

Fall is definitely here....as I watch my little Japanese maple “undress’ for the winter.

This is my maple before the first frost and... here is the after the frost picture from a week later!



Before the frost



After the Frost

I always hate to see this time of year happen, when this poor little tree loses all those lovely leaves but as someone reminded me yesterday... the days start getting longer on December 22nd!

Here is a photo of sunrise recently from my front door. What a great way to start the day!



Stillwaters Estates Sunrise

One of the great treats of living in Stillwaters is the number of events, activities and fundraisers that we participate in. This week we had ladies here in the Gathering Place selling nuts for a good cause, next month we have the local Bell Choir giving a concert, and recently we had a visit from our County Assessor, Dianne Dorey, explaining the way assessments are done and answering questions. Something is always going on and that makes the opportunity for “something for everyone” just around the corner.

**Quote of the Week:**

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. – Margaret Mead

**Something a Little Extra this Week:**

✘ According to the local paper, The Chronicle – Lewis County Assessor, Dianne Dorey, has announced that the deadline for Senior Exemption/Disabled Persons Property Tax applications is December 31, 2013.

If you are 61 years or older before December 31st of the year you apply, you own your own residence, and your gross income from all sources is \$35,000 or less, you may qualify for an exemption on your property taxes. If you are 100% disabled and have a doctor's statement saying you are 100% disabled at any age, you may also qualify for an exemption if you are the owner of the residence. If you have out-of-pocket prescription costs, in home care, or Part B Medicare, those costs can be deducted from your gross income.

If you have questions, please call during the same hours at (360) 740-1392.

**Happenings this week:**

Cleopatra' to be Shown at Fox Theatre

✘ Historic Fox Theatre Restorations will be showing "Cleopatra," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, at noon and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Fox Theatre in downtown Centralia. Admission is \$8 per person, \$7 for members, and \$20 per family (three to four persons).

Presale tickets are available at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis and Debbie's Boutique, Holley's



Place, HUBBUB and Santa Lucia Coffee in Centralia.

For more information, contact the Fox Theatre at (360) 623-1103. All proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of the Fox Theatre.

**Weather:** Rain showers today and then windy tomorrow. Back to normal rainy weather next week. We are still finding snippets of time here and there to walk rain-free through the neighborhood. Get out and enjoy the fall weather if you can.