



Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Have you noticed all the pretty bulbs blooming around the neighborhood? Thanks again for all your help in planting the 4300 bulbs. I understand the HOA board is working on a grant submittal again this year, although I don't have any details.

Calendar

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Our annual sale will be held May 11th and 12th (Mother's Day Weekend), 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. If you wish to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by May 1st at the latest. If you get organized enough to have a list of items you plan on selling, let me know so I can include details on the map. Even if you don't get listed on the map, feel free to park your "cherished" item in front of your house if you are looking to get rid of it. A donation of \$1 will help cover the Little Nickel ad and poster board for the signs. I hope to pass out maps a day or two before the sale so you can make more copies if you want. Anyone want to help post or pull signs before and after the fact?

LNO (Ladies Night Out) - First Wednesday of every month. Call 271-6406 to reserve, meet at Connie Friesen's (2030 Field Avenue NE) by 6:30 PM to join the carpool.

Mommy & Me - Stacey King, 425-237-8896 I wanted to say that I'm pleased that there are several Mom's who contacted me regarding starting the new mom's group (dad's welcome too!). We meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 for about an hour. We've primarily met at my house, but we've rotated also. With the nicer weather we plan to go to parks and other places to enjoy the outdoors. There's a range of ages, from 2 months old to 3 years old. It's been wonderful meeting other people in the neighborhood and allowing our children to meet and play with one another. If you would like to meet us or learn more, please give me a call.

H.O.A. President (Jim Riley, 793-7511): SO JUST WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO? I'm sure some of you wonder about that question. In my opinion, the board's job is to operate on behalf of all the homeowners in Summerwind and to maintain the neighborhood's appearance and therefore all of our property values. There are several different ways that people could approach this job. The trick to doing this is to find that happy medium, one where the rules that all of us homeowners agreed to before moving into Summerwind still apply yet can still be applied and followed on a neighborly level. Please remember that the board did not and do not make the rules. Nor do we as individuals always agree with all the rules. One thing to keep in mind is that the board's membership composition is constantly changing. Each of the eight positions on the board is for an elected 4-year term, with 2 board positions coming available each year. This is by design – to have some consistency maintained but also some constant new blood. This doesn't always work as planned, as people sometimes have other commitments that take priority to their VOLUNTEERING at least one night a month to be on their homeowner's board. In some other instances, board members no longer want to deal with some of the issues or problems that we sometimes must address. I guess what I'm getting at here is that if you had a problem in the past with the board or the way they dealt with some issue of yours, please don't automatically assume that it is us because it probably wasn't. We as the board are nothing more than the current elected stewards who try to maintain the neighborhood as well as we can. And we are all volunteers.

Finally, I would like to personally extend my thanks each and every board member for offering their time, their commitment, and for most of all making the board meetings fun and enjoyable to be a part of. I would also like to further extend my gratitude to each and every supportive and understanding homeowner in our community for helping us maintain Summerwind the best we all can. (Please try to keep these things in your mind if we forget to put ourselves in your shoes...we're all human...)

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Wes Bye, 235-3787): It will be painting and outdoor project time again soon so please make sure you submit an ACC application before your project begins! The new approved roofing materials will be finalized soon. I want to again thank everyone who has taken the time to submit an application before beginning their project. This will continue to make Summerwind a popular and friendly neighborhood. If you have any questions for the ACC or need an application, please give me a call.

Landscaping (Brian Mead, 255-5830): No report at this time.

Membership (Bob Rossi, 277-1048 or www.sabreblack@aol.com) I did some checking and the Welcome Wagon group that gives new info to new homeowners is presently not in this section of Renton. In talking to them last week, they now realize they should be here with all the development going on, so they are making an effort to solicit businesses to contribute to their cause, and should be up and running in the near future to greet new Summerwinders.

Did you know that we as homeowners and renters are individually responsible to maintain not only our front yards but the sidewalks and adjacent street gutters? Presently, it seems some of us are not making any efforts to pick up the trash remaining after a windy garbage pickup day. It will really make a difference if we all take the time to detail a bit when bringing our bins back to our garages.

As our Summerwind Webmaster, I hope to have our web site up and running late this month.

Traffic/Safety (Mark Cottrell, 425-430-1732): No report.

WPI (Steve Apodaca or Larry Slough, WPI Vice-President, 206-522-8172 or e-mail larryslough@wpirealestate.com).

Western Security Patrol (235-1731)

Christmas Contest Winners:

Thank you to our judges and to our generous sponsors!

