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Just short of a foot of rain in January! Our lawns sure are soggy. My moss is thicker than the grass right now. Hope our summer is just the opposite.

### Calendar

**Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 15.** Ages 7 and under, 8:30 PM; Ages 8 and up, 8:30 PM. Meet at the Division I Park and bring your own flashlight! If you forget a basket, we'll provide a bag for you. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> by NOON on Friday, April 15th. 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.

**Hazen Play** The Hazen Players present "Merry Murders at Montmarie" this **April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Hazen Auditorium. The play is about a girls school in the Swiss Alps, inherited by an American new owner. Girls have been disappearing and an Australian Interpol agent and a school inspector conduct their research to discover what's going on. It features several Summer Winders (Colleen & Jillian Eaker, Chris Mikolaizik). There will be evening performances on both days, and a matinee on the 29<sup>th</sup>. For tickets, purchase or reserve ahead through a Hazen student, call Hazen directly at 425-204-4200, or buy them at the door.

**Neighborhood Garage Sale** – This year our annual sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13** (Mother's Day Weekend). If you want to be placed on the map of sales, get in touch with me by May 8th 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)** 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 make some new friends close to home.

**H.O.A. President** (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187, [don@autolegal.com](mailto:don@autolegal.com) or [president@summerwindrenton.com](mailto:president@summerwindrenton.com)): On February 10<sup>th</sup> letters mailed to all homeowners regarding the sale of the Tract D parcel owned by the Summerwind HOA. I encourage all homeowners to promptly review and return the completed sale authorization. Any question regarding the sale should be directed to: [president@summerwindrenton.com](mailto:president@summerwindrenton.com).

# Welcome Spring!!

## Committee Reports

### **Architectural Control** (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, [acc@summerwindrenton.com](mailto:acc@summerwindrenton.com)):

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. Thanks to 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.

The Association rule 5.5, Architectural Control/Roof Materials, has recently been updated. Please see the **Know Your CC&R's** section that follows for the details of this change.

Even if you are selecting a **pre-approved** roofing 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, 425-228-9942, [bmlmwalton@hotmail.com](mailto:bmlmwalton@hotmail.com)): As Spring get closer, lets start getting ready to make our development look better than ever. We can all do this by taking the time to keep our lawns watered and mowed, and our flower beds weeded. As part of this effort we are planning to remove the larger shrubs that encroach into the walkways leading to the Division III park, and replace with some smaller plants. This should open the area up and make it safer for people who use these paths. We have also hired a new landscaping maintenance company that will start March 1st. I feel confident they will do a good job for us. Also, the board has discussed adding a sport court, and/or playground equipment in the neighborhood. No specific plans at this time, just want to let you know it is under consideration.

**Membership** (Stan Kawamoto, 425-255-3868, [stankaw@comcast.net](mailto:stankaw@comcast.net)): I'm still trying to get a feel for what we should do on the membership committee. The following are things we can track through our committee.

**New Home Sales:** Get a current property listing and have membership packets available. We hope to have update information available for the packets.

**Projects:** Gather input from the membership as to what types of projects we want to do as a neighborhood. These projects need to be planned ahead in order to allocate funds.

**City of Renton:** The City of Renton's Neighborhood Program supports neighborhoods in three ways: Neighborhood Recognition; Neighborhood Picnics; and Neighborhood Grants. Our goal is to have more homeowners get involved in what takes place within the neighborhood. There is a deadline for grants. The paperwork needs to get to the City before end of March 2006. We may not make the deadline for this year. If anyone would like to know about the funds and the process, please call me. I attended a workshop February 25, 2006 with the City that gave me a lot of ideas.

Our other plan is to have a neighborhood picnic provided by the City of Renton. We've had this event dropped in the past because of lack of attendance. Call if you have any suggestions for a date, probably a Wednesday sometime during the summer.

**Traffic/Safety** (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, [traffic\\_and\\_safety@summerwindrenton.com](mailto:traffic_and_safety@summerwindrenton.com)): Please allow me to introduce myself as the new Traffic and Safety Director for the Summerwind HOA Board. With the spring and summer months quickly approaching, please continue to be aware of pedestrians and children when driving through the neighborhood. Also, remember to yield at all intersections before proceeding through and to oncoming traffic when passing a parked car.

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**WPI** (Shaun Davis, WPI, 206-522-8172x129 or shaundavis@wpirealestate.com) Mailing address: 9500 Roosevelt Way, Ste 100, Seattle 98115. Fax: 206-522-0725

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**Puget Sound Security Patrol (PSSP)** (425-454-5011 24-Hour) Report all incidences to them, our hired security company, after calling 911 as necessary.

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**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/atract/neighbor.htm> features a lot of upcoming events that you might be interested in as a Renton resident.

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**Know Your CC&R's:** Rules and Regulations Rule 2.2(g.) Owners **shall** provide the following information on request: Name, address, account number of the mortgage company, if applicable.

