



Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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It's almost Spring – soon flowers will be popping up everywhere, including our bulbs we planted with the Neighborhood Grant funding a while back. We have three grant requests this Spring. 1) Matching money to replace the trees at the Sunset entrance (see the Landscape Committee report below). 2) Removal and replacement of dead photinas at the Division 1 park and replacement of both picnic tables (watch out for slivers!) and replacement of missing laurels at the Division 3 park. 3) Newsletter reimbursement allocation of \$1 per HOA resident. Hope these will qualify and become a reality. We will let you know if we need to recruit some manpower to remove and replant bushes.

Calendar

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt The Easter Bunny's coming early for a FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT FRIDAY, **MARCH 29**. Ages 7 and under, 7:15 pm. Ages 8 and up, 8:00 pm. Meet at Division I Park Bring your own flashlight!

If your children want to participate, please drop off 12 eggs **per child FILLED** with the goodies of your choice (candy, stickers, small toys, McD or movie gift certificates, \$\$) at the Short's House, 4927 NE 23rd by NOON on Friday, March 29. The eggs can just be left on the front porch but be sure to mark which age group they eggs are for.

Call Marcia Short with questions, 204-0495. (And a big THANK YOU to Marcia for organizing this.)

Neighborhood Garage Sale Our annual sale will be held May 3rd and 4th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. If you wish to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by April 26th 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 participate. 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.

Hazen High School Auditorium Dedication A formal dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th. Watch for more info through the local media and school newsletter. Photos of the new commons area is also on their website: www.renton.wednet.edu/hazen.

Kindergarten Round-Up Fall registration is Thursday, May 2nd at Sierra Heights in the cafeteria at 10:00 AM, parents only. Children must be five by 8/3/02. Immunizations must be current, bring child's birth certificate. Full day classes are first come; first serve, starting on May 2nd at \$260/month with a \$75 non-refundable deposit due upon registration.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) First Wednesday of every month. On April 3rd, we plan on going to the Cheesecake Factory. Call 271-6406 to reserve, meet at Connie Friesen's (2030 Field Avenue NE) by 6:30 PM to join the carpool.

H.O.A. President (Brian Mead, 425-255-5830 or bmead10@attbi.com): There are many great activities planned for the year, we look forward to your participation. If you would like to get involved, please contact a board member.

We need your help in identifying new homeowners moving into Summerwind. If you are aware of new neighbors, please contact a board member so we make sure they receive a welcome packet.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Bob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or Robert@abki.com) Don't forget to get approval on your home improvement projects (siding, painting, roofing, etc.) **before** you start the work.

Landscaping (Bob Rossi, 425-277-1048 or sabreblack@aol.com) The Landscape Committee is in the process of having the large maple trees located at the entrance or Sunset removed and replaced with more suitable trees that will not destroy the sidewalk and landscape because of their unique root system. The large evergreen trees behind the brick Summerwind sign on the East entrance of Sunset have been removed.

All homeowners should review their CC&R's if not familiar with the landscape requirements that make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. Also remember we are all responsible to pick up any leftover trash dropped after refuse day pickup. A clean environment will discourage violators from trashing the area. It is all our responsibility to maintain a Class A neighborhood. So don't just pass the trash, pick it up. Have a good spring!

Membership (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or ralnsg@aol.com) Nothing submitted for this issue.

Traffic/Safety (Michael Silence, 425-227-4369 or msilence2000@yahoo.com) Neighbors: I would encourage everyone to switch to a locking mailbox as soon as possible. When "convenience checks" as well as all other mail were stolen from our mailbox, I contacted many of the people living nearby and found that checks had been stolen and used successfully at three houses in a row including my own! \$3500 in my name, \$1500 more from the family next door and an additional sum from the home next to them.

Identity theft has not yet happened to me, but it would be soooooo easy! A locking mailbox does not guarantee that you are safe from fraud, but it is a simple insurance policy and the cost is not great. The attached form at the end of this newsletter is all you need to get started.

First survey the neighbors you share a kiosk with to see how many support the idea. Let them know that the cost is approximately \$107.51 (this may change with time) and that the whole process may take a few months.

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

Western Security Patrol (235-1731) Report all incidences to them, after calling 911 as necessary.

City of Renton Neighborhood Liaison (Jerry Rerecich, 425-430-6615 or jrerecich@ci.renton.wa.us) Contact 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.

Mark your calendars! We will have a City sponsored Kick-Off Picnic including a barbeque and fun for everyone on Saturday, September 7th, at 4:00 PM. Think it will be held at the Division 3 park. Watch for more details.

