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Our Favorite

CHRISTMAS TIME CHARITIES



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The holidays are a great time to think about those less fortunate than yourself. All of us here at Max Meyers Law have been truly blessed, where all our needs are met and we don't have to worry about putting food on the table, let alone making the holidays special for our family.

The sad reality is that many families throughout Washington cannot say the same. During the Holiday season, we love to donate to charities who reach out to families in need. Here are a few of our MML Team's favorites.

The Forgotten Children's Fund serves families with children who would not receive gifts on Christmas. There's nothing worse than a child with no present to open on Christmas! FCF selects families who are generally not receiving anything from any other charities. Each child receives a winter coat and at least three presents – some lucky kids get a bicycle, while the family also receives food staples and warm blankets.

FCF services 2,900 kids and 800 families each year. There are no paid staff at FCF, it is a volunteer run organization. You can donate or help volunteer to wrap presents during the holiday season. www.forgottenchildrensfund.org

Toys for Tots is a well-known charity run by the U.S. Marine Corps. New toy gifts are provided to children ages 0-14 based on family income need. In years past, Toys for Tots have provided gifts and stocking stuffers to over 29,000 kids in King County alone. There are many ways to help. You can donate a new toy, volunteer, or even host a toy collection event. www.toysfortots.org

Seattle's Union Gospel Mission helps the homeless in Seattle with meals, hosting a shelter, and warm blankets. Every time any of us go to Seattle, the challenges the homeless population face are there to be seen by anyone who takes the time to look. The Union Gospel Mission is one of the

places that provide warm meals daily. So many Washingtonians live paycheck to paycheck, and but for the Grace of God any of us could easily find ourselves needing the help of organizations like the Union Gospel Mission. Each donation of \$2.00 provides a holiday meal to a person in need. www.ugm.org

Ronald McDonald House helps families with sick children find comfort and support when they need it the most. There are several programs offered including programs like the Ronald McDonald Houses, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles.

These programs provide housing that is near a hospitalized child, the expense of a family staying together in another city, and even provide access to basic medical and dental care. An easy way for you to help support RMHC is to drop your spare change in the donation boxes at participating McDonald's restaurants. Little by little, it adds up and can mean a lot. If you would like to get involved and help these families in need, visit www.rmhc.org.

There are so many other great charities, probably right in your own neighborhood, that would love for you to reach out and help. Giving to others is truly the way to embrace the Holiday season.



Great online shopping sites besides Amazon?

Where will you be doing most of your holiday shopping this season?

Many of us use Amazon as our "go-to" for gifts... we love our prime membership! But what if you are looking for something that is unique or maybe a little out of the ordinary?

Everyone here at Max Meyers Law got together and made a list of our favorite "other" online shopping sites. Here are our favorites:

The Grommet

thegrommet.com

This site is dedicated to launching undiscovered products made with a purpose.



The Metal Shack

metalshack.com

This company specializes in making metal art home decor.

Beekman1802

Beekman1802.com

Two city men who turned a weekend getaway into a profitable business beginning by producing soaps and cheese from dairy goats. You may recognize this company from their reality t.v. show The Fabulous Beekman Boys!

The Old White House TheOldWhiteHouse.com

Motivated by doing their part to protect our planet, check out this local business who makes natural lavender



laundry soap and cleaning products.

Inspiranza Designs

InspiranzaDesigns.com

This company was born from the artists love of sterling silver jewelry. Check out these unique and inspiring pieces!

UncommonGoods

UncommonGoods.com

A great site for unique gifts for men, women, teens and kids of all ages.



John & Kira's

JohnandKiras.com

These chocolates are made with the finest ingredients from urban gardens and small family farms around the world. These chocolates are delicious and a must try!

How can I improve **visibility** in the rain?



When driving in the rain, visibility is one of the most important factors to avoid a motor vehicle crash. According to the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** (NHTSA), weather conditions were the critical reason for an estimated **58 percent** of the motor vehicle crashes attributed to environmental factors:

- 50% caused by slick roads
- 4% caused by fog, rain, or snow
- 4% caused by other weather-related conditions

Driving in the rain increases the risk of an accident because the roads are wet and it reduces visibility. You cannot do anything about the roads being wet, but there are steps you can take to improve your visibility.

WIPER BLADES

Make sure you have good wipers that do not scrape or catch on the surface of your windshield. If you have a wiper for the rear window of your vehicle, check it too. Replace any wipers that are worn out and not effectively clearing your windshield.

WINDSHIELD WIPER CONTROLS

The best wiper blades in the world will not do you any good if your windshield wiper controls are not working. Properly functioning controls are an essential piece of safety equipment for your vehicle. If your wiper controls begin to malfunction, immediately take your vehicle in for repair. Weather can be unpredictable, and having broken wiper controls is an unacceptable risk.

RAIN REPELLANT

Several companies make great rain repellant products for vehicle windshields. Read the reviews of several products, then choose one that seems to be a good product for your climate and environment.

HEADLIGHTS

Your vehicle headlights are vital for your safety. They illuminate your driving path and

they help other drivers see you. If you are driving with old headlights that have become dull, you may struggle to see in front of you and other drivers may not see you as well in rainy conditions. Check these factors in particular to make sure your headlights are in good working order:

- **Brightness** How well do they light your path?
- **Distance** How far down the road can they illuminate?
- **Haze** Do you have build-up on the surface of your headlights?

If your headlights are no longer sufficiently doing the job, you can replace the bulbs. Even if only one bulb is not working well, replace the bulbs in both headlights at the same time. This is an inexpensive safety upgrade.

If your headlights are covered with a dull build-up, try removing the build-up to improve performance. There are many good products on the market for removing the build-up and then sealing the headlight covers to protect against future build-up.

