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The Landing is coming along nicely. I love having a Target closer to home and supporting my own city's economy. Lowe's had the best price for healthy poinsettias at Christmas time. Right now, they have basket stuffers for a little over a dollar (white and pink bacopas, mini daisies, snap dragons, petunias) and in the two dollar range, a good variety of ground covers (wire plants in pots are so pretty with their dainty round leaves). Red Robin is supposed to open on April 14th, which is coming up pretty fast. The 14-screen Regal Cinema should be operational in October, with a parking garage right next door, and 440 residential units ready for occupancy in November. Mixed-use development in urban centers seems to make a lot of sense – people living right next to the stores, theatres, an impressive exercise facility – built in customers.

Most people are very happy to discover that to kill pesky grass and weeds growing in your driveway and on your sidewalk, just use ordinary vinegar that you can buy in bulk from Sam's or Costco for next to nothing. It'll make them die off within the week and is so much better for the environment, way cheaper than chemical weed killers and it saves your time and fingers in a big way!!

Calendar

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt Hope those of you who participated had fun!

The Hazen Players present: *You Can't Take It With You*, a Pulitzer Prize winning comedic play by Hart & Kaufman. Come see the production at the Auditorium at Hazen High School. Performance dates are May 1st, 2nd & 3rd at 7:00pm Tickets will be available at the door. At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before you realize that if they are mad, then the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy Kirbys. Tony, the attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore house on the wrong evening. The shock sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, who are invited to eat cheap food, shows Alice that marriage with Tony is out of the question. The Sycamores find it hard to realize Alice's view. Tony knows the Sycamores live the right way with love and care for each other, while his own family is the one that's crazy. In the end, Mr. Kirby is converted to the happy madness of the Sycamores (particularly because he happens in during a visit by the ex-Grand Duchess of Russia Olga Katrina, who is currently earning her living as a waitress). Starring Summerwind resident Jillian Eaker.

Neighborhood Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st, 9 AM – 4 PM will be our annual sale. We'll put out about 30 signs directing people to the neighborhood sale and post it on Craigslist so if you want to participate, just put your stuff out, and buyers will come. And a reminder, the purpose of the neighborhood garage sale is for you to dispose of **YOUR** usable household items. You might put up a sign at the intersection inside Summerwind closest to your house to make sure people turn down your street. The construction on Duvall might have an impact on the volume of shoppers.

The Olympus neighborhood sale is Mother's Day weekend, so we're not competing with them.

H.O.A. President (Rob Richardson, 425-793-9702, president@summerwindrenton.org): I think we're all ready for Spring to arrive so we can get out into our yards and do a little landscaping and maintenance. ☺ Bring on the sunshine!

As a Board, one of our goals this year is to update our CC&R's to be current with Washington State Law. Additionally, we are examining ways of reducing the quorum attendance requirements of our Annual Meeting as well as implementing a perpetual proxy, so homeowners won't have to submit a new proxy each year. We are also planning to perform a Reserve Study to establish concrete guidelines for our savings goals to make sure we can maintain our common areas. Many of you have probably noticed that one of the entrance monuments (off Coal Creek) is being replaced. Unfortunately, water damage had deteriorated the brick to the point that the entire monument required replacement. Our reserve funds exist for this sort of work.

CDC is continuing to perform random drive-thru inspections of our neighborhood looking for violations. Please keep in mind that if you receive a violation 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 that require special consideration.

Committee Reports

Architectural Control (Steve Wales, 425-277-1880, acc@summerwindrenton.org): Nothing submitted this time. A reminder though, that if you are planning on any external home improvement projects this summer, all the forms you need to get approval is on our website.

Landscaping (Brent Walton, 425-228-9942, bmlmwalton@hotmail.com): As we head toward the sunny days of Summer, please remember to maintain your yard and planting beds in good condition. Maintenance includes mowing, weeding, watering, and fertilizing. Thanks to all for keeping your yards in great shape, and helping to make Summerwind a beautiful place to live.

Membership (Wes Bye, 425-235-3787, membership@Summerwindrenton.org): Nothing this time.

Traffic/Safety (Jason Cook, 425-687-4910, traffic_and_safety@summerwindrenton.org): We continue to get periodic reports from neighbors of attempted and actual break-ins, whether it be to their homes or vehicles. Also, there have been reports of wiring being stolen from street lamps in our and surrounding neighborhoods. Please report any suspicion people and/or vehicles to the City or Renton Police Department (425-430-7500), first and foremost, and it would also be helpful if you could report it to Puget Sound Security (425-454-5011). If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

CDC Management Services LLC Our management service can be reached at 425-897-3400. Mailing address is 11211 Slater Ave NE #200, Kirkland, WA 98033. Marian Hughes is our property manager, their website is www.cdcmanagement.com.

