



Summer Wind Homeowners Newsletter

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Thanks to those who participated in our neighborhood garage sale. Someone called and asked if you are allowed to have a sale anytime of the year and I accidentally hit my delete key on my message machine. The answer is yes, but having a group sale makes it easier to move the stuff with the volume of shoppers coming through. And here's a little hint: after you have gone through your closet and gathered your stuff for this year's garage sale, make sure all your hangers in your closet face one direction. Then, throughout the year, as you wear your clothes, flip the hanger the other direction. By next year, you'll know what you haven't worn in a year and can get rid of it at the sale next year.

Calendar

After having a 4th of July block party for 17 years by the Division 1 Park, we're not planning on having one this year. With the fireworks ban, part of the appeal is gone, plus so many of our kids have grown up and moved on, it's just not the same.

Hope you feel free to pull out a barbeque though, and invite your neighbors for an impromptu get-together. We did that over Memorial Day weekend and it was great fun. And if you want to get a bit bigger in scale, it's easy to apply for a street vacation permit through City Hall a few weeks in advance of your event, and have your party out on the street, whatever the occasion. *Just be sure to invite me!* ☺

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 7th 7:00 PM, Division 1 Park off of NE 23rd Street. Come participate in our annual get-together where neighborhoods across America unite in their stand against crime. We invite the Renton Police Department to show up with a variety of kid giveaways and a police dog (if they aren't too busy fighting off the bad guys). We will have a dessert social so bring a dessert to share. This is the one time a year where you are encouraged to leave your porch light on all night to show the bad guys we know they are out there and we're watching for them.

End of August Summer Celebration. The last week of summer vacation, we try to plan a few events for the kids to get together and celebrate their last few days of vacation before school starts. We usually have an ice cream social at the Division 1 Park and have ice cream floats another night at the Division 3/4 park.

Watch for the A-boards at the entrances for more details.

LNO (Ladies Night Out) So, anyone want to see this get started up again? Apparently, after the Friesens left, this sort of fell by the wayside. And now the Milnor's are leaving so we're starting from scratch. We need someone to volunteer to coordinate this and I'd be happy to help spread the word. Used to be one Wednesday night going to a local restaurant but any night would work. Summer's are harder to get together so if I don't hear from anyone, maybe in September, I'll try to jump start it. It could even transform into a progressive party night (Ladies Night IN?), with appetizers at one house, a main course at another, and dessert at the last.

I personally know the value of getting to know my neighbors better by getting together for playgroups, ladies night out, camping trips and have lifetime friendships now because of these wonderful gatherings. Thanks to all of those who have participated in the past and we encourage all you women in Summerwind to band together and get to know your neighbors better. And there is NO better excuse to clean your house than to invite neighbors in!

H.O.A. President (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702, president@Summerwindrenton.com) Spring appears to have sprung and once again too many violation letters are going out to address neglected yards. Please take note of Rule 4.1a referenced in the "Know Your CC&R's" section of this newsletter and do your part to keep our community looking its best. Also, keep in mind our new fine structure, which was adopted in March and subsequently mailed to all homeowners, that calls for a \$300/month fine assessment after four observations of any given violation within a 12-month period.

After last year's annual neighborhood garage sale, the board received a request to establish rules for future garage sales. The request was the result of a few industrious homeowners with large garage sale events. We didn't receive any complaints this year, so it looks like our reminder to homeowners that "the purpose of the annual sale is to dispose of **your** usable household items" was successful.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, acc@Summerwindrenton.com): **Air Conditioning Installations** - The Summerwind Rules and Regulations require that any air conditioning equipment be at the rear of the residence and out of view from the front of your home. As a 'change' to your exterior, any new installation of air conditioning should be reviewed and approved by the ACC prior to installation. Along with the ACC Project Application, a photograph or plot plan with the unit drawn in will suffice to submit the placement of your unit, along with a brochure showing its appearance. If a variance is needed, submittal should include plans for screening from the front of your home.

Exterior Television Satellite Dishes and Antennas - One of the reasons Summerwind looks so great is because rooftop television satellite dishes and antennas are curtailed by our covenants. Smaller dish antennas, however, are allowed. The location of the installation needs to be approved by the Summerwind Architectural Control Committee. If you plan to install a dish at your home, please give the ACC notice of your wishes by submitting a project application and tell us where on your home or property you want to install it. The ACC has no intentions of restricting the installation of a dish unless its location will tend to detract from the appearance of your home or neighborhood. With new technology, there are several places a dish can be installed on houses without detracting from our residential settings.

