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Still fighting moles? Cisco recommends putting garlic or mint in their holes. With their keen sense of smell, these are good deterrents. And if you are lucky enough to catch one of the little critters, a good resting place for the pest is right back in the hole where it came from. That should scare the rest of the family away.

Hey, anyone have some ideas on what do to celebrate the 4th of July without fireworks in the neighborhood? Going to be a change but definitely still a good occasion for a block party!

Calendar

Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday this year, **March 26th** 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 Mikolaizik's House, 5024 NE 23rd by NOON on Saturday, March 25th. The eggs can just be left on the front porch but be sure to mark which age group the eggs are for. Call Debra Mikolaizik with questions, 226-2926..

Calling All Volunteers In recognition of Arbor Day and Earth Day, volunteers are being invited to work together on a community-based project to transform the NE 4th Street Corridor into a beautiful green space lined with trees, shrubs, and other vegetation. (If you've driven down NE 4th lately, you'll agree it needs some attention.)

The volunteer effort will take place on Saturday, **April 23rd**, beginning at **8:00 a.m.** and end when the plantings are complete. I'm going to be a team leader in charge of planting 500 or so bulbs so the 38 of you from Summerwind who helped plant our thousands of bulbs back in 2000 are already experts in this! To volunteer, please contact Norma McQuiller at 425-430-6595 or via e-mail at nmcquiller@ci.renton.wa.us and tell her you want to be in the Summerwind group.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – This year our annual sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21**. If you want to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by May 13th 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.

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman will be presented by the Hazen Players. Looking for entertainment close to home? This is it! **May 20th, 7 PM, May 21st 2PM & 7 PM**, Hazen High School. Tickets are \$5 for students with ASB cards, \$7 for adults and non-ASB students.

This classic comedy is set in the American Midwest during the late 1930s. A world-renowned radio personality, Sheridan Whiteside, has slipped and injured more than his enormous ego. Trapped in wheelchair in Mesalia, Ohio with his long-suffering assistant Maggie, he runs his hosts ragged as he continues his broadcasts. Complicating matters is Maggie's blossoming romance with local newspaperman Bert Jefferson. Whiteside plots to end this romance and insure Maggie's continuing employment as his assistant. He is helped in this endeavor by several of his celebrity friends who make their way to Mesalia to visit.

And a warm welcome to Mr. Crueger, Hazen's Drama teacher, and his wife, new to Summerwind last year.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) Note this change, now the **second** 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. This is a good way for those of you new to Summerwind to meet some new friends close to home.

H.O.A. President (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187 or don@autolegal.com) As Spring rapidly approaches, I would like to remind all homeowners of their responsibilities for the appearance of their homes and yards. In recent months, several homes have sold in the neighborhood for more than \$400,000. As we all know, first

impressions of the neighborhood can mean a lot to prospective buyers. The unseasonably dry winter may mean water restrictions this Summer. The water restrictions, however, should not prohibit homeowners from maintaining the appearance of their yards to the Summerwind standards. If you have any questions regarding the standards please refer to your CC&R's or contact a member of the HOA.

I also want to stress the importance of the ACC applications. The ACC applications are a **requirement** to any exterior home improvement project. Please allow 30 days for the approval of your application. Applications are available our website at www.summerwindrenton.com.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880 or acc@summerwindrenton.com) The Board and ACC would again like to extend our thanks to you for making our community more beautiful by investing in your home's appearance. The "Summer Wind Approved Project" signs are a continued success in our effort to raise awareness that approval is required for exterior projects. I thank everyone who has taken the time to inquire about submitting an application for ACC approval.

Spring is just around the corner and many of you are thinking about home improvements. I urge you all to visit the website (<http://www.summerwindrenton.com/ACC.html>) or contact me for an ACC Application **well before** you start your exterior projects (roofing, windows, re-siding, painting, sheds, etc.). **Submitting an application for proposed work before you begin your project is a requirement (not an option) of the CC&R's.** No one wants to receive a letter telling them all the money they spent on paint was wasted because they have to re-paint their house in keeping with the Summer Wind CC&R's. The CC&R's allow a **30 DAY REVIEW** period for ACC applications, but I do my best to get back to you ASAP and get your project rolling.

