



Summerwind Homeowners Newsletter

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Wow!! The Henry Moses Aquatic Center is awesome! Took a couple of kids down and they didn't want to leave. The wave pool looked very inviting to me but the kids were on the slides almost the entire time. What a wonderful asset for the City! The four-hour sessions start at 11:30 am and 4 PM daily. Show up about 45 minutes early to guarantee you'll get in.

A neighbor has asked me to urge everyone to try a bit harder to help keep the neighborhood cleaner on garbage day. He suggests we all use bags inside our bins to contain 100% of our trash. Of course, for our paper bins, stick to paper bags.

Calendar

Fourth of July Celebration – Come join us at the Division 1 Park off of NE 23rd 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. The karaoke was a big hit last year – think it's a go again this year.

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!

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 are an ice cream social, ice cream floats, bowling, an evening at Coulon Beach. Watch for more info.

Cavalia - My boss went and said it was phenomenal – worth every penny. Running through July 5th unless they add a few more shows. It sure has been getting great reviews. Right here in beautiful Renton, within 5 miles of our homes. Pretty cool!

Summerwind City of Renton Sponsored Picnic - Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 5:30 – 8 PM, Division IV Park off of Hoquiam. Come mingle with your neighbors! The City will BBQ hot dogs, buns, provide the fixings, and lemonade. We're supposed to provide the rest of the dinner – salads, appetizers, side dishes, deserts, whatever you feel like contributing.

National Night Out – August 3rd, 6:30 PM. Come participate in our annual get-together where neighborhoods across America unite in their stand against crime. We invite the Renton Police Department to show up with a variety of kid giveaways and a police dog (if they aren't too busy fighting off the bad guys). We will have a dessert social so bring a dessert to share.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) First Wednesday of each month. Carpool gathers at 6:30 PM, 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) On behalf of WPI and the HOA Board, "Thank You" to the homeowners who have responded to the CC&R compliance notices mailed out by WPI. Many of the homes notified by WPI look much better. Unfortunately, there are a number of homes still not in compliance with the CC&R's. A final notice is being mailed out to these homeowners this week. I encourage recipients of this final notice to bring their homes into compliance and avoid the liens and fines set forth in the Summerwind CC&R's. To those of you who took action after receiving a notice, a big "thank you" from your neighbors, WPI, and the HOA Board for your efforts in helping keep Summerwind a great place to live.



Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702 or robertr@abkj.com and summerwind_acc_rdr@comcast.net) "Summer Wind Approved Project" signs have been appearing throughout the neighborhood. These signs are a part of our continued effort to raise awareness that approval is required for exterior projects. So far, the reaction has been (for the most part) positive, and I thank everyone who has taken the time to inquire about submitting an application.

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.** And what if you order the wrong stuff?!

We are still 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 continue to dominate the ACC Application submittals ... so once again, I am including an abbreviated version the rules revision regarding roofing materials from the Summer Wind 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 /Presidential 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** product, you are still required to submit an application for approval. Your application should include the brand, product name, and color (i.e. *CertainTeed Presidential TL - Weathered Wood*) -- at a minimum.

Landscaping

Membership (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or ralnsg@comcast.net) This is the season for "FOR SALE" and "SOLD" signs on homes in Summerwind. Many homes have sold and many more are for sale. Please make an effort to meet your new neighbors as we enjoy this wonderful weather. If you are new to Summerwind and have not received a "Welcome to Summerwind Packet," please give me a call.

Traffic/Safety (David Brownell, 206-992-8071 or david_brownell@hotmail.com) Nothing submitted. Please drive careful and watch for kids, now that they're home for the summer.

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.

Know Your CC&R'S 7.7 Garbage and Trash Removal: No lot shall be used as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, or garbage. Garbage and trash containers shall be buried or shall be located abutting rear or sides of homes and shall be contained within an enclosure, The design and material of said enclosure shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the house and its design must receive prior approval by the Association.

Coal Creek/Duval Widening Project Don't know how many of you made it to the Open House at Hazen where they shared some specifics of the project but I asked a few questions and here are the responses:

Q: Will the entrance monument be impacted? Will our signage remain as is? Will the giant fir trees on either side be removed?

A: There will be no impact to the actual entrance, which is off of the public Right-of-Way (ROW). Most of the fir trees are on the Public ROW. Some of them can remain but it appears at this time that two of them on the north side of NE 21st and one on the south side of NE 21st will have to be removed, as the sidewalk will be relocated to the east of its current alignment.

Q: What about the pedestrian crosswalk across Duvall at NE 21st?

A: We had a thorough Traffic Analysis Study done for this project, which looked into whether we could fully signalize this intersection, which is just a three-way intersection, not a four-way. Unfortunately, the study concluded that conditions do not justify fully signalizing it. However, the study did determine that the pedestrian crosswalk will function more efficiently and safely if it is moved north about 185 feet from the current location to a mid-block location. We plan to make a new crosswalk at this location part of the plans. But instead of a continually flashing signal like the current crossing has, it will have a pedestrian actuated signal, i.e., the signal would remain green except when a red is actuated by a pedestrian. When a pedestrian uses the crosswalk button, the stoplight would change to red, making the vehicles stop for the pedestrian. We will be working with METRO to move the bus stops on both sides of Duvall further north, close to the new crosswalk, so that pedestrians will not try to cross Duvall where there is no crosswalk to catch the bus. We believe that such an arrangement, along with a signal at 95th Way, which Newcastle will be installing as part of its project, will help break up traffic. And having a safe pedestrian crossing at this location, along with the proposed sidewalks, will promote both pedestrian traffic and bus ridership along the corridor, which will in turn help reduce traffic congestion.