Prize	Value	Awarded to	Address
Pair of Sonic Tickets donated by the Bradford's	\$120+	The Pieratt's	4828 NE 23 rd St
Jewelry Exchange Gift Certificate	\$30	Homeowners @	4704 NE 20 th St
Campbell Sandwich Maker from King & Bunny's	\$20	The Kumar's	2069 Hoquiam Ct NE
Windermere 5-Speed Hand Mixer from King & Bunny's	\$15	The Letterer's	5185 NE 20 th St
Windermere Steam & Glide Iron from King & Bunny's	\$15	The Kawamoto's	5104 NE 18 th Ct
Windermere Mini Food Chopper from King & Bunny's	\$15	The Costales'	1617 Hoquiam PI NE
Poinsettia from Country Flower Shop	\$15	The Kauzlarich's	2029 Field Ave NE
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The McKinney's	5009 NE 21 st St
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Bevan's	5007 NE 21 st St
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Mayer's	5214 NE 23 rd Ct
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Parrises	2050 Ilwaco NW
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Anderson's	5118 NE 17 th St
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Lazo's	1605 Hoquiam PI NE
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	Homeowners @	1701 Field PI NE
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Rozsonit's	1606 Field Ave NE
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	Homeowners @	1815 Field Ave NE
Papa Johns Pizza	\$10	The Anderson's	5050 NE 23 rd St

March – Frederick Cadillac/Brotherton Cadillac Did you see we now have a Cadillac dealership in Renton? They took the space left in the Carco automall by the Infinity dealership.

Toastmasters – Thursdays at Vince’s

Is the number one fear of public speaking holding you back in your professional or personal life? I invite you to visit the local Toastmasters Club that meets each Thursday at 6:00 – 8:00 PM (every other week during summer months) here in the Highlands at Vince’s (behind the Jack-in-the-Box off of Sunset). I am a new member myself and feel that with this group, I’m going to reach a new level of confidence in public speaking (from absolutely *no* confidence to the *sky’s the limit*). This group has a very small membership with a mix of ages with a brand new membership drive starting in April.

If you’ve never heard of Toastmasters International, here is a bit about them. They help men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening, and thinking. The Mission of each club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. I have found the group to be warm and supportive and understand completely as you work through the jitters, butterflies, “um’s, you know’s, actually’s”, etc.

There is no cost to visit a few meetings and see if it feels right for you. If you decide to join, it’s \$28 for International Club membership (get your employer to reimbursement you!), and a nominal monthly local club fee, you can check out the different Toastmaster Clubs in the area (two more in Renton alone). I challenge you to visit a Sweptwing Toastmasters Club meeting and see if you can envision the new you, fearless making presentations, totally at ease, dazzling people with your brilliance.

Pied Piper Preschool

The preschool at the First United Methodist Church, 2201 NE 4th Street, has openings available in its three-, four-, and five- year-old classes. They are a thematic preschool offering outstanding creative classes. Call Sandy at 425-255-5403 for more information.

Renton – An Historical Perspective By Jim Riley

RENTON TURNS 100 (NOW I DON’T’ FEEL SO OLD) I was mailed a notice that this is an historical year for the City of Renton. The city is turning 100 years old this year (on September 6th actually). The city has offered to provide some sponsorship of community activities that help commemorate or celebrate this historical perspective. If you have any ideas for Summerwind’s participation or would like to get involved here, check out Renton’s website for lots of additional information as well as other current activities already planned at www.ci.renton.wa.us.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY I was also mailed (geez, I get a lot of mail as the president – hope they can forward it next year) a notice and request for help on an historical building that is in jeopardy of being torn down. It is the Lande Feed Company, situated one block to the west of McLendon Hdw on Burnett Street. A condominium project is proposed at this location. I was asked in this letter to simply make any of the Summerwind neighbors who may be interested aware of this situation, and also of the Historical Society. I am not advocating any support for or against this project. If you are interested in finding out more about the Historical Society, you may contact Barbara Horton (co-President of the Renton Historical Society) at hortonbb@aol.com.

New Discounter Enters Market

According to an article in a recent Puget Sound Business Journal, upscale housewares discounter **Tuesday Morning** opened this month at Rose Hill Plaza in Kirkland, with a second, larger location planned in the Overlake/Bellevue area. Open only about 280 days a year, they locate near upscale malls, using a bare-bones, warehouse style presentation. The chain’s strategy is to only stuff up and serve customers during set sale periods, generally six to ten weeks. Then they close up and ready for the next sale.

