



Summer Wind Homeowners Newsletter

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Help spread Holiday Cheer! An interesting article in the *King County Journal* last week talked about a study done at Harvard that was simple, yet really produced results. To lift your spirits, before you go to bed tonight and every night, think of three good things that happened to you today, and the circumstances leading up to them. At first, it might be hard to come up with three things. In a week or two, you'll find it easier and will think of many great things that happened throughout the day. This emphasis on good things will lift your spirits and will have a big impact on you – your dreams will be brighter, you'll be more joyful, your attitude will improve, everyone will benefit.

So this holiday season, spread the joy. **Give your kids, friends, everyone you know this simple homework assignment – find the good things in life, reflect on them, be thankful, spread the cheer.**

Calendar

Christmas Decorating Contest Get ready, the contest is going to be two nights this year, Friday and Saturday, **December 22nd & 23rd**, 7-9 PM. The three prizewinners will win gift certificates. Thanks for making Summerwind so beautiful!

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.

H.O.A. President (Donald Schultz, 425-277-9187, don@autolegal.com or president@summerwindrenton.com): If you were unable to attend the Annual meeting, you missed the announcement regarding the selection of a new property management company for Summerwind. Effective November first, Around the Clock, Inc., has taken over as our property manager. The Board believes OTC will provide a superior level of service to the HOA and Summerwind homeowners. Please let myself or any other Board member know of your experiences with OTC.

May everyone have a safe and happy holiday season!

Committee Reports (Note: New committee chairs will be assigned in early January so no reports this issue.)

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, acc@summerwindrenton.com):

Landscaping (Brent Walton, 425-228-9942, bmlmwalton@hotmail.com):

Membership (Stan Kawamoto, 425-255-3868, stankaw@comcast.net):

Traffic/Safety (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, traffic_and_safety@summerwindrenton.com):

Summerwind Management Service Around The Clock, Inc, 422 W Titus St, Kent, WA 98032. Phone: (253) 852-3000, Fax: (253) 852-1417. Contact Suzanne Cameron (Suzanne@aroundtheclock.com) or Jennifer Daly (Jennifer@aroundtheclock.com). Web page is www.aroundtheclockinc.com.

Please note, our new service is eager to do a good job for us and has done an initial look at each Summerwind house and has created a list of those homes who aren't paying attention to details, such as putting trash cans out of sight, etc. It's time to walk those few extra steps and put them away each week.

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 at www.rentonwa.gov features a lot of upcoming events that you might be interested in as a Renton resident.

Know Your CC&R's: Rules and Regulations Rule 4.0 - No garbage cans, yard waste or recycling containers shall be visible from the street except for a period of fourteen hours before and twelve hours past the designated collection time assuming an 8 a.m. pickup.

No More Saving Christmas Card Fronts St. Jude's Ranch stopped their recycling program. Someone suggested donating old cards to the Senior Centers but I haven't checked into it yet.

Driving to Everett Everyday?? Boeing employee looking for a carpool – Call Boris at 425-228-3778.

Missing Frog On the night of October 30 someone took a large frog from the garden in front of my house at 1510 Ilwaco and left a concrete garden gnome. I would like my frog back and I think the owner of the gnome would probably like it back. If you are either missing your gnome or have my frog, please call Magen at 425 255 9928. The frog is large and brownish- about 18" long and about 10" high.

Babysitters My guys would like to be included in the babysitting/pet sitting/plant watering/whatever list! They've taken the Overlake Class and have been sitting this summer. Logan and/or Mitchell Walton, 425-228-9942.

Another babysitter Our son Brandon – 12 years - will have completed the Red Cross babysitting course by December and would like to get his name out there as a babysitter. He can be reached at 425-227-7695. Both he and his brother, Derek – 9 years can also do pet sitting.

Info about Clothes Dryers Did you know that in addition to emptying your filter after every load, you need to wash it now and then in hot soapy water with a toothbrush? Dryer sheets cause a film over the mesh and will burn out the heating unit. You can't see the film but it's there. Try running water on it and seeing if it will pass through the mesh.

This is also what causes dryer units to catch fire. Your dryer will last longer and your electric bill will be lower if you take this simple step at least twice a year.

A co-worker also use 2 tennis balls, sprayed with Fabreeze, in the dryer; this makes for faster drying time, fluffs your clothes, and cuts down on static.

Menopause, the Musical – Act Theatre Have you been yet? If not, you need to gather a bunch of women friends and go. It's supposed to be so good people are going twice, even with the \$45 cost.

It's running two shows on Saturday and Sunday (2 & 5:30 PM), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 PM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS – SPREAD THE CHEER!