I also asked if they would consider this a City of Renton "Gateway," with a possible tree corridor treatment (similar to how they did in Newcastle right off of the I-405 Exit 10). They said they would have to consider entering sight distances, budget ramifications, and King County design standards. Don't know the end result but wanted them to know we do care about how it will all look.

If you have any concerns or comments, James Wilhoit is the City official you'll want to contact at 425-430-7319 or jjwilhoit@ci.renton.wa.us.

From our Neighboring Stonegate Community "Please remind the neighbors that walk their dogs in Stonegate to please make sure their dogs stay on their leash. We have had several problems ongoing problems with the people explained below:

- 1) An older oriental man lets his big German Shepard run through the natural areas in our neighborhood and on the streets here unleashed. This dog has also in the past run up to people and other dogs and provoked them. I have stopped this man and asked him to please keep his dog on a lease but he pretends to not understand me and waves me off.
- 2) A woman walks her large Irish Setter or similar type of dog often times unleashed. I stopped her one day and asked her to please keep the dog on the lease.
- 3) A young man rides his bike and has a I think Doberman running ahead of him unleashed. I have asked him as well to please leash the dog but he waves me off too.

All of these people come in and out of the easement that connects our neighborhoods at the top of NE 22nd Ct. I am not the only person that has pointed out that our neighborhood is a leashed part of Renton. And the unleashed situation leaves the pick-up of the dog waste something that is being left and not taken away by their owners. We do not want to have to call the animal control officer out to watch for these people. We of course remind Stonegate residents to take a waste bag with them when they walk in Summerwind for pet waste. Would you please pass this info along, since a lot of people will be walking dogs, including me, as the weather warms up."

Invitation Okay, if this appeals to you, I challenge you to pick it up and run with it. The parade on July 24th in conjunction with Renton River Days features a "neighborhoods on parade category." This has been going on now for three years and several neighborhoods are having fun with it. The theme for River Days is "Hats Off to Renton" but you can adopt a theme that best reflects Summerwind or do anything you want – a float, decorate a car, dancing kids with funny costumes. Call Norma McQuiller at 425-430-6595 before July 7th so she can get the paperwork filled out. It would be real easy to gather up some unicyclists, dog-walkers, show off cars, make a banner, and viola! You can let me know also if you do decide to pursue this and I'd help you spread the word.

Summer music/academic camp in Summerwind Seeds of Learning offers summer music camp, private and group tutoring, music(piano/voice, violin/viola), arts, dance and foreign language lessons, after school educational service. Please visit www.seedsoflearningacademy.org or call 425-254-0654 to leave a message.

City of Renton Events Check out all the **free** fun right here in Renton:

Farmers Market – Tuesdays, June 15th to Sept 14th, 3 – 7 PM, Downtown Piazza Park, Chef's Demo 5 – 5:30, Live Music 5:30 – 6:45 PM

Kid Valley Family Concert Series – Wednesdays, June 23rd – Aug 11th, 7 PM – North end of Coulon Beach Park (6/23 Renton City Concert Band, 6/30 Talisman/Raggae-Scat-Soca-Afropop, 7/7 Duwamish Dixieland Jazz, 7/14 The Islanders Steel Drums/Calypso-Reggae, 7/21 Craicmore/Celtic, 7/28 Reilly & Maloney/Folk, 8/4 Karen Kaiser/Blues-Country, 8/11 Mach One Jazz Orchestra.

Picnic Pizzazz Kids Entertainment Series – Thursdays, Noon – 1PM. 7/8 Brothers From Different Mothers, 7/15 Book-It Repertory Theatre, 7/29 Barnacle Beau, 8/5 Dizzy Hips Park, 8/12 Thomas Arthur

Cinema on the Piazza Outdoor Movie Series – Saturdays, June 23rd – Aug 11th, Dusk, Downtown Piazza Park 7/3 Star Wars (PG), 7/10 American Graffiti (PG), 7/17 The Princess Bride (PG), 7/24 The African Queen, 7/31 Seabiscuit (PG13), 8/7 Shanghai Knights (PG13), 8/14 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG 13), 8/28 Remember the Titans (PG). Prior to every film, a band will entertain. Food, soft drinks, & popcorn available for purchase.

Have you been to Jubilante's lately? They have live music 6 nights a week now. It's very impressive! And finally, to those who have sleepless nights thinking about their money woes (as I did years ago), with our homes appreciating as much as they have, have you considered opening a line of credit based off your home equity? It really made an enormous difference in my life. Thank you to everyone, former board members, current board members, each and every homeowner who takes pride in the appearance of their home, and in turn, makes our neighborhood more valuable and marketable. I'm still very proud to say I live in Summerwind.



100 years ago...The average life expectancy in the US was 47 * Only 14% of all homes had a bathtub * Only 8% had a telephone * A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11 * There were 8,000 cars in the entire U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads * The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph * The population of Las Vegas was 30 * Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were more populated than California * The Golden State, with a mere 1.4 million residents, was only the 21st most populous state in the Union * The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower in Paris * The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour * Most U.S. workers made between \$200 and \$400 per year * A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 annually, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year * More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home * 90% of U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard" * Sugar cost 4 cents a pound * Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented * Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo * Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason * The five leading causes of death in the U.S. (in order) were: Pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease and stroke * The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet * There was no Mother's Day and no Father's Day * One in 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write * Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school * Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health" * 18% of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time service or "domestic" * There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

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Wonder what the next 100 years will bring/d

Have a wonderful summer!!!