The community's cooperation in this matter will be appreciated and the ACC will endeavor to respond to your requests as quickly as possible. When submitting your request for installation approval, please submit a plot plan and or photos of your house on your lot with two or three suitable locations for its installation. The ACC will respond with its approval as quickly as possible.

Landscaping (Brent Walton, 425-228-9942, landscaping@Summerwindrenton.com) As Summer nears, please take time to keep your lawn and planting areas maintained and weed free. This will help keep our neighborhood at it's best. At the same time, I am working with our landscape company to improve the maintenance of our development. Weeding and trimming along the walkways and islands, and mowing by the detention pond are a few areas that need better care. Also, construction of the new Summerwind Park is scheduled to start this Summer. Most of the work will be done by the construction crews, but we will be organizing neighborhood work parties to help with landscaping and finishing touches on the playground equipment, etc. Let me know if you would be interested in helping with these activities. Assuming all goes well, we hope to see you at the Park later this Summer for some fun neighborhood activities!

Membership (Wes Bye, 425-235-3787, membership@Summerwindrenton.com): Hello to all new neighbors! I hope to get around to see you all very soon. In the mean time, please feel free to drop me a note with any questions. Please remember to review the CCR'S in your welcome packet. The welcome packet is also full of other great information to help welcome you to this great neighborhood! If you don't receive a welcome packet soon, please let me know.

Traffic/Safety (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, traffic_and_safety@Summerwindrenton.com): Recently copper electrical wire has been stolen from a street light post in our neighborhood as well as from other surrounding communities. If you notice and suspicious activities, immediately report it to the Renton Police Department.

Summer is upon us and that means kids are playing outside more and more, so please continue exercise caution when driving through the neighborhood by obeying the 25 MPH speed limit and yielding at intersections where stop signs are not posted.

Lastly, Puget Sound Security Patrol has increased their patrols to 3 times daily for the summer months.

Summer Wind Management Service Around The Clock, Inc, 422 W Titus St, Kent, WA 98032.
Phone: (253) 852-3000, Fax: (253) 852-1417.

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. Check out the calendar feature. You can also subscribe to particular pages to receive a notification when the page has changed.

Right now, there are a few **discounts** being advertised to Seniors (those over 60 years old) and People with Disabilities living in Renton, such as a \$40 voucher for fresh fruits and vegetables at any King County farmer's market (and Renton's Tuesday afternoon market just opened on the 5th of June and goes until mid-September). There are utility tax rebates and discounts and a cable tv discount that you might want to check out. Some have a deadline in June or are first-come, first serve, so don't delay and check these discounts out!!

Know Your CC&R's Rules and Regulations 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.

Duval Avenue NE (SR 900 to North City Limits – 2007-2012 TIP #32 Project Manager – James Wilhoit, 425-430-7319. This project will widen Duval Ave NE to five lanes (including a two-way left-turn lane in the middle) from the Sunset (SR 900)/Duval Ave NE intersection to the north City Limits at NE 23rd Street, construct curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes on both sides of Duval Ave NE, convert overhead power lines to underground and include safety features at specific locations.

This project will be done in conjunction with improvements within the King County portion of the road and also complement the City of Newcastle's Coal Creek Parkway Widening project to the north. The portion within King County is being managed by the City of Renton and is reflected in their 2007-2012 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) as Duval Avenue NE (Coal Creek Parkway-King County) TIP#54.

Combined with the recently completed Renton Sunset/Duval Intersection Improvement project, and the segment of Coal Creek Parkway previously widened in Newcastle from Lake Boren Park all the way north to I-405, these project will improve safety and ease congestion on the Coal Creek Parkway corridor from Renton to Bellevue, making it an important alternative to I-405 as a commute route.

In order to limit the construction duration to less than one year, Duval Avenue NE/Coal Creek Parkway will be closed to thru traffic between Sunset and SE 95th Way beginning in the summer of 2007 and lasting for approximately seven months. Main detours for traffic will be via Sunset, 148th Ave NE, and May Valley Road east of the project area, and via Sunset and Union Ave NE west of the project area.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2007 and be completed in 2008. Project budget = \$11 million.

West Nile Virus Precautions

We can all do our part to help prevent the spread of this awful disease.

Once a week, go around the outside of your house, find any standing water, and dump it. That will help keep the mosquito larvae from hatching. (Although draining standing water from gutters is a whole different ballgame!)

