

Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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What a beautiful spring!! 40 houses participated in our Neighborhood Garage Sale! Thank you for joining our group effort! And remember, as you're out shopping for more stuff, less is more, and do you really have the space (or want to dust it the rest of your life)?!!

I have a new hardwood kitchen floor and love it! *Best European Hardwood Floors* of Bellevue did my floor for me and their price was cheaper than the quotes I was getting for linoleum!! They are licensed & bonded, do installation, repairs, refinishing and resanding, and were incredibly fast. Call Walter at 425-922-4700 or Zim at 206-954-1180. I highly recommend them and their prices!

Calendar

Fourth of July Party

Come join us in celebrating the Fourth at the Division 1 park. Graham street will be closed off at noon for the kids to play their games, make huge, gigantic bubbles, decorate the street with chalk, ride their bikes, etc. Water balloon volleyball and the water balloon toss will be mid-afternoon sometime. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, paper goods, utensils, and sodas will be provided, through the City of Renton's Neighborhood Celebrations Program Funding. So bring a dish to share, blankets, chairs, and your appetites! Barbecues will start up about 5:00 PM. Again, we want to remind teenagers that we will try to orchestrate the setting off of fireworks in a safe manner.

Cirque du Soleil Santimbanco

Have you heard the world-renown circus is coming to town, right here in Renton! The big tent (seats 2,500) will be off of Sunset in the Boeing Parking Lot downtown. There are 34 shows starting July 6th through June 30th. The tickets are a bit pricey, but they are selling out fast. They will probably be extending into August so if you can't get tickets now, check their web page in a week or two. For tickets call 1-800-678-5440, or go to their webpage www.cirquedusoleil.com and buy them online. Big time entertainment couldn't be closer to home!

National Nite Out – August 1st

We're going to have another ice cream social this year at the Division 1 park to take part in the nationwide crime prevention event. Ice cream, bowls, spoons, and ice water will be provided – you bring your favorite topping(s)! We will also invite the City's crime prevention unit to make a visit (they were busy with emergencies last year and came after everyone went home).

We will start serving ice cream at 7:00 PM (after you've had your dinner) so bring your toppings promptly so we aren't just eating plain ice cream. If it's raining, it will be in the Mikolaizik's garage. Hope you can make it!

One of the unique things about this night is you are encouraged to leave your porch light on all night to show you are united in your fight against crime and belong to an active blockwatch group.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) – PLEASE NOTE: No LNO July or August this year. Otherwise, first Wednesday of every month. Call 271-6406 to get added to the reservation count or for details, meet at Connie Friesen's (2030 Field Avenue NE) by 6:30 PM to join the carpool. Any new restaurants you can suggest?

H.O.A. President –(Jm Riley, 793-7511): Hang in there, summer will be here eventually! Until then, we are reminded to keep our raingear present and not to put those winter coats into storage quite yet. Good thing there is a roof at Safeco field, huh?

Things are going well around the neighborhood (despite some artistic tree trimming), and a lots of great looking projects going on, too. The neighborhood overall is looking better (so I'm told) than it has in years – thanks to everyone's efforts! It really shows.

Please also note that we have a new membership chair on the board – Mr. Bob Rossi. Bob has lived in Summerwind for quite a while now and replaced Ron Jones on the board (Ron's schedule was such that he could not maintain his position). Welcome Bob as we starts to catch up on welcoming all the newcomers to the neighborhood.

So, as I'm sure several of you have noticed over the past couple of months, we have been having some problems with the entry lights off the Duvall entrance. The bulbs have burnt out with excessive regularity over the past year, and then about 3 months ago, one went out for good. The main power source for this light is of course on the other side of the street, and the first electrician's solution was to dig under the street and spend perhaps as much as \$4000 to fix this one light. My thought was twofold – first, you could buy an awful lot of batteries to re-power a new light for that kind of money and second, we must be able to find an electrician with a more creative solution than four grand. Well, we did. Ross the electrician is a personal friend of Larry @ WPI (our management company). Ross owned his own electrical contracting company and had just retired. He was at home packing to move the family down to Oregon when he got Larry's call. Ross came out to help us and started digging. He found some serious Henderson Homes sub-par work, at least 5 splices in the wires feeding that light in the first 10 feet of it! This wire was not buried deeper than 6 inches either. Ross exposed and restrung new wire (this time one run, without splices), repaired some other exposed wires near the panel, and replaced the lights at the entry for about ten percent of what the first guy wanted. Too bad Ross is retired – it's always nice to have somebody like that when you need them. Anyway, thanks to Larry at WPI for getting involved and helping get this fixed.

