



Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Calendar

Fourth of July Celebration If you plan on staying close to home for the Fourth, come join us at the Division 1 Park off of NE 23rd Street. We once again have a permit to block off Graham street for the kids to play from **noon until midnight**. We will have waterballoon volleyball, badminton, bubbles, beaded lizards, sidewalk chalk, croquet, basketball, etc. Kids, decorate your bikes if you want.

We will start up the barbeques about 6:00 PM or so. What to bring? A chair or blanket, your meat to barbeque, a dish to share, a jug of pop. Utensils, plates, cups, and napkins will be provided.

Parents, you are responsible for your children and their safety during the fireworks display after dark. If you are terrified of fireworks, you can join in the fun beforehand and leave when they get started.

August 7th - 6:00 PM Join us for a dessert social at the Division 1 Park off of NE 23rd Street in conjunction with the City of Renton and the National Nite Out Against Crime. Bring your favorite dessert to share (plates, utensils, etc. will be provided). The Block Watch Safety Program Coordinators will make a brief visit with goodies for the kids, along with a few City representatives.

And don't forget to leave your porch light on all night to show we stand united in our fight against crime. *Mark your calendars!*

August 27 – 31 End of summer vacation wind down. For the past couple of years, we have tried to coordinate a few activities for Summerwind elementary and middle school students to help reconnect with neighborhood classmates before school starts up again. For a program of events, and if you don't receive one directly delivered to your house, come by the Mikolaizik's August 26th for one. Some things we've done in the past: going to Coulon Beach (with our fast food dinners), bowling, an ice cream social, crafts at the park, etc. If you have any ideas, give me a call.

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.

Summerwind Mom's Group - Stacey King, 425-228-4966 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):

Okay, who's ready for summer? After all the rain we've had so far in June, I sure am. And I'm sure all the little kiddies getting out of school are as well (as are their moms so they can play outside!). Not too much to report on this month. So I'll fill you in on all the income that the board is pursuing.

PROPERTY FOR SALE: Some of you may already be aware of the property that we have had for sale (a small unbuildable, unused strip of land a couple lots to the north of the Duvall entrance). We were hoping for some activity with the new homes built there that have recently sold, and while we have had some interest nothing has resulted as of yet. We have during this process also discovered a lot of hurdles that we must overcome in order to be able to sell it (mostly legal and financial issues related to the CC&R's). We have also investigated other options to selling to see if there is any interest there also. Not sure if anything will happen here or not.

CITY OF RENTON GRANTS: We also pursued three separate grants from the City of Renton Neighborhood Grants Program, where they have \$50,000 in matching funds to viable projects that meet their criteria. Summerwind was awarded \$1000 last year and we planted all those beautiful bulbs that we all enjoyed this spring. This year since they increased the cap and added another

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grant type, we stretched the limits and pursued three different grants totaling in excess of \$19,000 if we were awarded all of them. As I said, we're not expecting to get the majority of it (in fact even if we get one it will be good), but I figured if we don't ask then we'll never get it. The projects were an administrative grant to help offset some of the WPI management costs, voluntary mailbox replacement and kiosk improvement, and a bench at the Duvall bus stop. The City is behind on their review, and we just received some preliminary feedback. It sounds good on one and part of another, but not so good on the third. We'll see what final results are. We likely would put whatever excess funds received from these income sources into our reserve funds. If we get favorable results, this would likely ensure that dues would not be raised again for the second year in a row.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP: I want to take this time as an early reminder that we will need two new board members for the upcoming year. As it happens each year, two of us (myself included) have reached the end of our term and it is time to find replacements. Please consider volunteering for the board – not only are you able to help your neighborhood and steer its direction, but you also will be meeting a lot of new neighbors and working with a really fun group of existing board members. It is a once-a-month meeting commitment (okay if you need to miss one), and possibly a bit of other time in between following up on things. WPI has really made our job on the board much easier (and more fun too). I thoroughly have enjoyed my time on the board, especially the company of the last 2 years' board members. So a call to all of you residents (especially new in the neighborhood) - if you have interest at all, contact me please.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Wes Bye, 235-3787): The kids near the Division 1 park will be happy, their swing is fixed! Thanks for everyone's patience with this issue - the parts were apparently difficult to locate.

The weather is getting nice and it's that time again for outdoor projects. As a reminder, major landscape, painting, siding, and other related projects need to be approved by the ACC prior to beginning the project. I always have applications ready for you to pick up! Have a great summer and please call me with any ACC questions.

Landscaping (Brian Mead, 255-5830 or bmead10@home.com): It is that time of year again - time for yard care. There are many beautiful yards in our neighborhood. However, there are several yards in the neighborhood that could use a spring clean up. If your yard is not to the standard of the common areas, you can expect a letter from WPI. Watering may be an issue this summer, however, it is important that we keep our yards maintained. A reminder to owners of RV's: you have 48 hours to load/unload. Parking of RV's in excess of 48 hours violates the CC&R's. Finally, please remove basketball hoops and other outdoor play equipment from the city streets each evening. Have a great summer vacation!

Membership (Bob Rossi, 277-1048 or www.sabreblack@aol.com): To report eyesores and hazards, such as yard full of garbage, junk cars, down fences, etc., call the city of Renton's Compliance officers, Bob Arthur at 425-430-7269 or Paul Baker at 425-430-7386. It is their job to enforce the city standards. It is the responsibility of all residents to clean up during and after the refuse collectors arrive on Friday's. Please pick up all garbage spilled or left by the collectors. We want our community to reflect a super area to live in. A neat and clean community benefits us all.

Welcome to all our new neighbors! Hope with the summer here and us spending more time outdoors, you get a chance to meet those neighbors living closest to you.

Traffic/Safety (Mark Cottrell, 425-430-1732): Just a friendly reminder to watch your speed driving through the neighborhood with the kids out on vacation from school. According to the City of Renton Block Watch Program, there has been a rash of forced break-ins in the Highlands in the past month, although Summerwind has not been a target. If you notice something suspicious, call 911. We have helped apprehend the bad guys before and we can do it again.

If you've noticed the upgraded locking mailboxes in the neighborhood and wish to have one, too, please give me a call. I have supplier and cost information and can help make it a reality (if a majority of your immediate neighbors also are ready to make the transition).

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

Western Security Patrol (235-1731)

City of Renton Neighborhood Liaison (Jerry Rerecich, 425-430-6615) Call Jerry if you have any questions about the various neighborhood programs available to us or if you have general questions for the City and he can help direct you to the right person or department to assist you.

New Babysitter Listing Hi! My name is Erin Woodruff and I am interested in baby-sitting for people around the neighborhood. I am 14 my address is 1839 Field Place NE Renton Washington 98059 my phone # is 425 235 5011. Erin charges \$5/hr.

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.

Justin and Taylor Milnor are available for lawn mowing and yard work. Please give them a call at 271-0637.

And the Gesell's at 5201 NE 18th Court (425) 254-1815 wanted to share this little message:
Just a quick note to recommend a painter we used recently to paint the exterior of our home. We accepted several bids, and his was the most reasonable. He was pleasant to work with, and we are really pleased with the quality of work. Due to the age of the homes in Summerwind (and judging by some of the weathering), I thought other neighbors might be looking for painters too. So if anyone is looking, we used A&H Custom Painters at 444-7878.

If you need cut flowers for a special occasion or just want some around the house, contact me at 425-226-2926 and I'll be happy to supply some from my garden. Bring your own vase or you can borrow some of mine. Prices very reasonable.

