



Fall Yard Clean Up

September 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd

Parkwood will be Accepting Yard Debris During the Days Above

To be Left by the Shop Fence.

Acceptable yard waste: Leaves, Grass Clippings, Weeds, Shrubs, Brush,

Small Branches and other Organic Materials from pruning.

Do not leave debris in plastic bags.

Please do not Block the Shop Gate.

We will NOT accept: Large Tree Rounds, Stumps, Contractor Waste,

Rocks, Plastic Bags or Garbage of any kind.

This event is for Yard Waste During the Dates Above Only. Thank you!



P.E.R.T. Parkwood Emergency Response Team

Hello Parkwood.

As summer is coming to an end, COVID has once again become hot news. PERT, therefore, has canceled the Great Sit Out due to concerns about spreading COVID-19 to our neighbors.

Will the sit-out ever happen? I do not know, but strongly recommend that everyone get vaccinated in an effort to become a community once again.

This is tiresome, as I'm sure you'll all agree.

PERT will not have a general meeting in September due to COVID, so please carry on with monitoring your food, water and batteries.

Hope to be meeting with you sooner rather than later.

David Goose,

Riddle:

**You find me in December, but
not in any other month. What
am I?**

Answer next month!

The CPR class was put together very well. My thanks to Parkwood for sponsoring this important event.

Thanks to the crew for installing the community satellite dish pole! It was above the normal duties of the staff and will save us all some dough!

Resident Reminders:

DEBRIS: Dumping yard debris or blowing out your driveway into Parkwood property or streets is not allowed. If you power wash your drive into the street, you will be asked to clean it. If you dispose of your yard waste into Parkwood tree lines or green spaces, you will be required to remove it.

PARKING: Residents are allowed two (2) vehicles in a driveway at a time. Except for short term day use, parking in front of your driveway or yard is not acceptable in Parkwood. If you have more vehicles than this will allow, you will need to rent a space in the RV lot for storage.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Parkwood an attractive place to live.

Ingredients:



For the filling:

8 cups fresh plums,
pitted and sliced (about 8-10
large plums)
½ cup light brown sugar, packed
2 tablespoons apple brandy
(optional)
½ Granny Smith apple, peeled
and grated on a large box grater
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

For the topping:

1 cup unbleached all-purpose
flour
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup granulated sugar
8 tablespoons unsalted
butter cubed and cold
⅔ cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon coarse sugar for
topping
vanilla ice cream to serve

Recipe Corner: Fresh Plum Crumble

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the plums, brown sugar, brandy, grated apple, cornstarch and cinnamon. Spoon the mixture into a 9" or 10" cast iron skillet.

In a medium mixing bowl combine the flour, baking powder, salt and granulated sugar. Add the butter and using a pastry blender, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the cream and stir with a fork just until moistened. Gently press the mixture together using a spatula, forming a loose dough.

Crumble the dough on top of the plum mixture. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of coarse sugar.

Bake until the top is golden brown and the filling is bubbling, about 45 minutes. Serve warm topped with ice cream if desired.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BIRDS GONE?

By Ida Domazlicky and Jane Nicholas

Bird-watching out my back door is disappointing these days. In the spring and early summer, there was so much bird song, so much action! But now, in early September, the only birds I can count on are hummingbirds and the occasional junco. What happened? Did all the noisy Steller's Jays and Flickers and Song Sparrows leave us? Some birds, of course, do leave. Parkwood, until mid-summer, enjoyed Violet-green Swallows swooping and fluttering overhead as they gobbled insects. Now they, like starlings and geese and blackbirds, are gathering in large flocks. Solo migrants like Rufous Hummingbirds are also getting ready to make that dangerous journey south to their winter homes. Some have already left.

Other birds leave temporarily. Birds establish territories sufficient to feed their nestlings, but once the nestlings become fledglings, that work is pointless. And fledglings—panicked and trying to get the hang of flying—ignore territorial boundaries. Parents have little choice but to follow. I once had both Red-shouldered Hawk and Mississippi Kite nests in the woods behind my house in Missouri. All four adult hawks got through spring nesting quietly together. But when the young birds took their first flights from the nests, it was chaos. Each fledgling flew to whatever branch presented itself, regardless of territory. The owners of the territory took offense and tried to make the youngster leave. The young ones screeched for help. The parents flew in to scream and dive at the adults who were scaring their kid. Pandemonium. Similar early flights by fledglings here are usually calmer, but they often lead parent birds out of their usual neighborhoods. And without nestlings, even those birds who stay near the nest have less reason to protect territory, so they often fall silent and shy, making our yards seem empty.

By now, most fledglings have learned to feed themselves, so parent birds are more or less on vacation--true empty nesters. For a few weeks, they get a break from protecting territory. Even if they are non-migratory, they may wander a bit—or a lot. Egrets and herons are notorious for long post-nesting travels, and the Tropical Kingbirds that occasionally show up here in the fall may also be simply checking out new possibilities. Most local birds probably don't wander far. They may check out other neighborhoods in hopes of finding a better territory for next spring's brood, or just a good lunch. But they will do so quietly.

What comes next? As day length shortens and temperatures drop, many birds will return to familiar territories and will call more often to protect winter resources. Flickers and Steller's Jays are already calling more every day, and soon Song Sparrows, House Finches, and Spotted Towhees will be more vocal and more visible. The many species of birds that migrate to Sequim from Canada and elsewhere for the winter will arrive soon. Other migrants will be passing through. Bluebirds, juncos, nuthatches and other songbirds that nested in the Olympic Mountains will come down to milder winter areas like Sequim, and hawks will follow. So birdwatchers here will soon notice increased activity. In the meantime, every bird parent who laid eggs, fed nestlings, and followed nervous fledglings around for weeks is taking a well-deserved break. Maybe birders should, too.

