



## Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Yeah! Warm weather! Hope you check out the Tuesday afternoon Farmers Market in downtown Renton for the first time this year. With 50 booths, you're sure to find just what you're looking for.

Thanks to all those who participated in the replacement of shrubs at the parks and the purchase and installation of new picnic tables under the City's matching grant program. The new bushes sure have been thirsty with all this heat. And if you aren't aware, the two older picnic tables from the Division 1 park are now (or soon will be) down at the retention pond park area in Division 5, newly sanded and ready for use.

Have you switched your phone service over to AT&T? I did when they were going door to door. I'm saving money each month, plus I received a \$75 check in the mail to sign over to AT&T after I already did. I called them and asked if it was valid since I've already switched and they gave me a validation code, plus mailed me a \$25 long distance phone card. Nice!! Now if they could only merge the three payments (TV, broadband, phone) into one bill!

### Calendar

**Fourth of July Celebration** – Once again, if you are staying close to home for the Fourth, come join us at the Division 1 Park off of NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. We will block off Graham Street for the kids to play from **noon until midnight** with the usual variety of activities – water balloon throwing contest, badminton, LARGE bubbles, beaded lizards, croquet, basketball, etc.

We will start up the barbeques about 6 PM or so. Bring a chair or blanket, whatever meat you wish 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. You can choose to leave when the fireworks start, either way, you'll have fun.

**National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM.** Come participate in our annual get together where neighborhoods across America unite in their stand against crime. We usually have the Renton Police Department show up with a variety of kid giveaways and a police dog (if they aren't too busy fighting off the bad guys). Last year several City of Renton Council members even made an appearance. A flyer will be posted on the mailbox kiosks end of July, early August with more details. We usually do a dessert social but who knows we might try something different this year.

**Kick-Off Picnic – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8 PM, Division 3 Park.** This is our first (and only) official City of Renton sponsored picnic. The Neighborhood Program likes to welcome all neighborhoods registered with them with a picnic where they bring a big barbeque, their trailer full of fun and games, tables, chairs, and they feed us hot dogs and give us the opportunity to meet the program coordinators. Even though we've been a part of the program for several years now, we're finally scheduling our picnic. So be sure to watch your mailbox kiosk for more information and let the City know just how much we appreciate their support of our neighborhood!

**End of Summer Vacation Grand Finale – End of August.** The last week of summer, we try to plan a few events for the kids to get together and celebrate their last few days of vacation. Again, more information will be posted on the mailbox kiosks so watch for a flyer. We had great attendance at the ice cream float night last year.

**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. There are so many great restaurants – we're never going to get to all of them, but we try!

**H.O.A. President** (Brian Mead, 425-255-5830 or [bmead10@attbi.com](mailto:bmead10@attbi.com)) As we enter into the summer, I have a few friendly reminders for everyone.

I've had several complaints about dogs. The Board cannot do anything other than remind you that the City of Renton has told residents to call 911 on barking dogs, unleashed dogs and other pet-related complaints.

This spring, we have been alerted to children tearing up the grass in Division 3 park. Remember, parks in Summerwind belong to all of us – let's respect them. Acts of vandalism will be reported to the police and parents of those responsible.

We've had several requests to upgrade the playground equipment. Our playground equipment is no longer up to

code, therefore we cannot make changes to the existing structures. To replace our current equipment starts at about \$5,000 per park. I would like to get additional input from residents before spending this amount of money so please email or write down your thoughts and get them to me. We received a matching grant from the City of Renton for new plants and picnic tables. We might be able to get another grant to help offset costs to upgrade our equipment if the decision is made to go ahead to and do so.

The Landscape Committee chairperson has moved out of Summerwind and we are seeking a replacement. Please consider volunteering to chair or serve on this committee.

Hope to see you all at the City sponsored picnic on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and come out and meet your neighbors. We purposely chose to have in it at the Division 3 park to try and get more involvement from Divisions 3, 4 and 5. More information will be posted on the mailbox kiosks end of August, early September.

## Committee Reports

**Architectural Control** (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or [Robert@abkj.com](mailto:Robert@abkj.com) or [summerwind\\_acc\\_rdr@attbi.com](mailto:summerwind_acc_rdr@attbi.com)) Spring has arrived (or so says the calendar at least) and many of you are thinking about home improvements. I urge you all to contact me for an ACC Application **before** you start your exterior projects (re-siding, painting, roofing, sheds, etc.) I do my best to get back to you ASAP and get your project approved. I'd hate to have to send you a letter telling you all the money you spent on paint was wasted because you have to re-paint your house in keeping with the Summer Wind CC&R's.

We had our first roof replacement completed in May and all of us on the Board think it looks great. The owners decided to go with one of the pre-approved composite roofing materials. The house is located on Ilwaco Avenue, near the intersection of NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Please consider the owners' privacy before knocking on the door to ask questions. I have sample boards of most of the pre-approved roof products if you'd like to have a look at them.

