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Bumpy lawn? Marianne Binetti shares her quick fix ... Purchase bags of compost and sand or use your own home made compost that has been screened and mixed half and half with sand. Now perform a little cosmetic surgery. Cut out the sod from a low spot and set it aside. Fill in the depression with the compost mix or use topsoil. Add enough new soil to make the dip slightly higher than the surrounding lawn. Rake it level, firm it down with a board, then water the new soil to settle it. Now replace the sod that was cut out right on top of the new soil patch, removing or adding soil if necessary to make the spot level. You get almost instant gratification from this less extreme makeover. You can also spread topsoil directly on top of a bumpy lawn and reseed, although I don't know if fall is the best time for this.

I was very pleased with the results using vinegar in my sidewalk and driveway cracks. Cheap, easy, and effective!!

Calendar

Annual Homeowners Meeting — Thursday, November 3rd, 7 – 9 PM at Sierra Heights Elementary School, 9901 132nd SE. Lots of new neighbors will be attending so it should be quite interesting. If you know you have a conflict and can't make the meeting, please take the initiative to turn in your proxy to someone who is attending so business can be conducted. It costs the Association (us!) money to schedule two meetings when it's really unnecessary. And who knows, you might run into an old college roommate (from ten years back) who had the great wisdom to move into Summerwind just like you (it actually happened last year or the year before!)

LNO (Ladies Night Out) 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.

The Pajama Game December 9th and 10th, Hazen High School. Come see The Pajama Game, directed by Summerwinder and Hazen High Drama Teacher, Brett Crueger, with several Summerwind students in principal roles. This classic musical is set in the mid-west in the 1950's. It revolves around a labor struggle at the Sleep-Tight Pajama Factory. Love, laughter, and music abound. Don't miss this fantastic production. Performances both Friday and Saturday evenings, 7 PM, with a special Saturday matinee at 2 PM. Ticket prices to be announced and are available at the door or through Chris Mikolaizik (226-2926) or Colleen Eaker (271-6723).

H.O.A. President (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187 or don@autolegal.com) Driving through the neighborhood the past few weeks, I have noticed a dramatic change in the appearance of the yards since spring. Unfortunately, the change I am referring to is not for the better. All homeowners need to take an assessment of the condition of their yards. If your yard does not appear to be maintained to "at least the same level and quality as the playgrounds and entrance landscaping of Summerwind," you have the responsibility to make the necessary improvements. Please do not put off maintaining your yard to the point of notification from the HOA. The fine for yards found to be out of compliance for landscape maintenance is \$25.00 per week. The money would be better spent hiring the work done. Please note that the HOA does have the authority to hire the work done to correct non-compliant yards at the homeowner's expense.

Thank you to all the homeowners who maintain their yards to a standard that exceeds our parks and entrances.



Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880 or acc@summerwindrenton.com) There have been a lot of home improvement projects this summer. The Board and ACC would 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 submit an application for ACC approval.

If you are planning a new exterior project (roofing; painting, windows, re-siding, sheds, etc.), you will find the appropriate ACC Application on our neighborhood website (<http://www.summerwindrenton.com/ACC.html>), or you can contact me as well. As a reminder, please be sure to submit your Application for approval **well before** you start your projects. The CC&R's allow a **30 DAY REVIEW** period for each ACC application, but I will do my best to get back to you within two weeks. **An approved application for proposed work before you begin your project is a requirement of the CC&R's.** The last thing we want to do is to send you a letter requiring you to re-roof or re-paint because an unapproved product/color was used.

Since re-roofing continues to be the most common project, below is the list of currently approved roofing materials as per 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:*

1. **Pabco Premier Advantage 45/50 laminated shingle**
2. **GAF Grand Sequoia / Grand Canyon**
3. **CertainTeed Presidential / Presidential TL / Landmark TL**

The type and color selection of laminated asphalt shingle must be approved by the ACC before the roofing project begins.

