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Are you aware a loose item in your car has the potential to cause great harm? We buckle ourselves in to keep safe but if the objects behind you in your vehicle are stored above seat height, in a crash, they have the potential to cause major injuries. A simple can of soup traveling at a fast speed could be very dangerous. Take a second to secure your load below seat height or put it behind an empty seat.

A neighbor had a brainstorm and I was so impressed. He built a shelf across the front of his garage above the garage door itself. Never thought of that space as usable and we all know we need every inch of storage we can find. If you have one of the house models with some siding between the top of the garage door frame and the roofline, you've got space. Brilliant!

Did you read the article in the *Renton Reporter* a while back about Doug, the "peace man" all dressed in black who used to live at the AM/PM intersection over a year ago? He's living in an East Coast treatment facility, where he is doing well. 49, he's put on a lot of weight and he's eating well. It used to really bother me not knowing what happened to him, to just disappear after becoming a landmark.

Another neighbor called from the older half of Summerwind because his hot water heater had failed and had flooded out his garage. With our houses being 15 years old, that really is longer than they are expected to last (they have a 10 year life span). A bunch of us had failures or were proactive already a few years back and replaced ours. So those of you in the newer divisions, keep an eye on your tanks. And for those of you in Divisions I and II still on your first tank, be aware your heater is living its final days.

Calendar

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Bunny's coming early - **Friday, April 18th**. Ages 7 and under, 8:30 pm Ages 8 and up, 9:00 pm. Meet at the Division 1 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, April 18. The eggs can just be left on the front porch but be sure to mark which age group the eggs are for.

Call Marcia Short with questions, 204-0495.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – This year our annual sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st**. People complained about the weather being too cold in early May so we choose the end of the month instead, after the Memorial Day weekend.

If you want to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by May 23rd at the latest. If you get organized enough in advance to have a list of items you plan on selling, I can also include that on the map. Even if you don't get listed on the map, feel free to participate. Just put your sign out in front of your house.

A donation of \$1 will help cover the Little Nickel ad and poster board for the signs. I hope to pass out the maps a day or two before the sale so you can make more copies if you want or you can just post a map at your sale.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) First Wednesday of each month. Carpool gathers at 6:30PM, at 2030 Field Avenue NE. Call 271-6406 for more info and to reserve a spot.

H.O.A. President (Mark Cottrell, 425-430-1732 or wacottrells@attbi.com) At the last annual meeting, we agreed that a) our community needs a security services, and b) our current service is somewhat lacking. The board chose Valley Merchant Patrol to begin patrols on the first of April. We encourage you to flag them down and say hello! If you are leaving on vacation, give them a call to get a little extra attention in your absence.

I would like to welcome our newest board member! As you know, our board consists of volunteers – please consider joining or assisting the board to help improve our fantastic Summerwind community. We are always interested in hearing from residents, and you are welcome to attend any board meetings. To find out about the next meeting, please contact either myself or Shaun Davis, 206-522-8172 ext. 129, of WPI.

H.O.A. Vice President (Brian Mead, 425-255-5830 or bmead10@attbi.com) We have another round of grant requests for the City of Renton. We are asking for matching funds to remove and replace the large trees at the Sunset Entrance and for Geraniums to plant in the traffic islands. If you have any thoughts for future projects please let me know.

We are looking for a person to be responsible for changing the entrance lights when they burn out. The fee has not yet been determined. If we get an adult it will be considered volunteer, if we get a teenager or student we will discuss the fee.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or RobertR@abkj.com or summerwind_acc_rdr@attbi.com): Regarding the paint color of garage doors in Summer Wind, there is nothing in the CC&R's, which dictate garage door color. This point was brought up during the annual meeting 2002. The board is currently in the process of adding language to the Rules that would establish clear guidelines regarding acceptable garage door color. First and foremost, garage doors painted the same color as the body of the house will always be acceptable (providing the body color was approved.) Garage doors of colors that do not match the body of the house will require special consideration by the board and will likely require additional review time. This is the area that is causing some difficulty because it is open to interpretation. Clearly, there are color schemes (involving garage door color not matching the body of the house) that look very nice. Conversely, there is also great potential for disaster. We, the Board, welcome your feedback regarding this issue and hope to utilize it to establish a clearer description of acceptable paint combinations in the very near future.

