



## Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Summer is here! Check your mailbox kiosk the end of July, early August with more details of what's going on here in Summerwind.

### Calendar

**Fourth of July Celebration** – 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, basketball - lots of things for the kids to enjoy. Someone asked about doing **karaoke**. We'll just have to wait and see what pans out there.

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, whatever you feel like bringing. 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, come join the fun!

**Looking for Your Help – Early July.** Have you noticed all the daylilies in pots in the traffic circles? There are 152 of them that we obtained through the City Grant Program. All we need to do is match the \$450 worth of plants and compost with 45 labor hours to cover the cost. So .... this time around, instead of one day where we all plant, how about, at your convenience, those of you living close to a traffic circle, coordinate a time with a few of your closest neighbors, and get out your shovels and start digging? What I need to complete the paperwork is a list of names and the hours worked. And truthfully, it should only take about an hour and you'll have beautiful blooms that should last all summer long and return again next year. If the plants are still not planted mid-July, I'll see that they get in the ground, but I'm hoping you guys take the initiative and jump into action. Please get your documentation to me promptly so I can turn it in. ThAnKS FoR All YoUr HeLp!!

**National Night Out – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 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 (and it's an election year this year). We will have a dessert social so bring a dessert to share.

**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. Some things we have done in the past our an ice cream social, ice cream floats, bowling, an evening at Coulon Beach. Check your mailbox kiosk for information.

**City Sponsored Picnic with our Stonegate Neighbors – Wednesday, August 27, Division 3 Park, 5:30 – 8:30 PM.** If you attended our initial kick-off picnic last fall where the City provided us hotdogs on their traveling barbeque in conjunction with the City's neighborhood program, you should plan to attend this year's event. We're inviting our Stonegate neighbors (52 homes, by the way) so it would be nice to have a great showing of Summerwind residents to make them feel welcome. The City is encouraging neighboring HOA's to get to know each other and this is a great way to do that. The City will cook us hot dogs and provide plates, utensils, and a beverage. Please bring a dish to share. Last year, the kids got to spray the fire truck hose and try on a fireman uniform. Come mingle with us!

**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](mailto:wacottrells@attbi.com)) Finally the great Seattle weather is here! As you "release" the kids to play, please keep safety in mind. I have received several calls lately from residents who had or witnessed near misses with children on scooters. Please watch for kids as you are driving through the neighborhood! WPI has fielded several complaints about dogs leaving messes in residents' yards. This is a violation of our rules - Please clean up after your pets! Last, but not least, I wish all of you a wonderful and safe 4th of July!

**H.O.A. Vice President** (Brian Mead, 425-255-5830 or [bmead10@attbi.com](mailto:bmead10@attbi.com))

## **Committee Reports**

**Architectural Control** (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or [RobertR@abkj.com](mailto:RobertR@abkj.com) or [summerwind\\_acc\\_rdr@attbi.com](mailto:summerwind_acc_rdr@attbi.com)): Nothing submitted this time.

**Landscaping** (Don Schultz, 425-277-1078 [don@autolegal.com](mailto:don@autolegal.com)) Currently the major landscape concern for Summerwind is the maintenance of our storm water drainage and retention system. The large retention pond and drainage system has become overgrown. The board has directed WPI to obtain bids to remove overgrown vegetation from these areas. If you are a homeowner living adjacent to the retention pond or drainage areas and have questions or comments regarding this work please send me an email. The board is also researching what can be done to treat these areas for mosquitoes.

Homeowners should review the CC&R's for Summerwind. Please note that the CC&R's specify that all homeowners shall maintain the appearance of their front yards to "park like" conditions. This includes watering in the warm summer months. If we all adhere to this rule it will make Summerwind a more enjoyable neighborhood to live in.

**Membership** (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or [ralnsg@aol.com](mailto:ralnsg@aol.com)) Even with the economy as it is our homes continue to sell in Summerwind so that there is frequently a new face on your street. Please, as always, take the time to meet our new neighbors. If you have recently moved in (within the last 6 months) and have not received a "welcome packet," please call me at 277-4122. We hope that you will enjoy your new neighborhood.

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

**WPI** (Shaun Davis, WPI, 206-522-8172 or [shaundavis@wpirealestate.com](mailto:shaundavis@wpirealestate.com)) Mailing address: 9500 Roosevelt Way, Ste 100, Seattle 98115. Fax: 206-522-0725 I have received some complaints about dogs leaving messes in other people's yards and it not being cleaned up. This is a violation of our rules. Please pick up after your pets or you could be cited. Thank you.