Downtown Lots of changes happening in our little downtown. Have you been to the **Melrose Grill** (behind McGowans) or the new Irish Brewpub, **Giant's Causeway**? Don't think we'll ever have too many eateries in our fine town. What about **The Met Wine and Coffee Bar**? The Met is across the street from McLendons on the corner of Second & Burnett Ave S. On Thursday, March 21st, 7 PM, The Met will have a wine tasting event featuring Ben Smith of Cadence Winery. Try some wines accompanied by imported cheese with poppy seed crackers. Cost: \$11 per person. Phone: 425-687-7989.

Starting June 18th through September 3rd, on Tuesday afternoons from 3 to 7 PM, we're going to have a **Renton Farmer's Market** in the Piazza downtown park near our new Transit Center. Over 50 vendors have expressed an interest so looks like it's going to be worth checking out.

Strong possibility that **Cirque Du Soleil's Dralion** show will be coming to Renton this summer, although a decision has not been made yet. If not Renton, they will be here somewhere in the Seattle area. If you missed Saltimbanco, here's a chance to see the Cirque locally. And if you attended Saltimbanco, I'm sure you'll need no convincing to start saving up now for this wonderful event.

Did you hear **Kmart's** closing? Wonder what will take its place?

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners We did something a bit different this year. We let the winners pick which prize they wanted (those that were home). Feedback from the judges makes me think that this complicated the judging process even more than usual so watch for changes next year. By the way, judging is not easy or a fast process – it usually takes about three hours. If you wish to volunteer for this arduous task, we'd like to know about it. Thanks to our generous sponsors (several new one's this year *and* from the neighborhood), to the judges, and to each of you who helped brighten up Summerwind over the dark winter.

Award	Family	Address	Lot #
Pair of Sonic Tickets worth over \$120 donated by John & Carolyn Bradford	Letterer	5185 NE 20 th	3-21
\$50 Gift Certificate to Armondos Restorante' donated by Try Cichos	Kumar	2069 Hoquiam Ct NE	2-58
Microwave oven worth \$100 donated by King & Bunny's	Kawamoto	5104 NE 18 th Ct	5-52
\$50 Bon Gift Certificate donated by WPI Management	Rozsonit	1606 Field Ave NE	4-2
\$50 Ikea Gift Certificate donated by Troy Cichos	McKinney	5009 NE 21 st	1-15
Ichiro Gift Pak & Sonic End of Season Photo donated by DJ Sportcards	Bevan	5007 NE 21 st	1-14
Tin of Imported Cookies donated by the Tiede's & a Pound of Tully's Coffee plus travel cup donated by the Cottrell's	Anderson	5118 NE 17 th	5-62
Papa John's Pizza donated by Papa Johns & two Renton Centennial Coffee mugs with chocolate kisses donated by the Mikolaiziks	Broughton	5108 NE 21 st	2-43
Poinsettia donated by County Flower Shop	Nelson	1809 Field Ave NE?	3-27
Gourmet Wok Gift Certificate	Gates	5163 NE 20 th	3-19
Papa John's Pizza donated by Papa Johns & Stuffed Christmas Moose and Chocolates donated by Sunset Safeway	Bennett	5105 NE 20 th	4-24
Papa John's Pizza donated by Papa Johns & Copper Dragonfly Wind Chime donated by Mr. Gift/Dennis Behrends	Jones	4900 NE 19 th Ct	4-32
Jewelry Exchange Gift Certificate	Warren	5106 NE 21 st	2-44

Cold medications recalled by FDA (Thanks to Marsha K. for sharing this bit of information with us.)

All drugs containing Phenylpropanolamine are being recalled. You may want to try calling the 800 number listed on most drug boxes and inquire about a REFUND. This ingredient has been linked to increased hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding in brain) among women ages 18-49 in the three days after starting use of medication. Problems were not found in men, but the FDA recommended that everyone (even children) seek alternative medicine.

The following medications contain Phenylpropanolamine:

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| Acutrim Diet Gum Appetite Suppressant Plus Dietary Supplements | Dexatrim Extended Duration |
| Acutrim Maximum Strength Appetite Control | Dexatrim Gelcaps |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Children's Cold Medicine Effervescent | Dexatrim Vitamin C/Caffeine Free |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold medicine (cherry or orange) | Dimetapp Cold & Allergy Chewable Tablets |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine Original | Dimetapp Cold & Cough Liqui-Gels |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Cough Medicine Effervescent | Dimetapp DM Cold & Cough Elixir |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Flu Medicine Effervescent | Dimetapp Elixir |
| Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Sinus Effervescent | Dimetapp 4 Hour Liquid Gels |
| Alka Seltzer Plus Night-Time Cold Medicine Effervescent | Dimetapp 4 Hour Tablets |
| BC Allergy Sinus Cold Powder | Dimetapp 12 Hour Extentabs Tablets |
| BC Sinus Cold Powder | Naldecon DX Pediatric Drops |
| Comtrex Deep Chest Cold & Congestion Relief | Permathene Mega-16 |
| Comtrex Flu Therapy & Fever Relief | Robitussin CF |
| Day & Night Contac 12-Hour Cold Capsules | Tavist-D 12 Hour Relief of Sinus & Nasal Congestion |
| Contac 12 Hour Caplets | Triaminic DM Cough Relief |
| Coricidin D Cold, Flu & Sinus | Triaminic Expectorant Chest & Head Congestion |
| Dexatrim Caffeine Free | Triaminic Syrup Cold & Allergy |
| | Triaminic Triaminicol Cold & Cough |

