



Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Hi! Have you been to the new Sam's Club in downtown Renton? I've heard of some great savings in prescriptions there - \$60 a month for one prescription in one instance. Their gas is always several cents cheaper than AM/PM and they take a variety of credit cards at the pump, unlike CostCo.

A few other discoveries.... Have you heard about Safeway's Friday take-and-bake freshly made pizza special? \$5 for cheese or pepperoni pizzas, \$6 for the works, every Friday night. Can't beat that price! Also, have you ever tried a Pink Lady apple? Fred Meyer's usually carries them, think QFC might. They are sooo good. And lastly, if you haven't bought yourself a Sonicare toothbrush, go buy yourself one of the cheap battery-operated rotary ones at the grocery store. If you alternate or use both your regular brush and the rotary, your teeth feel like you just had them polished at the dentist.

Calendar

Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt – Good Friday, April 9th. Ages 7 and under, 8:00 pm; Ages 8 and up, 8:30 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, April 9th. 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.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – This year our annual sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 21st and 22nd**. If you want to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by May 14th at the latest. I'm not going to list items on the back of the map this year – it's just more work than it's worth. Even if you don't get listed on the map, feel free to participate. Just put your stuff out, and buyers will come.

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 (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187 or don@autolegal.com) Spring is here and as the days get longer and we spend more time outside we all will notice that the majority of homes in our neighborhood look great. Unfortunately too many of the homes in our neighborhood are starting to look their age.

This spring WPI at the request of the Board will be notifying those homeowners whose homes are not in compliance with Summerwind's CC&Rs. While this is an ongoing process this spring there seems to be an alarmingly long list of homeowners being notified. WPI will be notifying homeowners whose homes need of a fresh coat of paint, roof repair or cleaning, have broken fences and overgrown and unkempt yards. If you have any question as to whether or not your home is in compliance with the CC&Rs please contact WPI or a member of the HOA Board.

To all the homeowners who have maintained their homes in compliance with the CC&Rs the Board, WPI and your neighbors, Thank You.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or RobertR@abkj.com or summerwind_acc_rdr@comcast.net - Please use both addresses to ensure receipt):

Spring is HERE, and many of you are planning 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.) **Submitting an application for proposed work before you begin your project is a requirement (not an option) of the CC&R's**. I do my best to get back to you ASAP and get your project rolling. I'd hate for you to receive 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 Summerwind CC&R's. Additionally, we are asking that you submit an application even if you're re-roofing with the same material or painting your home the exact same color ... it just takes the guesswork out of my job, and we can get a sign in your yard!

Speaking of which, keep an eye out for "Summerwind Approved Project" signs appearing throughout the neighborhood this Spring/Summer. These signs are a part of our effort to raise awareness that approval is required for exterior projects. Also, we are in the process of updating the "Paint Book" and are still looking for volunteers who would like to have a voice in the revised/updated paint colors.

Roof replacement projects have been topping the list for the past couple of years ... so I am including an abbreviated (and updated) version the rules revision regarding roofing materials from the Summerwind CC&R's.

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 45/50 laminated shingle; 2.) GAF Grand Sequoia/Grand Canyon, 3.) Celotex (or CertainTeed) Presidential/Presidential 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 note: Even if you are selecting a pre-approved shingle, you still need to submit an application for approval. Your application should include the brand (i.e. GAF), product name (i.e. Grand Sequoia), and color (i.e. Weathered Wood) -- at a minimum.

Landscaping (Dianne Gallawa, 425-277-1061gallawa@earthlink.net) Spring is here and summer is on the way! We had several requests to put together some suggestions on yard care. After consulting with several yard care companies, nurseries and gardeners, we have compiled some suggestions for yard maintenance during the next three months. I hope to have more suggestions appropriate to each season in each newsletter. Please feel free to let me know if this is useful or to offer your own helpful suggestions.

Due a wet Pacific Northwest climate, acidic soil conditions, poor drainage, and a lot of shade most of the year, moss growth can be a real challenge to your lawn and your walkways. If not properly controlled, moss can take over and choke out a lawn. Moss can also make walkways slippery and dangerous so it makes a lot of good sense to control it.