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. *CertainTeed – Presidential TL – Shadow Gray*), as well as start and completion dates, signatures from your neighbors alerting them to the project, and your own signature. Please note, the General ACC Application requires your signature on two separate pages, both of which must be submitted for approval. The Paint Application must also be submitted with color samples prior to approval.

Finally, if your project is complete and you have a "Summer Wind Approved Project" sign at your home, 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) I hope that everyone had a great summer, fall is coming soon. We had lots of homes sold in Summerwind this year, I hope you were able to meet your new neighbors. Thanks to the homeowners who have worked hard to keep your homes and yards looking great, this does make Summerwind a desirable neighborhood to live in and keeps the value of our homes high.

Traffic/Safety (David Brownell, 206-992-8071 or Traffic_and_Safety@SummerwindRenton.com) No report this newsletter. Several homeowners have mentioned their trash bins have been dumped over about 3 AM in the past six months. If you are having problems, please call PSSP to make a report if it happens to you. Hopefully, the problem will go away with school back up and running but how many high school age kids do you know with permission to be out those hours anyway?

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: Rule 4.1.a - The individual home owners shall make a reasonable effort to maintain their front yards, including the side yards forward of any fences enclosing the backyard (for corner properties it will include the entire side yard facing the street) to **at least the same level and quality as the play grounds and entrance landscaping of Summerwind**. This maintenance shall include **weeding, fertilizing, watering and mowing** as required to retain that quality.

Cougar sightings Database of cougar sightings: www.wdfw.wa.gov/enf/danger/reporting/

To report a cougar interaction in an emergency, dial 911; in a non-emergency situation in King County, call 425-775-1311 from 8-5, M-F.

How to scare a cougar – Stop, stand tall and don't run. Pick up small children. Don't run – their instinct is to chase. Do not approach, esp. if it's near a kill or with kittens. Try to appear larger than the cougar. Never take your eyes off the animal or turn your back. Do not crouch down or try to hide. If it displays aggressive behavior, shout, wave your arms, and throw rocks. The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger. If it attacks, fight back aggressively, and try to stay on your feet.

Canned/compressed air Parents, if you haven't heard, this product is very dangerous if your kids play around with it. Kids are dying after breathing it for a quick high – it quick freezes the hairs lining their lungs and causes instant death. It's a good product for cleaning out crumbs in your computer keyboard but rubbing alcohol and q-tips, turning over your keyboard, and rapping it a few times works just as well. Better yet, don't allow eating at the computer.

Cheapest Gas Two sites that can help you find the best price for gas are: www.gasbuddy.com and www.Gaspricewatch.com. These are worth your \$\$ to check out – there are/were places where you can save 20 cents a gallon.

A warm welcome to all our new neighbors in Summerwind! If the neighbors on either side of and across from you haven't been over to say hi yet, don't be shy – go knock on their door and introduce yourself and maybe exchange phone numbers. Everyone benefits. You'll be able to recognize strangers and help keep our neighborhood safe, you might meet a potential carpooler or they might know of a carpool that's going your way, you might meet your new best friend. They'll have your number if you forget to close your garage door and it's 11:30 PM.

And if you are a long time resident, you already have friends and acquaintances in the neighborhood and know how wonderful that is. Years ago, when all us were new in the neighborhood, we showed up for neighborhood events. We got to know each other, our kids became friends, our lives intermingled as much or as little as we chose. I think Summerwind homes are selling over listing prices because we have so much positive energy within the neighborhood and it shows.

In the past few years, it's been a bit depressing to plan an event and mainly new Summerwinders show up, eager to meet their neighbors, and only a handful of long time residents show up. We didn't have a City-sponsored picnic this summer because I was embarrassed at the poor turnout last year. Maybe we can rethink how and when we do it so it'll be more enticing next year. I'm encouraging you all to make the effort to attend the annual meeting, come to the few events planned throughout the year, use the website to it's full potential, submit ideas to the newsletter, be neighborly. Put on your thinking caps, what can we do that's fun and will get people to participate like we used to back ten years ago? The memories I have could fill a book. Let's continue to make memories.

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall,
which is your favorite season of all?