



## Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Hi! Looking for judges for the Christmas decorating contest. Call Brian Mead at 425-255-5830. He is coordinating the judging as well as the entrance decorating. Also, if you have a suggestion for a door prize, I'm still scrambling to come up with some. Would *love* to turn this yearly responsibility over to someone else, **anyone** else.

Please be aware that it's never safe to leave your car unlocked, especially on these cold mornings when you are tempted to warm up the car and de-ice the windows and such. A briefcase containing a laptop, checkbook, etc., was stolen 12/5 on NE 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:25 AM in a small two-minute window of time so someone must be casing the neighborhood, looking for opportunities. (By the way, could you please pull the "3 houses broken into..." notice off your mailboxes? Haven't found the time to come around and do it myself or I would have.)

### Calendar

**Annual Christmas Decorating Contest** – December 16th, 7 – 9 PM. Remember to mark your calendars so you'll be sure to display your handiwork during this time. Our little wonderland is a sight for sore eyes! Some of you were really on the ball this year and had your lights up before Thanksgiving. Wow! So impressive!

**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** (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187 or [don@autolegal.com](mailto:don@autolegal.com)) On behalf of the Summerwind Homeowners Association, I want to wish everyone in Summerwind a safe and happy holiday. I would also like to welcome to the board Cheryl Morgan, secretary and Dianna Gallawa, Landscaping. As the newly appointed HOA President I am looking forward to working with Dianna, Cheryl and the existing board members.

In the coming year, the HOA board will be focusing its attention on the continued improvement of the livability and appearance of our neighborhood. Some specific items on the board's agenda are:

- Updating of the ACC color manual.
- Adding a list of approved siding material options and reveals to the ACC rules.
- Improving the landscaping in the traffic circles.
- Upgrading the playground equipment in the neighborhood parks.
- Controlling the excessive speed of motorists in the development.
- An improved neighborhood Block Watch.

If you are interested in helping with these projects or have other suggestions I encourage you to contact the appropriate board member or myself.

### Committee Reports

**Architectural Control** (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or [Robertr@abkj.com](mailto:Robertr@abkj.com) or [idietrying1@comcast.net](mailto:idietrying1@comcast.net)) Please use both addresses to ensure receipt): First off, let me start off with a wish of HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all Summer Wind residents and their families.

Many of you may be pleased to know that one of our ACC missions for the upcoming year is to update the existing Paint Book with additional colors and schemes that may better reflect your tastes as a homeowner. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist in the rather ambitious undertaking, so if you're interested in having some input into the next iteration of the paint book, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Also, we will be instituting the use of 'SUMMER WIND APPROVED PROJECT' signs for all new applications. These signs will be given to you with your completed (and approved) application for you to place in your yard during construction. We hope that the use of these signs serves two main purposes. First, the sign will inform your neighbors that you have, in fact, submitted an application for your project and that your application has been approved. The additional benefit we hope to realize from these signs is an increased awareness in the community that an application is REQUIRED (i.e. not optional) for most exterior work on your property.

**Landscaping** (Dianne Gallawa, 425-277-1061gallawa@earthlink.net) There was a lot of discussion at the last homeowners meeting about the state of some yards in our development and the need to start enforcing our CC&R's more diligently. That fun task has fallen on my shoulders and so I wanted to remind all homeowners that it is important to keep your yard in a "park like" condition. This means keeping weeds out of the grass and borders, watering regularly, edging the grass, etc. In the next week, we will be notifying those homeowners with yards that are severely out of compliance of the need to bring them into compliance. If you have any questions about this process, please call me.

**Membership** (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or [ralnsg@aol.com](mailto:ralnsg@aol.com)) I am looking forward to the wonderful house decorations again this year. Thanks to all the time and effort you put in to brighten up the neighborhood.

**Traffic/Safety** (David Brownell, 206-992-8071 or [david\\_brownell@hotmail.com](mailto:david_brownell@hotmail.com)) There have not been any reported break-ins in the Summerwind development since October, 2003. Our security company, Puget Sound Security Patrol (PSSP), has been patrolling our development at random intervals twice per night, and has not reported any events.