I have received several calls regarding roof replacement so I am including the rules revision regarding roofing materials from the Summerwind CC&R's.

**Architectural control, Section Five, Rule 5.5** *The possible acceptable materials for roofing repair/replacement the ACC will consider are:*

**CEDAR SHAKES:** *The present roofing material.*

**LAMINATED ASPHALT SHINGLES:** *These materials give an appearance similar to our original cedar shake roofing. Some common commercial products are:*

1. Pabco Advantage Premier 45 laminated shingle
2. GAF Timberline Grand Sequoia/Grand Canyon
3. Celotex Presidential 40/TL

***The type and color selection of laminated asphalt shingle must be approved by the ACC before the roofing project begins. The colors that will be considered are tans, grays, browns, and blacks. The shade will be based on the Presidential 40/TL color chart for tan (wood tone), gray (shadow gray), brown (bark brown), and black (charcoal black). The approved color will also be based on shades with a darker than neutral tendency.***

*The manufacturer's lifetime rating of the laminated shingle must be at least 40 years.*

*All loading specifications will be the responsibility of the homeowner.*

*Materials not to be considered are: cedar shingles, metal, slate, hot tar, torchdown, concrete, tile, composite, laminated shingles of poor grade or less than 40 year rating and asphalt shingles that are single 3-tab (non-laminated). Please note our original roofing materials are cedar shake not shingles.*

Please understand that the product names listed above are not the "last word" of acceptable products. They represent the standards against which any roof replacement product will be judged. If you would like to use a product not listed, you will have to come by and we will compare your alternative to the pre-approved models and I will determine whether your alternative product meets the requirements and is an acceptable replacement. If you choose a pre-approved product, **you still need to submit an application** stating the material you plan to use and the color. Pre-approved materials will undoubtedly require less time for approval than materials not listed, so please keep that in mind when considering your timing in submitting your application. My hope is to be able to constantly update the pre-approved materials list as roof replacements continue in Summerwind in an effort to keep the approval process quick, easy, and relatively painless.

Some of you have asked how the Board came up with which products are approved and which are not. In an effort to explain the decision-making progress regarding this issue, I am including a brief history of the *Rule 5.5* development.

The change to the rules regarding roofing materials arose from the desire of the homeowners for alternative roofing products that would be affordable, last longer than cedar shake, provide greater fire safety and still

maintain the “look” of our original roofs.

The rules had been changed a few years back to allow laminated shingles. Because of the change in the available materials, the rules needed to be updated. At the 2000 annual meeting, a roofing representative presented the latest laminated shingles. He answered questions on the products and gave some possible costs for replacement. The materials presented were similar to wood shake. These products carried a 40-year rating or greater. Since there were many questions, it was decided to hold another meeting in early 2001 to allow homeowners to discuss and understand the impending rule change.

All homeowners were notified by a separate letter included on the billings for the dues that an additional meeting was to be held in early January 2001. Approximately 12 people attended the meeting. The consensus of the group was that we consider laminated shingles that had a 40-year rating and had a look similar to wood shake. It was decided an additional meeting was needed to discuss color. The meeting to discuss color was held in April 2001. The twelve people who attended the second meeting (regarding acceptable materials) were notified. Three individuals attended this meeting. Acceptable colors were discussed and added to the rules change for roofing materials.

The present rules concerning roofing contain the newest updates for acceptable materials to be considered. These changes were reviewed and approved by the Board.

**Landscaping** (Your name could be here!)

**Membership** (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or [ralnsg@aol.com](mailto:ralnsg@aol.com)) Greetings! As you see, there are many homes for sale in Summerwind. The Board would like to personally greet each new family in our neighborhood as they move in with a packet of information. I would like to include “a little something extra” like a few coupons for services or food. Do you have anything that you can contribute to the packets? If so email me. If a new neighbor moves in, let me know so that we can greet them. Thanks!

**Traffic/Safety** (Michael Silence, 425-227-4369 or [msilence2000@yahoo.com](mailto:msilence2000@yahoo.com)) Nothing submitted this issue.

**WPI** (Brandon Larson, WPI , 206-522-8172 or [blarson@wpirealestate.com](mailto:blarson@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](mailto: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.

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**Speeding Vehicles** (Submitted by Howard “Pat” Carney, 5113 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> St) As the spring and summer months are here, more children (including mine) will be playing in our neighborhoods, especially in the streets and near the parks. In the interest of public safety and our children’s safety, I have been in contact with Sgt Michael Luther of the Renton Police department concerning the epidemic levels of speeding vehicles in Summerwind. I have a ZERO tolerance for speeders, and promptly call 911 at EVERY observation of speeding or reckless endangerment and I am quite pleased with the response we get from Renton’s finest.

In response, the Renton Police department has partnered with us and conducted another speed study in May to build on information from the 2000 speed study that did not reveal a trend. The majority of repeating offenses (speeding, reckless endangerment) that are occurring now are as a result of what I am calling the “The Summerwind Bypass.”