Spring is quickly approaching once again. Please don't forget to submit an application for those projects you've got planned around the house. Thanks!

Landscaping (Don Schultz, 425-277-1078 don@autolegal.com Nothing submitted.

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

Traffic/Safety (Michael Silence, 425-227-4369 or msilence2000@yahoo.com) Nothing submitted.

WPI (Shaun Davis, WPI, 206-522-8172 or shaundavis@wpirealestate.com. Mailing address: 9500 Roosevelt Way, Ste 100, Seattle 98115. Fax: 206-522-0725

Valley Merchant Patrol (253-735-4181) Is our new security company effective April 1. 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.

The Renton Fire Department will come to a meeting with 20 people in attendance or more to talk about emergency preparedness if you are interested. Call 425-430-7051 to schedule. Check out www.ready.gov for complete information on making a kit, having a plan, being prepared.

Christmas Prizes Winners We had a different committee judge and award prizes for the contest this past Christmas. Although I urged them to keep a good record of whom the winners were and the prize they received, it seems to have fallen through the cracks. The 3-month lag between newsletters played into that so instead of listing the winners and what they won, we'll just show a list of the great prizes that were graciously donated by some local businesses. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the judging committee. It's never easy when we have so many beautifully decorated houses.

Value	Prize	Donor
\$150	Sunset Publications	Sunset Magazine through employee in Summerwind
\$50	Armondo's Restaurant	Summerwind resident – Tony Cichos
\$50	Massage	Apple Physical Therapy (Shannon Village above bank)
\$40	DeWalt Heavy Duty 3/8" Keyless Chuck Drill	ACE Hardware
\$40	Large Poinsettia	County Flower Shop
\$25	2 Large Pizzas	Pizza Hut
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\$20	Medium Size Poinsettia & Father Xmas	Albertsons
\$20	Thai Castle Restaurant	Thai Castle Restaurant/Coal Creek
\$10 - \$20	Two Free Entrees – B'fast, Lunch or Dinner	Plum Delicious Restaurant
\$5 - \$10	Two Free Admission Passes to Rock-It Bowl/Sunday Afternoons	Hillcrest Bowling Alley

<http://www.aristarchus.com/summerwind.htm> (Submitted by H. Pat Carney) I've built an informational portal about Summerwind. I've left off any counters, advertisements, pop-ups, or cookies, just a private server providing real time information on current Summerwind traffic (Puget Sound commute), current Summerwind weather (Renton weather), current school closures (public and private). Other features of the site: Views of the neighborhood, crime, security, valuations (a link to the current King County property value assessment detail), contractors (preferred contractors), maintenance (general maintenance for now, more later), traffic (details on the "Summerwind by-Pass"), noise (noise abatement), history, registered criminals near Summerwind, and sellers (advertising in the Seattle Times).

The site also has a bulletin board where anyone can post notes in real time, anonymously if they wish. This feature can be used to post notes about anything pertaining to Summerwind that residents wish to communicate.

Peacock in Your Yard? I started getting calls two weeks ago about a peacock in the neighborhood, in backyards, front lawns, etc. It's a beautiful sight. I first saw it a year ago in someone's front yard. It was in my backyard a few days ago, admiring his reflection in a piece of broken mirror yardart (*proud as a peacock*).

Anyway, after a bit of research, here is the story. When the developers cleared the property for the \$600,000 Highlands at Newcastle homes about two years ago now, there were four peacocks displaced. There were numerous attempts at trying to catch them but no one was successful. And a police officer has tried twice in the last week here on NE 23rd. They've been getting calls for the last six months.

