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Summer Wind Community Website Update! Please check the website on October 1 for an exciting update to the site. Many more resources and information about the community and a secure, residents-only, section for non-public information.

We had a very small turnout at our Night Out Against Crime this year, always held the first Tuesday in August. This keeps Summer Wind certified as a Block Watch neighborhood. But thanks to all of you who turned out for our end of summer celebrations the last week of August! We had 45 come to the Ice Cream Social and 65 for the Root Beer Floats. There were desserts at the Night Out Against Crime gathering -- maybe we need to switch to ice cream because that seems to get you out! Thanks for participating! I'm always happy when new kids who have moved to the neighborhood during the summer meet others their age before school starts.

There has been a lot of missing cat notices posted this summer. We believe the coyotes are getting them so try to keep an eye on your small pets.

Calendar

<p>Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 23, 7 – 9:30 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! If you can't attend, send a proxy with a neighbor or board member so we can save the expense of calling a second meeting.</p>
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LNO (Ladies Night Out) Discontinued at this point. Want to start it up again?

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 (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702, president@summerwindrenton.com): It's been a very busy summer in Summer Wind. I'd like to take a moment to announce the opening of the new Division 4/5 Park and Sport Court. This massive undertaking was spearheaded by Brent Walton and he did a great job of planning, completing, and talking to neighbors about it. He even got us some very substantial funding through the City of Renton's neighborhood grant program. The majority of funding was supplied by the sale of a small strip of property in the northwest corner of Division 1 that was more of a liability than anything else. Don Schultz was great with following up and following through on that task until the sale was completed. Both of these gentlemen put in countless hours toward the improvement of our community and brought in enough funding to complete the project without tapping into our reserve account. Not to be left out is Jason Cook, who donated several hours of his time and carpentry skills to bring a play set to the park so the smaller kids will have something to do, too. And finally, a big thanks to the homeowners living adjacent to the new park for putting up with the construction process and giving the park your support!

I'd also like to send out a very special thank you to those of you who do your part each day to keep our community looking its best. We appreciate your patience and understanding during our transition to the revised fine structure and as we continue to get the property management company on board regarding violations, etc. We have seen a consistent decrease in the number of violations reported by our property management team over the past several months, so to those of you who received a letter and took care of the issue, I say "thank you." Also, please keep in mind that if you receive a letter that you feel is undeserved, you can request a hearing before the board and state your case. We have no desire to be adversarial and understand that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances involved that we need to take into account.

And finally, with elections approaching, please take special notice of this quarter's "Know your CC&R's" section of this newsletter.

Have a fantastic fall, and we'll see you at the Annual Meeting!

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, acc@summerwindrenton.com): Please return your Summer Wind approved project signs when your project is complete. We re-use these signs with each new homeowner project, which saves the Association money. For those that have returned them, thank you!

The ACC Process:

- 1. Plan Your Project.** Project Applications and pre-approved material lists are listed on our community website.
- 2. Submit Your Request/Plans to the ACC @ acc@summerwindrenton.com.** Include material samples for non pre-approved items such as paint chip and drawings for landscape, etc.
- 3. Receive ACC Approval.** Usually takes 7 to 10 days. If the item is of an urgent matter, such as a leaking roof, contact the ACC and Property Manager to ensure a rapid response.
- 4. Start Your Work**

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): It was nice to meet some of our newest neighbors at our new park "grand opening." Mayor Keolker, Norma McQuiller, Alex Pietsch, and Suzanne Dale Estey from the City came to our event and got to see first hand how we put their grant money to use. Our sweat equity to match the grant and funds from the sale of a sliver of surplus property to the City paid for this 100%. Thanks to the hard work of Brent Walton, the HOA board members, and neighborhood volunteers, we have a wonderful new asset in Summer Wind. Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting!

Traffic/Safety (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, traffic_and_safety@summerwindrenton.com): Construction has begun on the new May Creek bridge in conjunction with the project to widen Duvall AVE NE and Coal Creek Parkway. According to the City of Renton's Web site, beginning early 2008 Duvall/Coal Creek will be closed to thru traffic between Sunset BLVD and SE 95th Way for approximately 12 months. You may want to consider leaving earlier to work/school during this time to avoid significant delays.