Also, we are in the process of updating the "Paint Book" and are looking for volunteers who would like to have a voice in the revised/updated paint colors.

Roof replacement projects have topped the list for the past couple of years, so included below is an abbreviated and updated version of the rules 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 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.

Even if you are selecting a **pre-Approved** product, you are still required to submit an application. Your application should include the brand, product name, and color (i.e. *GAF-Grand Sequoia - Weathered Wood*) -- at a minimum.

Products that have been submitted for approval and disapproved on the basis of aesthetic value are:

1. Pabco Advantage (Only the **Premiere** line is approved)
2. Elk Prestique® and Raised Profile™ Series

Finally, if you have a SUMMERWIND APPROVED PROJECT sign at your house and would like to return it to me, please call me and I'll be glad to stop by and pick it up.

Landscaping (Brent Walton, Landscaping@SummerwindRenton.com) No report this time.

Membership (Becky Letterer, 425-277-4122 or ralnsg@comcast.net) We continue to have about 2 homes for sale each month in Summerwind and they sell fairly quickly. Please take the time to greet our new neighbors, especially now that the days are getting longer. If they have not been visited by a board member to receive a welcome packet let me (Becky) know.

Traffic/Safety (David Brownell, 206-992-8071 or Traffic_and_Safety@SummerwindRenton.com) With the longer and warmer days approaching, please be watchful for kids playing as you drive through the neighborhood. Also note that the frequency of security patrols will soon be increasing.

WPI (Shaun Davis, WPI, 206-522-8172x129 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. The City's web page tailored to Renton neighborhoods at <http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/attract/neighbor.htm> features a lot of upcoming events that you might be interested in as a Renton resident.

Know Your CC&R'S Rules and Regulations Amendment Number 2 (Approved by Board March 14, 2005) - Holiday decorations, such as lights, ornaments etc. and any visible devices used to affix the decoration, shall not be installed more than 45 days prior to date of the holiday and must be removed no more than 45 days following the date of the holiday.

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):

Donated prizes were: 6 prizes of two Papa John's Pizzas, a beautiful decorated poinsettia from Country Flowers worth \$40, a standing moving decorated buck from Albertson's worth \$25, an electric rotary saw worth \$40 from Ace Hardware, and a \$25 gift certificate from QFC good at both QFC and Fred Meyers.

Family	Division	Address
Arruiza	1-23	222 Field Ave NE
Mayer	2-14	5214 NE 23 rd Ct
Broughton	2-43	5108 NE 21 st St
Williams	2-64	2072 Hoquiam Ct NE
Long	3-29	1830 Ilwaco Ave NE
Rozsonits	4-2	1606 Field Ave NE
Costales	5-10	1617 Hoquiam PI NE
Lazo	5-13	1605 Hoquiam PI NE
Hayes	5-39	1714 Ilwaco Ave NE
Kawamoto	5-52	5104 NE 18 th Ct

Congratulations!!



Are you looking for **daytime Childcare**, especially for the summer months? I would love to help you out! I am a Mom who lives in Summerwind with a 7 1/2 year old son who is in school till June. I am looking for 1-2 children to take care of in my home. I have references and am currently trained in First Aid and CPR. Please call me if you have any questions or needs. 766-8611 Danyelle

New resident, Beth Brady, would like to get a **pre-school playgroup** started up, like we used to have. Please call her at 271-4300 if you have any interest in getting together weekly, bi-weekly, whatever the consensus turns out to be. She's also looking for a babysitter for her under one-year old son (so yes, that means diapers). She also could use some help with her lawn. Welcome to the neighborhood, Beth! Thinking back to my years with our playgroup, hope you have success in getting one started again. It was so wonderful to connect with all the young mothers and share our parenting concerns, and just to have a bit of fun with other adults. And the kids had friends on the school bus that first day of school.

Our0Renton.com – new citizen website. Great for classifieds, community events, lost pets.

Teenager for hire – Lawn work, pet sitting, washing cars. Call Tyler at 425-226-2926.