Triaminic 's 800# says they are voluntarily recalling the following medicines because of a certain ingredient that is causing strokes and seizures in children:

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| Orange 3D Cold & Allergy Cherry (Pink) | 3D Cough Relief |
| 3D Cold & Cough Berry | Yellow 3D Expectorant |

To confirm these findings please take time to check the following URL:

www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/ppa/default.htm

\$12.5 Coal Creek Parkway Work Starts (Daily Journal of Commerce, 3/11/02) Ground-breaking is set for 10 AM March 16th for the \$12.5 million Coal Creek Parkway improvement project. The work involves adding a travel lane in each direction as well as a center left-turn lane, bike facilities, sidewalks, lighting and storm drainage for the arterial between Southeast 72nd and Southeast 84th streets. The Transportation Improvement Board's Arterial Improvement Program provided \$8.8 million of the project funding. Marshbank Construction is the general contractor and Transystems was the engineer.

Attention Environmental Extremists! And all you other folks too! (Submitted by Michael Silence) I have about a dozen Douglas Fir trees in my backyard available to anyone who would like some young trees. These trees are between 8" and 3' in height and the only work required is to help me get them out of the ground and move and then plant them yourself. Contact Michael Silence at 425-227-4369 if a free tree is of interest to you.

In my view, the most beautiful neighborhoods in our region are forested. All the area now occupied by Summerwind was once forest, and we have the option to improve the quality of our air, water and soil by planting trees.

When these trees have all been transplanted, I would be happy to start more seedlings. Let me know if you are interested in Red Cedar, Western Hemlock or perhaps Spruce.

Southern Living at Home (Submitted by Leslie Williams) Have you heard about Southern Living at Home? It is a home party company similar to Tupperware, Pampered Chef, and Discovery Toys. They have hundreds of high-quality products to decorate your home. It's really easy to have a party: Just choose a date, invite some friends and family, and that's it. I will do the rest. In addition, you will receive 1/2 price or free merchandise depending on your party size. If you like to host a party, borrow a catalog to see the products or get more information, call me, Leslie Williams, at 425-227-9600 or email at johnandlesie1@attbi.com.

Real Estate Info (Submitted by Jim Poh) Hello, my Summerwind Neighbors: My name is Jim Poh and I live in Summerwind at 5040 NE 21st St. I am also a real estate agent with Coldwellbanker Bain. I've been mailing out Summerwind updates on houses that sold and houses that are currently active in Summerwind for three years now. I know many of you find the information valuable (for refinancing, home equity loans, etc.) and I will continue to mail it to you. For those of you who don't want this information, I'll be happy to take you off my mailing list. Please call or e-mail me at 206-719-0918 or jimpoh@cbba.com.

Garden Recipes: Want Moss/Don't Want Moles?

Here's a recipe for those of you who have decided to stop fighting the moss and use it to accentuate your garden paths. Add chunks of moss to two cups of acidophilus milk, pour into blender, and puree. Put newspaper in bottom of some old flats, add a half-inch of moist soil, and pour the moss puree on top. Place cheesecloth on top of moss puree and watch the moss grow right through. Lift cheesecloth, cut it to fit any area, and lay it down like you would a carpet of sod.

And here is a mole repellent recipe: Mix together until foamy, two parts castor oil and one part Joy dish soap. Add two teaspoons of this mixture to one gallon of water. Spray in and around mole holes. Within a day, they'll head off to your neighbors yard instead of yours.

A concerned neighbor wanted me to mention that some residents aren't picking up after their dogs, especially in the parks. If you are reading this and are guilty of this "crime" – a gentle reminder - what goes around comes around. Someday, somewhere, when you really are pressed for time, you're going to step in something awful, a sticky wad of gum, a little pile of you know what, and it could really inconvenience you. So beware and take care – it's your responsibility. Every house in the neighborhood has a little bag they can spare if you find yourself without one and you need to pick up after your dog.