We are in the process of resuming and enhancing the Neighborhood Block watch for our development. According to the Renton Police Department, neighborhood block watches are one of the most effective measures that residents can take to proactively prevent crime in our neighborhood. As we continue to refine the block watch program, please be sure to check this newsletter for more specifics. If you are interested in being a part of the Summerwind neighborhood block watch program, please contact me via email at [david\\_brownell@hotmail.com](mailto:david_brownell@hotmail.com).

If you have any questions/comments/complaints, or would like to notify me of an incident that has taken place within the neighborhood, please feel free to contact me in person, by phone, or by email.

**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

**Puget Sound Security Patrol (PSSP)** (425-454-5011 24-Hour) Report all incidences to them, our hired security company, 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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**Know Your CC&R'S:** Rule 7.14 Antenna, Satellite Dish: No antenna, satellite dish or similar equipment shall be affixed to any exterior wall or roof in such a way as to be visible from any public street, Common Area or other Lot without the written approval of the ACC.

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**CPA Here in Summerwind:** Have you heard about the new 2003 Tax Act that will affect every taxpayer and many small businesses? If you looking for a reasonable and dependable CPA, please call Nigam Shah at 425-891-5145 or e-mail at [Nigamashah@yahoo.com](mailto:Nigamashah@yahoo.com).

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**Wanted:** Little Tykes Playhouse, in good condition. Please contact Beth Haglund at 430-6875. (Yes, she got one from someone already but she's looking for one more. THANKS!)

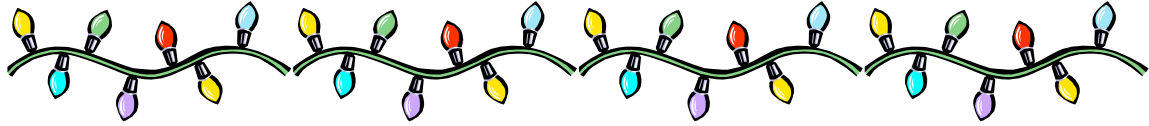
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**Trade:** Brand new black snowboard w/bindings won from Gart Sports (really, \$200 value and never used) in exchange for an electric bass guitar. Or if you have a guitar you want to sell, call me. Janelle Mikolaizik @ 425-417-1243.

[www.seedsoflearning.com](http://www.seedsoflearning.com) (Joyce at 254-0654) After school educational care in Summerwind (homework help, bi-lingual preschool/kindergarten (new!), additional workbooks, and daily lecture) for children in the neighborhood. Enrichment classes include piano, violin, viola, voice, foreign languages (Spanish and Chinese). Group and private tutoring service are also available. Visit web site or call for details. (Editor's Note: Did you see the nice write-up in the December 3<sup>rd</sup> *Renton Reporter* on Joyce's school? She has **38** students!)

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The opening of Sam's Club next to City Hall downtown has been moved to January 2004.



Would really appreciate your help in finding an affordable roofing company to replace my roof in the spring. After this last windstorm, I found a hole big enough to put my wrist through. Patched it up as best I could with plastic sheeting inside but I'm keeping my fingers crossed and hoping that it will make it through the winter. Know there's been quite a few companies here in Summerwind this past summer but don't have a clue if you all are satisfied with who you hired. Please give me a call if you can recommend someone and you feel you got a good deal on the price.

And on a personal note, it's been a traumatic fall. My oldest daughter's car got hit head-on out on Coal Creek by another car whose driver fell asleep. The air bag saved her life but she's got a broken foot so I've been driving her back and forth to Cornish in Seattle almost on a daily basis. Then she broke her thumb, slammed in a car door jockeying on her crutches. Hopefully, when she gets her next cast, she will be able to drive again and our lives will return somewhat to normal, whatever that is. Still feel spread too thin. Will do my best to sit back and play a few rounds of Scrabble with the kids over the holidays. Hope you find some quiet family time, too.

# Happy Holidays!!!