faster than usual, doesn't it?

Did you know that the City of Bonney Lake hosts a Community Garden?

It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved in gardening and community spirit.

Located at:
18421 89th ST E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

The fees are quite reasonable: \$25.00 for a single plot and \$50.00 for a double plot.

Link
https://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/residents/community/community_garden

Mariners spring training is underway! Wouldn't it be fun to organize a Cedar Ridge group outing to a Mariners game?

If there's enough interest, I can reach out to Mariners group sales to inquire about tickets. What do you think? Let me know your thoughts

Poll: How many pages should the Newsletter have?

Please send your responses to:
jamesredbeard@gmail.com

Pacific Northwest - What To Plant In March

By Jaime Herrera

March planting in the Pacific Northwest presents its own unique challenges, influenced by diverse landscapes ranging from mountains to coastlines. There are some general guidelines for gardening in the Pacific Northwest during this time of year.

The region's diversity means that planting times can vary significantly depending on your specific location and micro-climate. Consulting with local experts such as Master Gardeners or nurseries is advisable before diving into your gardening plans.

In March, alongside other garden tasks, it's time to focus on planting. However, the approach can differ based on factors like your gardening tools (black plastic, greenhouses, cloches, etc.) and prevailing weather conditions.

For those in milder regions, nurseries may already be open, offering bare-root and potted perennials, seeds, summer bulbs, as well as rhubarb and asparagus crowns.

Regarding vegetable gardening, March marks the beginning of the planting season. Depending on your location, you may either start seeds indoors or sow them directly outdoors.

Vegetable plants suitable for indoor or outdoor starting include broccoli, cabbage, celery, chard, collards, eggplant, endive, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuces, onions, peppers, radicchio, scallions, tomatoes, and all herbs.

While these guidelines provide a framework, a more accurate gauge for planting is soil temperature. Aim for at least 40°F (4°C) for crops like lettuce, kale, peas, and spinach; 50°F (10°C) for onion varieties, root crops, and Swiss chard; and over 60°F (16°C) for brassicas, carrots, beans, and beets.

Pacific Northwest Lawn Care March:

As the weather warms up, it's time to start thinking about your lawn. March marks the perfect opportunity to prepare your lawn for the season ahead. Here are some essential tips:

1. **Fertilize:** Choose organic or slow-release formulas to nourish your lawn. Apply in March or April for optimal results.
2. **Weed Control:** Take care of perennial weeds by either digging them out or spot treating them to prevent them from spreading.
3. **Mowing:** If necessary, mow your lawn on a medium height setting. Avoid cutting more than one-third of the grass's height at any one time to maintain its health.

Source material for this article was obtain from:

Pacific Northwest Gardens – What To Plant In March - by Amy Grant
<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/>

Gardening in the Pacific Northwest
<https://www.swansonsnursery.com/>

4 Next Board Meeting

April 8, 2024 @ 6:30PM Joanie Davey's Residence Lot#22 20313 108th St Ct, lot#22 Bonney Lake, WA 98391

5 April Issue Sneak Peak

Welcome to Spring 2024

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Largest Tulip Festival in North America

Neighbor Spotlight

Feb 2024 Treasury Report

Be on the Look out
Crime Report



May 20-22, 2022 – Firebird Raceway – Boise, ID

Speaking of Jess, while his heart belongs to snow-covered slopes, his passion for drag racing has consumed most of his time. A champion in his own right, Jess has meticulously built his 1970 Dodge Dart from the ground up, boasting a formidable 557 cubic inch engine. Drag racing has taken him across the nation, leaving tire marks of triumph in his wake.



Quilt by Karen

For all you gear-heads out there, mark your calendars for one of Jess's upcoming drag races at Pacific Raceways this summer – you won't want to miss it!

It was a privilege to sit down with this extraordinary couple and learn about their adventures

If you would like to be the next spotlight story please contact me at jamesredbeard@gmail.com

UNVEILING THE HISTORY BEHIND COLORED EASTER EGGS



It turns out Easter is happening in March this year, so I had to make some quick adjustments to our newsletter. Who knew? Anyway, here we are! And we get snow in March, spring come on down the price is right!

The Event committee is brainstorming a Spring Fling Event because there are so many easter egg hunts already planned. We welcome your input and enthusiasm. There's plenty of room for more volunteers, so don't hesitate to jump in!

There are many Egg Hunts in pierce county, here is a local one:

The city of Bonney Lake is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th, 2024, at Allan Yorke Park. It's open to kids aged 1 to 11 years old.

- 1. Ancient Origins:** Centuries ago, diverse cultures like the Egyptians, Persians, and Greeks exchanged colored eggs during spring festivities to symbolize new beginnings, fertility, and the rejuvenation of nature.
- 2. Christian Adoption:** With the advent of Christianity, the egg took on new significance as a symbol of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Communities, particularly in Eastern Orthodox traditions, embraced the practice of coloring eggs to commemorate Easter.
- 3. Medieval Europe:** In Medieval times, eggs were often forbidden during Lent, leading people to boil and decorate them as a joyful marker of the end of the fasting period and the onset of Easter celebrations.
- 4. Symbolism:** Each color and pattern on Easter eggs holds its own symbolic meaning. From red, representing the blood of Christ, to green for growth and yellow for joy, these hues reflect the essence of Easter's themes.
- 5. Folklore and Traditions:** Over time, rich folklore and customs have emerged around Easter eggs. From the beloved Easter egg hunt to the exchange of intricately decorated eggs as gifts, these traditions foster a sense of community and joy.
- 6. Modern Customs:** Today, families and communities worldwide come together to decorate eggs using various techniques, from dyeing to painting, and even crafting chocolate eggs filled with delightful surprises.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let's cherish the rich history and symbolism behind the colored Easter egg, a timeless emblem of renewal, hope, and the joy of the season.



ELECTION COMMITTEE

Hi Neighbors! As your new Head of Elections Committee, I am looking forward to know you and your thoughts. Our Committee is already working to rewrite our Committee's Policies & Procedures to better serve you. Some changes you will see in the coming months our new privacy Ballot measures, simple Ballot instructions, Election Day results, and establishing Voter safe practices in all differing types of Elections. Also our group will be adding to our duties a new Polling Program. Our first Poll is attached to this Newsletter. The topic of the first Poll is Fines. The Poll's results will be posted in next month's Cedar Reader. Voting is how Homeowners select who & direct how you want your Representatives to make decisions. Our Polls will be unofficial, yet helpful to the Directors and other Committees to institute your choices. We want you to have a voice so please take the time to Vote.

Great Neighbors make a great Neighborhood!

- Julie Summers Lot#67

(Election Committee Chair)



Hello Cedar Ridge Residents,

As we approach April 15th, we kindly remind you that your 2024 homeowner dues are due. We understand that life can get busy, and we genuinely appreciate your attention to this matter.

To those who have already submitted their dues, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your timely response. Your support keeps our community thriving.

For those who haven't had the chance to send in their payment yet, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience.

You can simply mail your check to the address below: and avoid late fees beginning April 16th:

Cedar Ridge Homeowners Association
PO Box 7403
Bonney Lake, Washington, 98391

Your contribution plays a vital role in maintaining the beauty and functionality of our neighborhood. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm Regards,

Cedar Ridge Homeowners Association