For those of you with basketball hoops in the street, please move them up to the sidewalk level, or preferably, your own driveways.

One last note – our neighborhood submitted and was awarded money from the City of Renton as a part of their neighborhood improvement program. I personally went to the City Council meeting and was given the award by the Mayor. We were awarded matching funds of \$1000 to plant bulbs at various public areas within our development (i.e. islands, parks, etc). Thanks to Debra Mikolaizik for not letting us miss out on this free money, while beautifying our neighborhood. (Now just offer help when you see her out planting them!)

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Wesley Bye, 235-3787) I've noticed lots of painting and siding going on in the neighborhood. Most of these have filed applications. This is the time for putting up new fences, making major changes to our yards, and building sheds.

I want to thank everyone who has filed the proper applications before starting these types of projects. It is very important that we respect our neighbors and have projects reviewed before completing them. The application process is easy. I have applications on hand and you can pick them up from me. I can usually turn those around in one day.

We are continuing to do our research into roofing products. We should have an addendum soon. I welcome any suggestions, input, and participation from our neighborhood. Have a great summer!

Landscaping (Brian Mead, 255-5830 or e-mail lyndamead@msn.com) In the spring we planted two new trees in the pond area. We are now organizing a Bark Party for Division 3 park. We will have several yards of bark delivered and we will be looking for volunteers. We would like to plan an evening in early June for this activity. Please contact me at 425-255-5830 to volunteer.

You may have noticed some pruning that occurred at one of the traffic islands on Ilwaco. This pruning was performed by neighbors of that island without the approval of the board. It is very important to remember that neighborhood common areas are the property of the entire Summerwind neighborhood.

You must notify the board or a committee member with any questions or problems you have with these areas. If you want to do more than just tell us about the problems, we always need energetic volunteers.

Membership (Bob Rossi, 277-1048 or e-mail sabreblack@aol.com) I'm the new Membership Committee Chairperson. I've lived in Summerwind since 1994 when we moved from Covington, WA. It is my desire to improve and upgrade the committee so that the Welcome Wagon will greet new homeowners in Summerwind. Also, the committee will issue info packets to new owners and also review the basic rules for the community. As the committee develops it will assist in areas that may be necessary for the Summerwind Community.

Traffic/Safety (Stacey King, 237-8896) No report this month. (Congratulations on the new baby!)

WPI (Larry Slough, 206-522-8172)

Bulb Planting Party/Pizza

As Jim mentioned in his President's report, we have been granted \$1,000 in matching funds to purchase spring flower bulbs, bulb food, and soil amendments. Our match is in labor hours at \$10/per volunteer hour. That means we need 100 volunteer hours for us to use the entire grant. Our current landscaping contractor recommended we purchase yellow daffodils, pink tulips, and purple hyacinths. With that in mind, we will obtain the bulbs once they go on sale in the fall and hope to have a planting party right about the time the next newsletter comes out – so final details will be in the September issue.

I am looking for some volunteers to help me in purchasing the bulbs, to help organize this event, and anticipate I'll be knocking on some doors with sign up lists for each traffic island and entrance. The more people we have involved, the less work it will be and the easier it will be to come up with the 100 hours. These hours can also include time spent after bloom in the spring crunching up the greenery and rubber banding the leaves until they die off.

AND to reward those who help out, we will follow up with pizzas from Papa Johns or somewhere and use some City neighborhood celebration funds to pay for them. Note: Volunteers have to be at least 16 years of age to count towards the match.

Rumors

Have you hear the Brashears (the red house directly down Graham Street that fronts the Division I park) have been talking to developers about selling their 20+ acres? It's zoned R-1, which means one house per acre, and the houses will be quite pricey. The entrance into the development would be right where the red house now stands and the land extends all the way back to May Creek and opposite the river to SE May Valley Road.

Ice Skating Rink

As recently mentioned in the *Renton Reporter*, the new ice rink by Doofers Bar will be opening sometime in September. The Sno-King Amateur Hockey Association accepts boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 17. They have a summer program (not this year, obviously), as well as a regular winter program. Interested persons may call (425) 821-7133 for more information about Sno-King hockey. You might want to call early in case they fill up fast, since some people are driving from Tacoma to get to their facility in Kirkland.

Miscellaneous

Like new twin daybed and trundle with mattress for sale - \$75 – Debra @ 425-226-2926 or 425-430-6580.
Found: Nintendo – Call Diane Galloway at 425-277-1061.