Rules and Regulations Amendment Number 3

Approved by Board March 1, 2006

RE: Architectural Control/Roof Materials Section 5.5

The change to the rules regarding roofing materials arose from the Board's desire to improve upon and clarify the requirements for laminated asphalt shingle roofs.

The rules had been changed several years back to allow laminated shingles. Due to the change in the available materials, the rules needed to be updated. Specifically, the need to identify other markers of performance besides warranty period was identified. The performance markers up for consideration were: Warranty Period, Wind Rating, and 'Weight per Square'.

The revised rule concerning roofing contains the newest updates for acceptable materials to be considered. It is the Board's position that the revised and enhanced parameters adopted will aid homeowners in replacing a cedar shake roof with a quality product that will not only last; but also maintain an appearance similar to the original shake roofing.

These changes were reviewed and approved by the board.

Rule 5.5 (REVISED MARCH 1, 2006) 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. Laminated asphalt shingles are required to meet both aesthetic and performance requirements, as set forth by the ACC.

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 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 warranty period of the laminated asphalt shingle shall not be less than 50 years.

The manufacturer's wind rating of the laminated asphalt shingle shall not be less than 90 mph.

The manufacturer's 'weight per square' of the laminated asphalt shingle shall not be less than 350 lbs per square.

All loading specifications are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Some common commercial products that meet the aforementioned requirements are:

**GAF** - Timberline Grand Sequoia / Grand Canyon

**CertainTeed** - Presidential / Presidential TL

**Elk** - Domain Winslow

**Owens Corning** - Woodcrest

Materials not to be considered are: cedar shingles, metal, slate, hot tar, torchdown, concrete, tile, composite, laminated asphalt shingles not meeting the aforementioned requirements, and asphalt shingles that are single 3-tab (non-laminated). Please note our original roofing materials are cedar shake - not shingles.

**Now You Can Dial 2-1-1:** This new King County number (and eleven other Washington State counties) is up and running 8 AM to 8 PM, seven days a week. It's operated by the Crisis Clinic and can help callers find child care, senior services, housing, and even food and clothes. It's available from land lines now, but the wireless companies should include it in the near future.

In addition to helping those in need, it also allows others to find an agency that can use their energy and skills.

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### **Christmas Contest Winners – Congratulations!!**

Div 2 Lot 64 (2072 Hoquiam Ct NE), Div 2 Lot 43 (5108 NE 21<sup>st</sup> St), Div 3 Lot 52 (5104 NE 18<sup>th</sup> Ct)

Don't know if your lawn decorations were part of the herd that was gathered and assembled at one of our parks in December the night of the contest. We're grateful that the obviously unsupervised pranksters that were involved had the foresight to put addresses on the deer, polar bears, etc. so they could be returned to the rightful owners. Bet the police department was thrilled with all the calls they got.

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**Babysitting Jobs Wanted!** Logan and Mitchell Walton have completed the Overlake Babysitting Class! We are available to help watch your children on weekends and occasionally after school. We are able to watch children of all ages and are happy to tutor in Math and Reading. We prefer to work together for better safety of your children. Please call us at 425-228-9942.

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### **Cool Shopping Websites**

Jandr.com (40% off list)

Jemzjewels.com

Overstock.com

Homeclick.com (Housewares)

Christabellescloset.com (Resale Outlet)

Netaporter.com

Shopbop.com

Maxwellsilverny.com (Housewares)

Flight001.com (Travel store)

Air-fare.com (Air-fare goofs)

Openjet.com (European travel)

Consumerreports.com (Want only the best? \$4.95/mo subscription buys access to lab-test results & rankings)

Also try epinions.com and consumerreview.com (Consumer ratings)

Shopping.com, froogle.com, bizrate.com & pricegrabber.com (Best bargains)

Epubliceye.com, bizrate.com & plantefeedback.com (Vendor review – Don't spend your \$\$ until you check out the company – not found = forget them). You want a return policy and a company who'll be in business tomorrow.

Safeshopping.org – Advises against using unknown companies

You've all heard about orbitz.com, Travelocity.com, expedia.com, but how about travelzoo.com, go-today.com, or sidestep.com?

Clotheshorse? Check out bluefly.com and designeroutlet.com

Selljewelry.com – Helps you sell your jewelry – 40 locations in US for in-person evaluations)

### **Cool Reference Websites**

payscale.com (put in your info and see if you are getting paid a fair wage)

gotvoice.com (links your phone voice mail to your computer)

zillow.com (shows appraised value of any address in their database)

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Remember back when our computers weren't so much a part of our daily lives? Now we can barely make it through a day without checking our email, going on the Internet to find the information we had to go to great lengths to find out in the past.

Can't even begin to imagine what the future will bring. Remote start cars, movies/dvds in cars, scanners on the refrigerator to help create a new grocery list (okay, I don't know anyone who actually owns one, but I've seen them at Fry's), kids in elementary school with cell phones, a cashless society (unless you like garage sales, like me)....

Don't think we'll ever get to a paperless society, though. Too bad - I'm forever dealing with all the paperwork at home.