If your lawn is predominantly still grass, but you see some moss coming up in it, then the thing to do is feed the grass and control the moss. Home store or nurseries will stock a variety of Fertilizers and Moss Control products. McLendon's recommends NuLife Spring Feed and Moss Control's 20-5--10 formulation to make your lawn greener and stronger, providing just the right balance of nitrogen (20%), phosphoric acid (5%), and potash (10%) that most Pacific Northwest lawns need. Water your lawn well after applying. Don't apply more fertilizer/moss control than is recommended by the manufacturer, however, or it will burn your lawn.

If your lawn has been almost completely taken over by moss, then you need to apply a strong moss-ridding product such as Nu Life Rid Moss that will kill off most of the moss. Most products that kill moss in lawns contain iron in them, which can stain clothes and concrete walkways once the dust gets wet. Wear dark, old clothes before applying and sweep up any excess moss killer before the driveway gets wet again. Water your lawn after you apply the moss killer per the manufacturer's directions.

In either situation, it will take about a week for the moss to be killed. After the moss is dead, it is a good idea to rake out the moss, apply some new grass seed and to "sweeten" your lawn with Lime to favor new grass growth. Other recommendations for overcoming moss problems include aerating the soil regularly and pruning trees and shrubs to increase sunlight and air circulation.

Best of luck preparing for summer!!!

Membership (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or ralnsg@comcast.net) Welcome Spring!!! As we spend more time outside now, if you want to improve the appearance of the neighborhood, feel free to take down those posted signs on the mail kiosks advertising for yard or home cleaning. Unless they are approved by the Summerwind board they really should not be tacked and stapled up by our mail boxes.

If you have not received a new homeowner packet please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to bring over a packet.

Traffic/Safety (David Brownell, 206-992-8071 or david_brownell@hotmail.com) Nothing this month. No news is good news, my guess.

WPI (Shaun Davis, WPI, 206-522-8172 or 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) 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. Watch for a meeting invitation from the City to hear the latest about the Duvall widening project headed our way.

Know Your CC&R'S: 9.2 NO WAIVER OF STRICT PERFORMANCE The failure of the board in any one or more instances to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or restrictions of this Declaration, or any Bylaws, administrative rules or regulations, or to exercises any right or option contained in such documents, or to serve any notice or to institute any action, shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of such term, covenant, condition or restriction, but such term, covenant, condition or restriction shall remain in full force and effect. The receipt by the Board of any assessment from an Owner, with knowledge of any such breach shall not be deemed a waiver of such breach, and no waiver by the Board of any provision hereof shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by the Board.

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners Congratulations to our winners! Thanks to everyone for brightening up our neighborhood and to the generous donors (and we can't forget our judges):

Family	Address	Prize	Value	Donor
Costales	1617 Hoquiam Pl NE	Kitchen Aid Digital 9 Speed Hand Mixer	\$40	King & Bunny's
Wong	1703 Field Pl NE	Black & Decker 7.2V Cordless Drill with Keyless Chuck	\$40	Ace Hardware
Gerth	5206 NE 16 th St	Poinsettia	\$40	County Flower Shop
Rozsonits	1606 Field Ave NE	Gift Certificate	\$25	QFC
Anderson	5118 NE 17 th St	Two Carryout Pizzas	\$26	Papa Johns
Kawamoto	5104 NE 18 th Ct	Two Carryout Pizzas	\$26	Papa Johns
Nelson	1822 Ilwaco	Two Carryout Pizzas	\$26	Papa Johns
Zylstra	1826 Ilwaco	Two Carryout Pizzas	\$26	Papa Johns
Dolan	5124 NE 23 rd St	Two Carryout Pizzas	\$26	Papa Johns
Valez	5123 NE 23 rd St	Two Family Size 1-Topping Pizza	\$20	Papa Murphy's
Carney	5113 NE 23 rd St	Two Family Size 1-Topping Pizza	\$20	Papa Murphy's
Kumar	2069 Hoquiam Ct	One Family Size 1-Topping Pizza & Chocolate Mint Hershey's Kisses	\$20	Papa Murphy's & Rite Aid
Gates	2163 Field Ave NE	Coupon for one bag of cat or dog food & Christmas taffy	\$15	Pet Pro & Rite Aid
Thompson	2072 Hoquiam Ct.	Candy	\$10	Rite Aid