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 <http://www.rentonwa.gov> features a lot of upcoming events that you might be interested in as a Renton resident.

Several things to note this month: Spring Recycle Day at the Renton Technical College May 10th, 9AM – 3 PM; ReUse It! Renton Stop & Swap at the Renton Memorial Stadium is May 31st (donate yours or discover someone else's reusable stuff), and the popular annual CleanSweep curbside garbage pickup aka Load Zone will be sometime in June so watch your mail for more information. With the Benson Hill area annexing into Renton on March 1st, the City is hiring 91 new employees this year. This is unprecedented and if you know someone looking for a job, tell them to check out the City's website.

Know Your CC&R's (It's a 2-fer this time around – that's right, BONUS!)

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 (14) hours before and twelve (12) hours past the designated collection time assuming 8:00 a.m. pickup.*

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 playgrounds and entrance landscaping of Summerwind. This maintenance shall include weeding, fertilizing, watering and mowing as required to retain that quality.*

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners Three beautifully decorated homes received a gift card from Target. Thanks to all those who participated and judged!!

1 st prize: 5104 NE 18 th Ct. Stan and Karen Kawamoto	\$75.00
2 nd prize: 5018 NE 21 st St. Mike and Connie White	\$50.00
3 rd prize: 5108 NE 21 st St. Michael Broughton	\$25.00

Map Your Neighborhood Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaire and returned it to me. We have a small database started now. Ideally, to roll out this program in this large of a neighborhood, we'll need to organize a few smaller, block-by-block, meetings where you get to learn enough information about your neighbors to be of some help as necessary when and if an emergency happens. The next free training class (Course #452, Item #0918) at the Renton Technical College is 7-9 PM, April 29th, Bldg H, Rm 102. You can email me if you want a registration form. Refer back to the December 2007 newsletter if you want more information. The same questionnaire from December is included here for those of you still wanting to respond.

Duvall Ave Construction The project will widen Duvall Ave/Coal Creek Parkway between SR 900 (Sunset Blvd NE) and the 95th Way Intersection, from two to four and five lanes. It will be five lanes (including a two-way left-turn lane in the middle) from Sunset to NE 23rd Street, then will taper down from five lanes at NE 23rd Street to four at the 95th Way Intersection. The project will also construct curb, gutter, and sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of Duvall Ave as well bicycle lanes, and it will convert overhead power lines to underground.

Additionally, it will include a full signal at the intersection of Duvall Ave and NE 21st Street and will relocate the existing pedestrian crosswalk at that intersection with a new one on the south leg of the intersection. In order to minimize the total duration of the project and the associated disruption, Duvall Ave will be closed to traffic between SE 107th Place and SE 95th Way for a period of 13 months. Bids were open 2/26/08 and the contract was awarded by City Council on 3/17/08 to low bidder Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$10,081,569.23. This closure is expected to begin in late May of this year (contractor has to obtain some permits before actually starting the physical work that will require the closure). During the closure, residents of Summerwind and other subdivisions near the project area will be able to cross Duvall Ave as necessary for access to and from their residences. The contractor also has to provide safe pedestrian passageway along Duvall. Residents of homes fronting on Duvall will still be able to access their homes, and METRO and the Renton School District will still serve the area with modified routes. With the increased traffic that the closure will shift to Union Avenue in the vicinity of Sierra Heights Elementary School, the City will be taking steps to ensure the safety of schoolchildren going to and from the school.

One of the first tasks the contractor will perform is to install new locking mailboxes at various locations to replace the mailboxes it will then remove along Duvall (this is because the Post Office will no longer deliver to boxes on Duvall after bike lanes go in as part of the improvements). None of the Summerwind residents will have their mailboxes replaced; however, there will be a new bank of locking mailboxes (7 total) installed adjacent to the existing bank of mailboxes to the east of the SE corner of the Duvall/21st Street intersection, in front of the house at 4701 NE 21st Street, to serve some of the residents on Duvall whose Duvall mailboxes are to be removed. Another of the earliest tasks to be done, in the first 90 days of construction, will be the undergrounding of electrical and communication utilities, which will include considerable trench excavation primarily along the east side of Duvall. Demolition of the existing road pavement will probably be occurring about the same time, followed by construction of an underground stormwater vault in Duvall near 107th Place and a stormwater detention pond east of Duvall/Coal Creek Parkway just north of the 95th Way Intersection. Specific sequence of these activities will not be known until we receive a schedule from the contractor after the contract is formally executed (signed by contractor and City). There will be a pre-construction meeting some time in April. – Submitted by James P. Wilhoit, PE, City of Renton Duvall Widening Project Manager.