**Valley Merchant Patrol** (253-735-4181) Our new security company since 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](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.

## **Lots Going On Right Here In Renton This Summer**

**Tuesdays 6/10 – 9/9, 3 – 7 PM, Downtown Piazza (S 3<sup>rd</sup>/Burnett): FARMERS MARKET** Buy your fresh fruit and veggies here or huge bouquets of flowers at bargain prices. Live musical entertainment 4 to 6:30 PM each week.

**Wednesdays 6/25 – 8/13, 7 PM, Coulon Beach Park: FREE FAMILY CONCERT SERIES** 6/25 Renton City Concert Band (70-piece band!), 7/2 Clubs of Branches (Matt and Mike Geiler's smooth, clear, layered harmonies), 7/9 Mango Sons (Creole percussion-heavy music gets you dancing), 7/16 Talismen (Reggae, ska, soca, Afropop), 7/23 Kalass (World music/jazz, steel drum/electric band), 7/30 The Believers (Seattlebased band, country, bluegrass, gospel), 8/6 Mach One Jazz Orchestra (15-pc, big band), 8/13 Two Scoops (blues, boogie woogie, jump swing, New Orleans).

**Saturdays, 7/5 – 9/23, Open at 7, starts at dusk: FREE CINEMA ON THE PIAZZA** A series of films will be shown on the silver screen. Prior to each film, a band will perform to entertain and warm-up the crowd. BYO seating and blankets (low-back chairs and blankets only allowed, in front section of viewing area). Food, soft drinks and popcorn will be available for purchase, and there will also be contests for best "urban campsite" and best movie theme costume! 7/5 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (PG) with Cubata, a Cuban style 8-piece salsa band, 7/12 *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (G) plus special guests, 7/19 Saturday, July 19: *Casablanca* (PG) with Zanbaka Middle Eastern Dance, 7/26 *Spider-Man* (PG-13) with Lady A & the Baby Blues Funk Band, 8/2 *Shrek* (PG) with Total Experience Gospel Choir, 8/9 Saturday, August 9: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) with Taki's Dotis & the Grecian Sounds (music & plate dancing contest), 8/16 *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (PG-13) plus Sinister Kitchen (scary soundtrack music), 8/23 *Grease* (PG) plus special guests.

And don't forget **Freddie's Club Fourth of July celebration at Coulon Beach Park** 11 am – 11 PM, IKEA Renton River Days 7/22 – 7/27 (Parade is 7/26 & for a full schedule go to [www.retonriverdays.org](http://www.retonriverdays.org)), Cinderella at Carco Theatre's Summer Teen Musical 7-17 – 9/9).

**Cirque du Soleil** No need to travel out of state, out of town = Alegria will be here 8/21 – 9/14, right down the hill from us. Saltimbanco and Dralion were well worth the cost and you won't want to miss this show. Go to [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com) for more info.

**Peacock Saga** The first call came from Tan Ong in early April during spring break during my lunch hour. The big beautiful male that had been on NE 23<sup>rd</sup> was now down on Field Ave off the Sunset Ave entrance. My 12 year old daughter and I went, bringing a large fishing net, some string cheese and chicken scratch (food), a black sheet, and a five foot mirror. The bird was on top of a two-story house. I positioned the mirror so he could see himself and he came right down off the roof and walked right up to the mirror. This is going to be easy, I thought. HA! After he entertained us for an hour and a half, we decided to call it quits. The beautiful photo that will be posted on our web page was provided by Tan Ong. Thank you!

The second call came the last week of April about 7 PM. Leslie and I dashed out the door, grabbing the black sheet and chicken scratch. When we got to the house off of Ilwaco, we were shocked to find four small peahens (two white, two brown). With one in the garage, we closed the door and I caught the first bird with little trouble with the black sheet in their newspaper recycle bin that was in the corner. The homeowner moved their car out of the garage, put a trail of food into it, and the three other birds fell into our trap and we had them contained.

Now what to do? Back at home home, I got some boxes and made some phone calls and the homeowners called the police/animal control officer. Then we sat around waiting with the one bird in the front yard, still under the sheet in the recycle bin. When the officer arrived (animal control office had closed), he assessed the situation and called his commander for advice. In the end, the officer got some assistance and the four birds ended up in the City Shops quarantine cage for three days. The three-day period is for anyone to call to claim missing pets.

From my phone calls, I found out these four birds had been roving the area for about a month, over a pretty large area. I provided some names of people interested in taking the birds off our hands, two businesses and one individual/co-worker who lives in the county. The animal control officer has to place them for adoption to homes, not businesses, but if the business could provide them with the homeowners name that would work. They were placed in a new home on Whidby Island with a lady who had recently lost her peacocks and was happy to get more.

