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Have you noticed Ezell's Chicken has opened a new store here in the Highlands? They are at 4575 NE 4th Ave (228-9008), Hillcrest Square, the new shopping center on the southwest side of the 4th and Duvall/138th intersection. I'm a vegetarian so I don't know if they are worth the praise that Oprah has for them as having the BEST chicken she's ever tasted, but you might want to check them out sometime when you can't think of what to have for dinner.

If you are ready to replace your old dishwasher with a new, modern one and your old one still works, I might be interested in taking it off your hands.

Calendar

Annual Meeting Thursday, October 19th, 7 PM, Sierra Heights Elementary School Cafeteria, Union Ave. Please make sure someone from your home attends this meeting. This is the only official meeting we have every year and your voice and vote counts!

LNO (Ladies Night Out) Visit a wonderful regional restaurant with your neighbors. Second Wednesday of each month. A carpool gathers, 6:30 PM, at 5030 NE 21st St (note new location). Call Lynne at 425-271-0637 for more info or to let her know you're going to attend so they'll watch for you or meet up with you at the restaurant.

Summerwind Moms & Kids Group (Kim Wales, 425-277-1880 or skwales@msn.com): Meeting once a week now, for moms with kids between the ages of birth and 2. We meet on Tuesdays from 11:30 - 1:00pm. Please contact Kim Wales if you're interested.

H.O.A. President (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187, don@autolegal.com or president@Summerwindrenton.com): The HOA would like to encourage all homeowners to participate in the October's Annual meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, please complete and submit a proxy statement. A proxy will be included in with the annual meeting notice mailed to you by WPI. Last year we were a few votes short of having a quorum at the annual meeting and therefore we had to incur the time and expense of having a second annual meeting.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, acc@summerwindrenton.com): No report this time.

Landscaping (Brent Walton, 425-228-9942, bmlmwalton@hotmail.com): The long hot days of Summer have been good to us, but they have been tough on some of our lawns. As we head toward Fall, please remember to maintain your yard and planting beds in good condition. Make a special emphasis to mow on a regular basis and keep yards weed free. Thanks to all for keeping your yards maintained and helping to make Summerwind a great place to live.

Membership (Stan Kawamoto, 425-255-3868, stankaw@comcast.net): No report this time.

Traffic/Safety (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, traffic_and_safety@summerwindrenton.com): The City of Renton is currently offering **steering wheel locking devices for ONLY \$10.88** (regularly \$38 retail) though their **Auto Theft Prevention Program**. Combined with locking your car doors, rolling up your windows, and removing all personal belongings from your vehicle, a steering wheel locking device (such as The Club) can be an effective auto theft deterrent. An auto thief can easily see The Club, even before they break out a window or begin prying on your door locks. The device is difficult to remove and makes it more difficult for a thief to steal your car.

For more information on purchasing the steering wheel locking device or how to better protect yourself from theft, visit the City of Renton's Web site at <http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/police/clubprogram.htm>.

As summer vacation is winding down, please continue to be extra careful and patient while driving through the neighborhood.

WPI (Tom Nash, WPI, 206-522-8172 or tomnash@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: 4.5.3 Quorum requirements for Association Meeting. At all meetings of the Association, Owners, who are either present in person or by proxy and who fifty-one percent (51%) of the total voting power, shall constitute a quorum.

Development Adjacent to Summerwind (North Side) Have you heard all the earth movers tearing down the trees and clearing out the land near our neighborhood? There will be 34 single-family homes going in on a 34-acre site behind the row of houses already on NE 24th St. The site contains wetlands, steep slopes and a stream, which are proposed to be contained within four proposed Open Space tracts. Access to the project, known as Langley Ridge, is proposed via one new 42-foot internal public street off of Ilwaco Avenue NE at the bottom of the hill on NE 24th and via a private 26-foot wide access easement off of NE 26th Street and an existing access easement off of May Creek Road for two lots.

Expect the building of these homes will be going on for some time so those of us nearby will be hearing a lot of hammering soon enough.

Duvall Widening The City hopes to advertise the project for construction in November 2006 and have a construction contract awarded by early Spring 2007. Duration of construction should be 15-17 months, so it should be completed mid-2008.

The project will widen Duvall Ave/Coal Creek Parkway to five lanes (including a two-way left-turn lane in the middle). It will taper down from five to four lanes in the County portion (from the City Limits at NE 23rd Street up to the 95th Way Intersection, all of which will be annexed into the City shortly after construction begins). The project will end at the 95th Way Intersection. The project will also construct curb, gutter, and sidewalks on both sides of Duvall Ave as well bicycle lanes, and it will convert overhead power lines to underground. Additionally, it will replace the existing pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Duvall Ave and NE 21st with a new one further to the north that will have a pedestrian refuge in the center of the road and other improved safety features.

Design of the Duvall Ave/Coal Creek Parkway Widening Project has taken longer than previously projected due to some environmental issues that had to be resolved, addition of underground power conversion into the county portion of the project, and difficulties with right-of-way acquisition on a few of the properties. Coordination of the project's interface with the City of Newcastle has also taken additional time. As many of you may be aware, the City of Newcastle will have a project that widens Coal Creek Parkway from 95th Way north. It will also replace the May Creek Bridge. Newcastle will be signalizing and improving the 95th Way

The City of Renton is working closely with the City of Newcastle to coordinate alignment at the Intersection where the projects match up. Newcastle's schedule will have construction beginning some time after Renton's, but most likely there will be construction on their project at the same time as on Renton's. Since Renton will probably be building out the road to four lanes at that point before Newcastle does the same, they will temporarily taper the road back to two lanes north of 95th with pavement markings. After Newcastle completes its project, they will restripe this portion of the road to match up to theirs. So they will be sort of squeezing traffic back down to two lanes for a while (the outside right lane north bound will actually become a right turn lane into a new access to the homes on the east side of the 95th Way Intersection) but they'll try their best to make it a smooth merge.

Environmental review has now been completed and Renton has acquired about 85% of the right-of-way needed, so they're on the fast track to get construction going by Spring 2007. Ultimately, the work on Duvall/Coal Creek Parkway and Sunset, along with City of Newcastle improvements to Coal Creek Parkway, will result in an enhanced traffic flow and reduced congestion between Renton and Newcastle, as well as safer and more aesthetically pleasing street features, benefiting the whole surrounding community.

Call for babysitters/pet sitters It's been a while since we offered a list of sitters available in the neighborhood, so if you want to put your name and contact info in the December newsletter, let me know.

And finally, for those of you who are used to going to the end of Ilwaco in Summerwind on Halloween for cider and horse rides for the kids, Ms. Maertins wants you to be aware that they won't be available this year, but probably will be back on again next year.

See you at the annual HOA meeting!



Peace, love, happiness!!