Tuesday Morning is essentially a liquidator, offering cut-rate prices, from Pier I Imports, Garden Ridge, whatever they can pick up on the closeout market on major brand lanes, with items such as mouth-blown crystal, fine European linens, porcelain dinnerware, and Asian antiques.

Remember to Check Out Summerwind On-line

Just a reminder to go and check out Summerwind's website. We have posted some old newsletters on it and are posting more things every day. To find it go to WWW.MYTOWNCOMMUNITY.COM, and then click on Site Directory, then go to page 2 of the listings and you will find "Summerwind" (or you can look on this newsletter's header for the web address). Help save Summerwind money by emailing our property manager at larryslough@wpirealestate.com and tell him NOT to mail you a copy. Larry will then put you on in an e-mail notification group and will send out an email when the new newsletter is posted to the website (removing you from the list of others who get a copy mailed to them). So check it out and get those suggestions on site development or improvement to our membership chairman, Bob Rossi, at sabreblack@aol.com.

Sacagawea Gold Coins Since I see so many newspapers at work, I wondered if you saw that each Safeway store has ordered 1,000 coins from the U.S. Mint, per the *South County Journal*. Apparently with people hoarding their supplies, they aren't being circulated as much as the U.S. Treasury had hoped. The government wants to encourage use of the coins, since the life span of coins is 30 years versus 13 months for paper bills. And, probably the biggest reason they wish to encourage distribution is they make a profit of 88 cents per gold dollar produced, which helps pay down the federal debt. Last year, they made a profit of \$2.6 billion off of the 27 billion coins produced. So next time you go for groceries, don't forget to add gold to your list!

Chatter

For those of you wondering about the construction off of Coal Creek and the entrance up to the China Creek neighborhood (must be off of 79th Street), the City of Newcastle is calling it the 79th Street Apartments.

New Babysitter Listing

Please contact me if you want to be added to a new neighborhood babysitter listing that I will include in the June issue of the newsletter. The list I have now is quite old. The Gesells at 5201 NE 18th (254-1815) are currently looking for a sitter for their toddler and baby for an occasional evening or weekend outing. Call them if you're interested.

Miscellaneous

Peter (14), Jenny (12), and Katie (12) Miller are available for hire. Peter does yard work and Jenny and Katie will baby- or pet-sit for you. Call them at 425-235-4936.

Questions I've Asked

If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide, is that considered a hostage situation?
Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.
If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?
Whatever happened to preparations A through G?
If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?
I went for a walk last night and my kids asked me how long I'd be gone. I said, "The whole time."
So what's the speed of dark?
After eating, do amphibians need to wait an hour before getting OUT of the water?
Why don't they just make mouse-flavored cat food?
If you're sending someone some Styrofoam, what do you pack it in?
I just got skylights put in my place. The people who live above me are furious.
Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?
Do they have reserved parking for non-handicapped people at the Special Olympics?
Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
When a man talks dirty to a woman, it's sexual harassment,
When a woman talks dirty to a man, it's \$3.95 per minute.
If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?
Isn't Disney World a people trap operated by a mouse?
Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright under you hear them speak?
How come abbreviated is such a long word?
If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
Why do you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?
Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Asians throw hamburgers?
Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?
Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
If the universe is everything, and scientists say that the universe is expanding, what is it expanding into?
If you got into a taxi and the driver started driving backward, would the taxi driver end up owing you money?
What would a chair look like if your knees bent the other way?
If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?
Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?
When two airplanes almost collide, why do they call it a near miss? It sounds like a near hit to me!!
Do fish get cramps after eating?
Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?
Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?
Why do scientists call it Research when looking for something new?
If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?
When I erase a word with a pencil, where does it go?
Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not adoor?
Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you,
Yet tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.
How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?
If "con" is the opposite of "pro," then what is the opposite of progress?
Why is it lemon juice contains mostly artificial ingredients but dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?
Why buy a product that it takes 2000 flushes to get rid of?
Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "cure it?"
Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
Why do we put suits in a garment bag and put garments in a suitcase?
Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?
What do little birdies see when they get knocked unconscious?
Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
Should you trust a stockbroker who's married to a travel agent?
Is boneless chicken considered to be an invertebrate?
Do married people live longer than single people or does it just SEEM longer?
I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" –
She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
If all those psychics know the winning lottery numbers, why are they all still working?
Isn't the best way to save face to keep the lower part shut?
War doesn't determine who's right, just who's left.

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