Several more calls have come in, the two big males birds are still wandering around. Turns out one actually lives in Stonegate, just a couple of houses down from where our neighborhoods connect. He sticks fairly close to home and doesn't seem to be a problem.

The funniest part of the story was when a neighbor woman came home from work and saw what we were doing. She went in and told her husband what was going on. He came out, wearing a bright red sweat suit. So we were standing around trying to figure out if these were males/females (still not sure because baby males don't have the long feathers until they mature a bit and the white birds are rarer). We knew males had the brighter plumage and someone made the comparison to the next-door neighbor couple (her in black, him in bright red). So he starts strutting around like a peacock and it was truly hilarious. Very funny. She goes home and calls him to follow and he strutted on home, playing the part to the hilt. Wish you all could have been there.

## **New Stores Slated to Open this Year**

**Frye Electronics** – [www.Frys.com](http://www.Frys.com) - Opening in August (this is later than their anticipated June opening date).

**Sam's Club** – [www.samsclub.com](http://www.samsclub.com) - Scheduled to open in October (that would be keeping with an aggressive build schedule since they just started work on the site right next to City Hall on Grady downtown). Should or shouldn't we renew our Costco membership dues?

**Phone Raising Program** (Submitted by Leslie Williams) Sierra Heights Elementary PTSA is joining the PhoneRaising program. This program is a fundraiser for the school. There is nothing to buy or sell. Many people have unused or unwanted wireless phones around their homes. We buy new phones and what do you do with the old ones? Donate them.

We are asking for donations of your unused cell phones and cell phone batteries. These items are turned in for cash to go directly to Sierra Heights Elementary. They are then either recycled, refurbished and re-sold or given to victims of domestic violence. The ones that are recycled are done so in accordance with all applicable environmental laws. Don't throw them in the landfill, help save the environment! Wireless Cell phone accessories such as home and car chargers as well as earpieces are also being accepted. No pagers, other types of batteries, corded phones, walkie-talkies etc. are accepted.

Collections will be year round at my home (just drop them off on my front porch) at 1825 Ilwaco Ave NE and at Sierra Heights during school months only (put in the orange box in the foyer). Remember to disconnect all service to the phone. Receipts are available upon request. Call and leave a message on my phone (425-227-9690) with your name and address.

**Lawn Mowing** My name is Taylor Milnor and I am a Summerwind resident and a freshman at Hazen High School. I am available to mow your lawn almost anytime. Please call me at 425-271-0637.

**Sara Taylor, Artist-Designer**, 425-255-2037 submitted this article. I am a resident of Summerwind and I would like to invite you to visit [www.saraofseattle.com](http://www.saraofseattle.com) or <http://www.saraofseattle.com/>! Although we are up and running, we will always be adding photos and design/themes. Movie Star Shine, Napoleon, Music to My Ears are three new design/themes that are not posted on the website. So, check back often.

Thanks to all of my friends who have listened to me go on and on about this endeavor. Thanks to Kate Baetz for all her thousands of hours of hard work on this version. She has done a fantastic job!! I would like to invite my neighbors to cruise through the website and see if there are any gift ideas I can help you with! Hope you like them!!

[www.seedsoflearning.com](http://www.seedsoflearning.com) (Joyce at 254-0654) **Neighborhood Summer Camps** – Music and art camps, age 4 and up. Violin, dance, piano and voice lessons at discounted rates. **Free services for our neighbors** - Two sisters (with their parents) would love to provide free pet sittings while you are on vacation. And if you have young children who want to learn how to read, write, draw and play piano, we will be very happy to teach them free of charge. **Neighborhood cultural night** - We are organizing a cultural night for neighborhood parents and children, with deserts, wine and non-alcohol drinks for the kids. Come share your talents or just come to enjoy other's performances. Special guest will be our extremely talented piano player Diana Chen from Summerwind who will dazzle you with her amazing performance of various classical pieces. Call for more details.

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Stonegate has asked for a reminder to Summerwind pet owners walking their dogs in their neighborhood to please pick up after their pets. This issue just doesn't seem to go away but it could if we all behaved in a responsible manner. As you're grabbing the leash, stick a bag in your pocket. It's a real downer to discover a pile in your yard or on the bottom of your shoe, especially if you chose not to have a pet in the first place. Shopping for a good price: try these internet shopping bots – bizrate.com and froogle.com.

Have a wonderful summer!!!