People over the age of 50 are most at risk.

Prime time for mosquitoes to be out is dawn and dusk. Wear long sleeve shirts, pants, hats when going in the woods or wetlands.

Year	Fatalities	
1999	7	All in New York
2000	2	East Coast
2001	9	East Coast
2002	284	All the way to Wyoming/California
2003	264	
2004	100	
2005	3000	First time in humans in Washington State
2006	177	
2007	So far this year, there have only been three cases of West Nile encephalitis/West Nile meningitis and they are all in Mississippi.	

Use repellent. In general, you should re-apply repellent if you are being bitten by mosquitoes. Sweating, perspiration or getting wet may mean that you need to re-apply repellent more frequently.

Repellents containing a higher concentration (higher percentage) of active ingredient typically provide longer-lasting protection.

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus [active ingredient: p-menthane 3,8-diol (PMD)], a plant-based repellent, is also registered with EPA. In two recent scientific publications, when oil of lemon eucalyptus was tested against mosquitoes found in the US it provided protection similar to repellents with low concentrations of DEET. According to the label, oil of lemon eucalyptus products should NOT be used on CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS.
- Permethrin is another long-lasting repellent that is intended for application to clothing and gear, but not directly to skin. Permethrin-treated clothing repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes, and other arthropods and retains this effect after repeated laundering. The permethrin insecticide should be reapplied following the label instructions. Some commercial products are available pretreated with permethrin.

A product containing 23.8% DEET provided an average of 5 hours of protection from mosquito bites.

A product containing 20% DEET provided almost 4 hours of protection

A product with 6.65% DEET provided almost 2 hours of protection

Products with 4.75% DEET were both able to provide roughly 1 and a half hour of protection.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Environmental Health has updated their

recommendation for use of DEET products on children in 2003, citing: "Insect repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide, also known as N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) with a concentration of 10% appear to be as safe as products with a concentration of 30% when used according to the directions on the product labels." AAP recommends that repellents with DEET should not be used on infants less than 2 months old.

- When using repellent on a child, apply it to your own hands and then rub them on your child. Avoid children's eyes and mouth and use it sparingly around their ears.
- Do not apply repellent to children's hands. (Children may tend to put their hands in their mouths.)
- Do not allow young children to apply insect repellent to themselves; have an adult do it for them.
- Keep repellents out of reach of children.
- Do not apply repellent under clothing. If repellent is applied to clothing, wash treated clothing before wearing again. (May vary by product, check label for specific instructions.)

To report a dead bird, go to www.tpchd.org. It must appear to have died by natural causes. To dispose of dead birds, don't touch them, but double bag them and throw them in the trash.

A May basket! "It's been a long time – many thanks to all those who artistically created and delivered this to our front door. The flowers were beautiful, too. Words can't really express my pleasure, but "you made my day." Part of the May Basket ritual was that one didn't know the giver and this is true again. So whoever you are – many thanks!!" –Miriam McNair

Ms. McNair also thanks the volunteer leaders who work with the young people in Scots (boys & girls), Campfire, etc., that many our community special. KUDOS to you!

Lawn care tips Sow, Grow & Mow! Fertilizing, watering and proper mowing will go a long way toward healing and maintaining your lawn. The goal in fertilizing is to apply 5 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn per year. (Nitrogen is the first of the numbers on a bag of fertilizers.) Figure on applying slow-release fertilizer three times a year if you mulch and five times a year if you don't.

Water in the early morning, once a week, and long enough to apply 1 inch of water over the entire lawn. Sprinklers that apply ¼-inch of water every 20 minutes must run for 80 minutes to meet the mark. Measure yours by spreading empty containers around the lawn and running the sprinkler for 20 minutes, then measure the depth of the water inside.

Finally, don't cut your grass too short. Mowing high produces stronger, healthier grass with deeper roots and fewer weeds and pest problems. Most grasses are best mowed 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches high. That means you should probably cut your grass every five to ten days on average. – Excerpt from *Consumers Reports*.

Shower sealer Since we have so many new residents living in Summerwind, thought you should know that those of you with tile and grout showers need to periodically deep clean your showers and reseal the grout and tile with a sealer (a liquid you brush on from the hardware store). If you don't do this every 6 months or so, the grout no longer creates a waterproof barrier and you will have water damage start to show, especially on those showers upstairs.

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<http://www.smilebox.com>