Pocket Bikes and Motorized Scooters. Several Summerwind residents have asked me to do a little research and report out in this newsletter about the new mini-motorcycles (pocket bikes) we're seeing around the neighborhood. *The HOA board wants policing of this to be left to the City, since the streets and sidewalks are public.* There is not much they can do regarding their use.

The Renton Police Department told me they consider them motorcycles. They must meet all the requirements of a motorcycle. Licensed drivers, helmet's, operated only on the roadway with proper equipment, which many of them do not have. The Seattle Police Department and the Washington State Patrol state these devices are not manufactured to be operated on public roads, on sidewalks, in bike lanes, or other areas prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles. Enforcement action will be taken if the device is operated where prohibited. Pocket bikes, pocket rockets, and other similar type of mini-motorcycles are small (most measure only 12 to 18 inches in overall height), fast, and manufactured primarily as a racing bike and intended for off-road use only.

Pocket bikes may not be legally operated on public roads. Additionally, they may not be operated on sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, or anyplace prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles. Pocket bikes are similar in performance and application to that of a motor-driven cycle or a motorcycle. Pocket bikes meet the definition of a motorcycle as outlined in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.04.330 which states in part, "Motorcycle' means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, on which the driver rides astride the motor unit or power train and is designed to be steered with a handle bar . . ."

However, pocket bikes do not meet many of the equipment requirements for motorcycles that may be legally operated on roadways. These requirements are outlined in statutes and include: a minimum wheel base of three feet six inches (RCW 46.44.050); minimum headlamp height of 24 inches (RCW 46.37.523); minimum tail lamp height of 15 inches (RCW 46.37.525); two mirrors (RCW 46.37.400); pneumatic rubber tires (RCW 46.37.420); and others. Additionally, pocket bikes are not manufactured with a conforming 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN), indicating the manufacturer did not meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) which are required for motor vehicles of any class to be operated on public roads. Operators of motor-driven cycles or motorcycles must also have a valid driver's license, a motorcycle endorsement, and must wear a helmet.

Under RCW 46.20.024, it is a misdemeanor for any person to cause or knowingly permit a child, who is under the age of 18, to drive a motor vehicle on any highway without the State's authorization. In addition to the above restrictions, many cities and counties have enacted ordinances further restricting the operation of pocket bikes. All RCWs may be viewed in their entirety by accessing the Office of the Code Revisers Web site at slc.leg.wa.gov.

And from the City of Renton's Municipal Code, Traffic Code Section 10-12-28 : **MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS**, defines a motorized foot scooter as "a device with no more than two 10-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion" and prohibits their use on sidewalks, "by any individual who is under 13 years of age," and "within the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise."

Hope these facts answer your questions.

Some nice thoughts from Barbara Sher – Author of *Wishcraft* (Geniuspress.com)

1. You are fine as you are. You don't have to change yourself to change your life. Self-improvement may not be possible. It certainly isn't necessary. Use the time and energy to go after your dreams instead.

2. Isolation is the dreamkiller, not your attitude. No amount of positive thinking can replace information, encouragement and accountability. You need input and support from other people. They'll tell you things you need to know, encourage and believe in you and keep you moving toward your dream.

3. You are a genius. You're one of a kind. What you love is what you're gifted at. Your talent is coded into your genes and filters everything that has happened in your unique history. You have original vision and that makes you a genius. The only way to feel satisfied is to listen to your own nature; in other words, to do what you were born to do.

4. It's time to rediscover your dreams and put them back on that table. There are dozens of practical, realistic ways to make every dream possible and Genius Press is dedicated to showing them to you. Fresh ideas, stories of "ordinary" people who achieved their dreams, step-by-step instructions on how to achieve yours, alternative and unusual ways of earning an income (as well as new techniques for finding out what your dreams are!) are what you need to create a life you love.

Hope you make an effort to meet some of your neighbors this summer. At the annual meeting last fall, two former college roommates discovered they were both living in Summerwind, and they hadn't seen each other in years. Maybe your new best friend is living just a few houses away but you just haven't met yet!

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