“The Summerwind Bypass” runs from the 900 entrance to the Duvall entrance and is traversed by non-Summerwind drivers and morning commuters heading to Newcastle/Bellevue attempting to avoid the long line of traffic they would otherwise face at the 900 and Duvall intersection. The increased enforcement during peak hours in our neighborhood in the days ahead will send a message to outsiders who frequently bypass 900/Duvall that there is no savings in time. If you are a resident of Summerwind, please obey the speed limit of 25 MPH. The safety of our children and neighbors depends on you. The Renton PD wants you to call 911 at every incident you observe of speeding in Summerwind. You may also contact Sgt Luther, 425-430-7561 to thank him and the force for their help. Did I mention, SLOW DOWN?

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**Sexual Predators** There are 2 rapists living within 1 mile of our location – for more information see Mr. Carney’s web site at [www.aristarchus.com/sexoffenders.htm](http://www.aristarchus.com/sexoffenders.htm). This information was compiled by him from two sources, the Renton Police Department and an on-line search using the King County Sex Offenders Site. He also incorporated links to MAPS into the information to show residents where these offenders live. Parents in Summerwind are legally entitled to this information. He will keep it updated weekly.

In the spirit of “Megan’s Law”, thanks: <http://www.parentsformeganslaw.com>.

**Looking for a Nanny/Child Care** Expecting our first child at the end of June. We are in search of a safe, healthy place to take care of our child starting in September. It could be someone in the Summerwind neighborhood who would like to make extra income and are already home with their child, it could be someone who would like to share a nanny, or perhaps someone who knows of a wonderful place for newborns in the surrounding area. Contact Erika Cottrell [wacottrells@attbi.com](mailto:wacottrells@attbi.com) 425-430-1732

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**Neighborhood (Backyard) Art Classes** Classes taught by experienced artist/teacher are now forming for kids ages 6- 12. All interested please call Janine Ferrell at 228-3784. Also, if any are interested in parent and child classes and/or teen classes, please call me and I'd be happy to arrange it. (I'm in the neighborhood that backs up to the north side Summerwind on SE 100<sup>th</sup> Pl)

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**BB Guns and Air Guns** *(Thanks to Barbara Anderson for this contribution)* Recently, some smaller children in our neighborhood have been frightened by older children using BB guns and air guns. According to the City of Renton Police, air guns and BBs are classified as WEAPONS, as they can and do, cause injury. They are NOT toys. The use and discharge of air guns and BBs in public places, including streets, parks and front yards, is illegal. Aiming one of these weapons at a person is illegal. Even their use in private backyards must be controlled, including the use of an appropriate backdrop to contain the pellets. A witness to persons carrying or using these weapons, or a witness to property damage, is obligated to report these activities IMMEDIATELY to the Police. Let's keep our neighborhood safe.

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**Lawnmowing** Justin and Taylor Milnor, two hard-working young men from the neighborhood, are looking to mow your lawn this summer. They both have lots of experience. Please call them when your grass grows too long or when you have better things to do with your time. They are available most days @ 425-271-0637.

Peter Miller also asked to be listed as an eager lawnmower. His number is 235-4936.

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**Share Cook, Babysitter, and Housework Helper** If you need somebody to cook you delicious Chinese food, clean your house, or watch your kids and teach them some Chinese, please contact me for the opportunity of sharing her talent and services. My email address is [jsvitak@hotmail.com](mailto:jsvitak@hotmail.com) and my phone number is 254-0654.

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**Summer Learning Enhancement Center** We are inviting children age five to ten to join our summer learning program. There are two sessions available, morning from 9am to 12 noon and an afternoon session from 3 to 6 pm. You are welcome to participate in both sessions. We have both group lessons (art and music) and individual tutoring sessions, right here in Summerwind. Please contact [jsvitak@hotmail.com](mailto:jsvitak@hotmail.com) or call 254-0654 for details.

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**Need a Private Tutor for Math and Science?** If you want to advance in math and science and enrich your learning experience in math and science, you should contact someone with the knowledge and experience necessary to enable you to reach your goals. I have a PhD in Physics, and undergraduate degrees in Mathematics and Chemistry as well as a solid knowledge of Computer Science. I enjoy tutoring all levels – elementary through college. I'm right here in Summerwind, contact [jsvitak@hotmail.com](mailto:jsvitak@hotmail.com) or call 254-0654.

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**Free Cat Sitter and Free Readers** My two children would love to take care of your cats for free; if you have children who enjoy reading, they would also love to read to your children. Call them at 254-0654.

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Did you see the City of Renton just authorized funding for creating five lanes on Duvall to the county line? Not that that will provide much relief in the near future since Coal Creek will bottleneck at the May Creek bridge until it's widened and that is slated to happen several years out. (I noticed on the construction web site, at [www.ci.newcastle.wa.us](http://www.ci.newcastle.wa.us), they don't mention when Phase III, the bridge replacement, will take place. Phase I, currently underway, hopes to have southbound lanes completed by Spring 2003, with northbound lanes completed by Fall 2003.)