City of Renton News

Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler delivered her first **State of the City address** at a Renton Chamber of Commerce luncheon in mid-February. In addition to providing an overview of the City, the Mayor outlined her plans for increasing citizen involvement, bolstering economic development efforts, forming a multi-departmental action team to address code compliance issues, and implementing a new strategy for delivering law enforcement services (<http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/mayor/soc04.htm>).

Patrons of Renton's libraries can now access the **Auto Repair Reference Center database**, an online car repair resource. The database contains information on approximately 23,000 vehicles dating from 1954 to 2002. The information includes repair instructions, factory drawings, step-by-step photographs, technical service bulletins, manufacturers' recalls, wiring diagrams, maintenance schedules, quick tips, and vehicle ownership and maintenance guides (<http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/commserv/library/database.htm>).

The City places a strong emphasis on **eliminating potholes** and **maintaining high quality streets**. Instead of just providing a temporary fix, the Street Division, through a Pavement Management System, fixes potholes quickly and permanently by making quick repairs and tracking the overall street conditions frequently. Help us keep Renton's streets in top-quality condition. Report a pothole or other street problems by calling 425-430-7400 on weekdays between 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. An **on-line maintenance service request form** is available on the City's website for those who would like to submit a request for service at any time. (<http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/pw/mainten/srvrqst.htm>)

Make a difference in Summerwind! We need you to join a new committee to replace the playground equipment. Summer is quickly approaching and many neighborhood children will be playing on our outdated play equipment. If you are interested in what happens with our parks, please join this new committee by sending an e-mail to: summerwindparks@hotmail.com or call Paul Dolan at 425-226-2110.

Did You Know That? Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately -- without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers." → Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns? → Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose. → Achy muscles from about of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles. → Sore Throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria. → Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly even though the product has never been advertised for this use. → Eliminate puffiness under your eyes..... All you need is a dab of Preparation H, carefully rubbed into the skin, avoiding the eyes. The hemorrhoid ointment acts as a vasoconstrictor, relieving the swelling instantly. → Honey remedy for skin blemishes... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a band-aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin, sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight. → Listerine therapy for toenail fungus... Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again. → Easy eyeglass protection... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Maybelline Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them. → Coca-Cola cures for rust. Forget those expensive rust removers. Just saturate an abrasive sponge with Coca Cola and scrub the rust stain. The phosphoric acid in the coke is what gets the job done. → Cleaning liquid that doubles as bug killer... If menacing bees, wasps, hornets, or yellow jackets get in your home and you can't find the insecticide, try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly. → Smart splinter remover... just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue all over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue. → Hunt's tomato paste boil cure... covers the boil with Hunt's tomato paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head. → Balm for broken blisters... To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine... a powerful antiseptic. → Heinz vinegar to heal bruises... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process. → Kills fleas instantly. Dawn dish washing liquid does the trick. Add a few drops to your dog's bath and shampoo the animal thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritations. Goodbye fleas. → Rainy day cure for dog odor... Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with Bounce or any dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh. → Eliminate ear mites... All it takes is a few drops of Wesson corn oil in your cat's ear. Massage it in, and then clean with a cotton ball. Repeat daily for 3 days. The oil soothes the cat's skin, smothers the mites, and accelerates healing. → Vaseline cure for hair balls..... To prevent troublesome hair balls, apply a dollop of Vaseline petroleum jelly to your cat's nose. The cat will lick off the jelly, lubricating any hair in its stomach so it can pass easily through the digestive system. → Quaker Oats for fast pain relief.... It's not for breakfast anymore! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.

Happy Spring!!