Saving Electricity – The Challenge My mom’s friend in South Dakota has a huge farm, yet his electricity bill is under \$20 a month. How is that possible? He unplugs everything, except for when he’s using it – the TV, the washing machine, the toaster, the lamps, the radio... He’s discovered that lots of things in our homes use energy even when they are turned off. A TV uses power to receive the signal from a remote to tell it to turn on. Looking on the internet, besides doing the obvious things like insulating, using the AC less, installing ceiling fans, using compact fluorescent lights, and turning out lights when not in use, you can find all sorts of ways to save even more. For example, a computer, monitor and cable modem together suck 11 watts even when powered down. An idle CD player can munch 6 watts. So can a switched-off TV. Did you know that the clock on your microwave can use more energy than the oven itself if you don’t use your oven that much?

One simple thing we all can do is use a power strip and turn it off each time we finish using the electrical device. You’ll lose the clock and programmability of the microwave oven and VCR with these though.

Here are some real energy hogs:

5000 watt Electric oven	15-95 watt Ceiling fans	18 watt Compact fluorescent light bulb
5000 watt Clothes dryer (electric)	140-330 watt Desktop Computer & 17" CRT monitor	3 watt-hour Total power stored by an alkaline AA battery. This is to put batteries into perspective. If you could power your clock radio with an AA battery, it wouldn't even last an hour.
3800 watt Water heater (electric)	1-20 watt Desktop Computer & monitor in sleep mode	
3500 watt Central Air (2.5 tons)	120 watt 17" CRT monitor	
1500 watt Microwave oven	40 watt 17" LCD monitor	
1500 watt Toaster (four-slot)	45 watt Laptop computer	
900 watt Coffee maker	60-100 watts Regular light bulb	
800 watt Range burner	4-165 watt Video game (while playing game)	
500-1400 watt Window Unit Air	30W for PS2, 70W for Xbox, 165W for Xbox 360)	
200-700 watt Refrigerator	50-90 watt 19" TV	
60-100 watt Light Bulbs (x many in the house left on when not used)		
100 watt Floor/Box fan (on Hi)		

So, if you are ready to save some money, try taking a few steps to conserve energy. If you want to document it and let me know the results, I'd be happy to share your good news to motivate others to try to beat your savings.

Summerwind HOA Map Your Neighborhood Questionnaire

All information will be kept in a database on a home computer within Summerwind to be used specifically for reference in the case of a disaster by those team members in charge of each section of Summerwind as it gets mapped into smaller divisions of about 10 homes.
It will not be used in any other manner.

Contact list:

House # _____ Street _____ Lot # _____ Section _____ (see map)

Residing at this address: # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of Pets _____

Home phone _____ Cell phones _____

Email _____

(Please supply this email address to the Neighborhood webmaster for Summerwind event announcements Y___ N___)

Any people with medical needs/conditions Y___ N___ If yes, what _____

Language spoken at home (other than English) _____

In the case of a disaster:

I am willing to help within the neighborhood Y___ N___

I am willing to help as a volunteer outside Summerwind in a coordinated neighborhood effort Y___ N___

I work _____ miles from home in _____ (city) during the day _____/night _____.

I have contacts to a larger organization that can be called upon to assist (ie, a faith-based organization) Y___ N___

If Yes, what organization _____

I appreciate your concern, but I'm just not interested _____

Skills Inventory: (Add any extras)	Trained or skilled	Untrained, but willing
Carpenter		
Child care		
CERT trained		
Coordinating & organizing		
Crisis Counseling		
Elder care		
Electrician		
Firefighting		
First aid/CPR Certified		
Large scale food preparation		
Medical training/Dr./Nurse		
Plumber		
Search & rescue		

X	Equipment/Supplies Inventory:	Notes:
	Camp stove	
	CB/Ham radio	
	Chain saw	
	Crow bar	
	Fire extinguisher	
	First aid supplies	
	Generator	
	Ladder	
	NOAA weather radio	
	On-Star	
	Strong rope	
	Tents/spare bedding	
	Walkie-talkie	

Take the readiness test:

We have a disaster readiness kit assembled for our home, stored in a safe place Y___ N___

We know how to turn off our gas supply Y___ N___

Entire family knows a long-distance phone number/email address to get messages to each other Y___ N___

Entire family understands the basics of the Map Your Neighborhood concept Y___ N___

Entire family knows meeting place within Summerwind Y___ N___ outside of Summerwind Y___ N___