For more information visit these Web sites:

<http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=8024>

<http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/cip/ProjectDetail.aspx?CIPID=200891>

http://www.ci.newcastle.wa.us/r_yg_city_projects.asp

<http://projects.ch2m.com/coalcreek/>

Around the Clock, Inc. Our management service can be reached at 253-862-3000, Fax 253-852-1417. Mailing address is 422 W Titus St., Kent, WA 98032.

Puget Sound Security Patrol (PSSP) (425-454-5011 24-Hour) Report all incidences to them, our hired security company, after calling 911 as necessary. I know of one incident in Summer Wind in August where a windshield was broken and a GPS unit stolen.

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 CC&R 7.9 SIGNS – "No signs shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one professional sign of not more than one square foot, one sign of not more than five square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by Declarant or other home builder to advertise the property during the construction and sales period."

This rule applies to all signs - including political signs. While we respect your desire to demonstrate your support of your chosen candidate(s), we ask that you respect your fellow homeowners and adhere to this rule.

Garage Door Opener Annual Maintenance My neighbor Gordon asked me to share this bit – did you know that every year you should spray your pulley on your garage door opener with some WD-40? This keeps it lubricated and functioning properly and can delay replacement costs down the road. Also, you should check to see if your springs are still doing their job. Close your door 2/3rds of the way, then disengage your opener and see if the door stays open or slams shut. If it stays open, the springs are still strong. If not, it's just a matter of time before they will fail, which could be a safety hazard. When they break, they can really fly and do damage, not to mention having the door come crashing down on something when you're not expecting it to close.

Useful hints

Bed Sheets After drying your sheets, put both of the neatly folded sheets and one of the pillowcases in the other pillow case. The next time you change sheets, you just take out the one pillow case with the sheets and the other pillow case inside. No need to look for matches.

Reheat Pizza Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. This is on the cooking channel and it really works.

Easy Deviled Eggs Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal the bag and mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up, mixing thoroughly. Cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze the mixture into the egg. Then simply throw bag away when done – easy clean up.

Expanding Frosting When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat fewer sugar/calories per serving.

Reheating Refrigerated Bread To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper Weeds-Away Start by putting in your plants. Work your normal nutrients into your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go, cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds WILL get through some gardening plastics. They will NOT get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken pieces of glass – the fibers catch ones you can't see.

No More Mosquitoes Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away! To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. To keep them from eating all of your bird seed, add red pepper flakes to the seed. The birds aren't bothered by it, but the squirrels hate it! (Cat's don't like it either.)

Easier Thank You's When you throw a bridal/baby shower, buy a pack of Thank You cards for the guest of honor. During the party, pass out the envelopes and have everyone put their address on one. When the bride/new mother gets ready to write out the thank you notes, they're all addressed!

New Bike If you purchase a new bike for your child, place his/her picture inside the handle bar before placing the grips on. If the bike is ever stolen and later recovered, you can remove the grip and there is your proof who actually owns the bike.

Flexible Vacuum To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum hose. It can be bent or flattened to get into those narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. The same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place the pin in seam of slacks and - voila! - static is gone.

Measuring Cups Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient (such as peanut butter) and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog up, rub with the eraser! It works better than a cloth!

Conditioner Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner that you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair...

Good-bye Fruit Flies To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass and fill it to "1" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid - mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home" & can't digest it... so it kills them. It may take a week or so (especially if it rains) but it works...and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

Sand Gone Take baby powder to the beach. Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you're ready to leave the beach sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder. The sand will slide right off your skin.

New businesses keep on coming in! First of all, you probably already are aware of the new shopping center, the Landing, near the Renton Boeing plant that will be opening in October. The first big store to open will be Target, with a grand opening date of October 14th. The Lowe's store shouldn't be too far behind. But reading the list of stores at the new mall has us eagerly anticipating them opening ...Staples, PetSmart, Confetti Junction, Regal Cinemas, Sleep Country, Verizon Wireless, Golf Galaxy, Jamba Juice, Jimmy Johns, Panda Express, Panera Bread, Red Robin... There will be a lot more stores but these are the names they have released so far. It'll be great to keep our dollars spent right here in Renton – going to Factoria/Issaquah/Southcenter for a Target has been a real hassle over the years.

And in the Highlands, on 4th Avenue, there's a Carl's Jrs. in the works. And I'm impressed with the little new shopping center across from Dairy Queen. You can listen to live music at the gelato place on Friday nights from 5 until closing.

See you at the annual HOA meeting!



Be thankful!