Cliff, a homeowner with a large piece of land on this side of May Valley Road that connects to the north side of Summerwind, actually owns a peacock himself. He used to see all four at the beginning but now he thinks there is only left that the coyotes or dogs haven't gotten.

I've heard that Stonegate residents are a bit exasperated by the mess this bird makes (aren't all birds messy?) and I've heard of one family that regularly feeds it in their back yard. They eat a lot of the flower buds and blossoms in our yards, marigolds, candytuft, pansies, daffodils, primroses, petunias, dandelions. They also like bread, cheese, dry cat food, dog food, white foods (even styrafoam pellets), greens and fruits. Their diet is supposed to be 23% protein so the cheese or cat food would probably be a big draw.

And did you know they actually fly? They can fly straight up if they want. At dusk, they'll fly up to the rooftop or high up in a tree to sleep. March through June is their mating season and they screech quite loudly and can even cause you a sleepless night if there is a springtime full moon. It sounds something like a lady being murdered or a cat in heat. Right now, I'm hearing it several times in the middle of the night. Even heard a shot gun blast and thought it had come to an end but a half hour later, the squawking started up again.

There is a co-worker of mine who lives about five miles down on May Valley Road on a farm that would be happy to take the peacock out of our neighborhood. We're not even zoned for them here. The City's animal control officer is out recovering from hand surgery and the department assistant is a brand new. After talking to them, they suggest we try to lure it into a garage and close the door. Then call me and I'll see what I can do to facilitate getting the peacock relocated to the farm. Here's all my numbers (all 425 prefixes): Work 430-6580, cell 417-6149, home 226-2926 or 228-9218. So our mission, if we choose to accept it, is to catch and relocate this free-range huge bird. Stay tuned for more details.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Summerwind Girls I noticed a whole "gang" of middle-school aged girls out this past sunny weekend with time on their hands and looking for something to do (mine included). Any interest in forming a club of some sort? What would you like to do as a club? Could be something as simple as a cooking club, a "cookie club," or something as great as some sort of volunteer group getting involved in the community in a positive way. Got any ideas, girls? Parents? Give me a call or email with your ideas and we'll form a list, make a plan, have a pizza party and brainstorm.

Found Key Ring - Call Jill Schultz at 277-9184 if you lost a set of keys (house, vehicle) near the Duvall neighborhood entrance.

Neighborhood school - Seeds of learning is located in Summerwind, offering music, art, foreign languages, dance classes, after school home-work help, and summer music and art camp to neighborhood children. Please visit www.seedsoflearning.com or call 254-0654 for details.

Looking for Help Around the House? 14-year-old Lauren and Andrea do most house and yard work. Some of that includes pet sitting, walking animals, cooking meals, tutoring kids, etc. If you need help with something or are looking for someone to employ for a part-time job, they are open for work. Call them on their cell phone 206-713-4278.

Do you have a Metal Detector? Would like to borrow it just for a short while. One of our neighbors lost her wedding ring off her front porch, she believes. This story can have a happy ending, with your help. Call Debra.

Summerwind Babysitters: Katie Brandt (226-7272) and Leslie Mikolaizik (226-2926), both 12 years old, have completed the Overlake Hospital's Babysitter Class and are now available for hire. They prefer to work as a team to start out so give them a call if you are looking for some eager and competent sitters.

Jessica Velasco asked to be added as a neighborhood babysitter. Her number is 255-2109.

Vehicle Need Tender Loving Care? My name is Justin Milnor and I am a 16-year-old Hazen High School student and Summerwind resident available to wash, vacuum, Windex, and Armor-All your vehicles. I charge \$20 to \$30 depending on the size of your vehicle. Please call me at 425-271-0637. Quality job guaranteed.

For Sale: Custom made twin bunk/loft bed set-up, heavy dark wood. Top bunk is supported on one end with a dresser/desk/shelving unit, bottom bunk rolls in under with two very large pull-out storage drawers beneath. Mattresses not included. \$200, Debra 226-2926.