In some rainy conditions, your high beams might cause glare and reflection, especially if there is fog with the rain. If this is the case, consider using your low beams if they provide sufficient illumination.

DEFOGGER

The defogger for your windshield and your rear window need to be working properly to prevent your windows from fogging up and obscuring your view. If your defoggers are not working correctly, take them in for repair right away.

If you have been injured while driving in the rain because of another driver's negligence, contact us at **425-276-7804** to set up your free consultation with Max.



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December Events

TOUR ARTISTS' STUDIOS DEC 1-3

Shop from 34 artists at 9 studios who make clothing, jewelry, glass, ceramics, prints, and more on Seattle Sampling Artists' Studio Tour. Free.

Visit www.seattlesampling.com/about.html for more details.

CRAFT SHOW DEC 2 - 3

Shop for hand-crafted clothing, jewelry, toys, stationery, art, candles, housewares, and food at Urban Craft Uprising Winter Show in the Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center. Free.

Visit the www.urbancraftuprising.com for more details.

PET FRIENDLY RUN/WALK DEC 3

Join the K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run and Walk from Renton Community Center up the beautiful Cedar River Trail.

Visit https://www.facebook.com/events/163314327574208/.

HOLIDAY CONCERT DEC 9

Holiday Pops features the Seattle Symphony, vocalists, and University of Washington Chorale, at Benaroya Hall.

Details at www.seattlesymphony.org/concerttickets/calendar/2017-2018/symphony/holiday-pops.

SEATTLE JAZZ DEC 10

Hear the entire score of the holiday classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas* at Cornish Playhouse at the Seattle Center. The evening performance has cocktails for sale beginning 6 p.m.

Visit www.strawshop.org/charlie-brown.html for details.

CRAFT FAIR DEC 16-17

Renegade Craft Fair offers indie crafts, artisan food, and music at Hangar 30 in Magnuson Park. Repeats in July. Free.

Visit www.renegadecraft.com/fairs/seattle-holiday for details.

JINGLE BELL RUN - TACOMA DEC 24

Run or walk 3 miles at the Jingle Bell Run at Wright Park in Tacoma. Costumes are welcome.

Details can be found at www.metroparkstacoma.org/jingle/.

NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS DEC 31

The Space Needle at Seattle Center is the tallest structure on earth to launch fireworks. Wear a winter coat to watch the free show from the ground. The parties upstairs sell out early.

Visit https://newsroom.t-mobile.com/news-and-blogs/t-mobile-new-years-at-the-needle-to-light-up-the-seattle-sky-with-even-more-rockin-fireworks-to-welcome-2017.htm.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

Holiday Ribbon Ring by JELL-0

This is from the original 1987 recipe ad... a classic recipe for the holiday season!

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Ingredients

2 packages (4-serving size) JELL-O Brand Strawberry Flavor Gelatin

5 cups boiling water

2/3 cup sour cream or vanilla yogurt

2 packages (4-serving size) JELL-O Brand Lime Flavor Gelatin

Directions:

Dissolve strawberry flavor gelatin in 2 ½ cups boiling water. Pour 1 ½ cups into 6-cup ring mold. Chill until set but not firm (about 15 minutes). Chill remaining gelatin in a bowl; gradually blend in 1/3 cup of the sour cream and spoon over gelatin in mold. Chill until set but not firm (about 15 minutes).

Repeat with lime flavor gelatin, remaining 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sour cream, chilling dissolved gelatin before measuring and pouring into mold.

Chill at least 2 hours. Unmold. Makes 12 servings.

A big WELCOME to our newest Team Member



The Max Meyer Law family has a new team member! Richard Buquing joined our team in August as a Legal Assistant.

Richard came to us from the non-profit sector where he spent the past 13 years working in credit counseling and consumer education. Previous to that, he has had experience in annuities, auto financing, mortgages and banking, totaling over 30 years in customer service and management.

Richard grew up in Hawaii and has lived in Washington state since November 1995. He has been married to Barbara for over 24 years and has two children, Richard Jr. and Ma'ile, and a cat, Misty. Richard Jr. is a freshman in Concordia College in Portland, Oregon. Ma'ile is a freshman at Jackson High School.

Richard enjoys cooking at home and has been told he has one of the best homemade teriyaki sauces. Perhaps we can convince him to share his recipe in the future. He and Barbara enjoy travelling when Barbara finds a deal they can't refuse. They have been fortunate to be able to travel to the Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Amsterdam, Sweden, Denmark, South Africa, Portugal, Spain, the Greek Islands, Turkey, Costa Rica, Honduras, the Panama Canal, Alaska and Hawaii.

Welcome to the team Kichard!







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What People Are Saying About MML

Awesome Experience 5.0 Stars

I was a pedestrian hit by a car. It's not a situation myself or anyone I knew had ever been in. I searched the web to find info/laws pertaining to this incident in Seattle. Max's website came up and had a wealth of info regarding what steps I should be taking and what to expect.

A few days after reading his article, I decided that I wanted to consult a lawyer and remembered the helpful website and went back there to consult Max. His office was immediately responsive - helpful, nice, well informed - really all you want in a great customer experience. The staff on the phone spoke with Max and put me through to his line - I was shocked, with my pretty minor and insignificant case, that the attorney would actually want to spend time talking to me! We had a great and informative convo where Max gave



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me all the info I needed, and even advised that I likely do not need a lawyer. He sent me some great info in soft and hard copy and told me to call back if something changed and I would need legal representation.

I was totally floored all around by the customer service and help that I received! I hope I never need personal injury representation, but if I do, I know exactly who I will call!!

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