

VINTAGE I NEWSLETTER

Fall Edition – Oct. 5, 2004

AUTUMN GREETINGS!

Hello from the Vintage One Homeowners Board – we hope you're enjoying the fall season. Please visit our website (<http://www.vintageonehoa.com>) to give us your comments and thoughts.

SAFETY NEWS -- PLEASE READ

Numerous residents have reported cracked heat exchangers in their furnaces over the past few months. If left unrepaired, these can leak dangerous carbon monoxide into the house. Please read the attached flyer for information on how to repair this.

PARK UPDATE

The new play equipment is almost finished being installed in the park at 238th Ave, but a shipping error has delayed the completion of installation. The installation should finally be completed within the next couple of weeks at the latest. We hope you'll agree that the addition of swings and equipment for toddlers will be an excellent addition to our neighborhood.

VINTAGE ONE WEBSITE

The Board would like to extend a special thanks to Rebecca Harriss, who has maintained our community website since its inception.

Rebecca will be moving soon and is stepping down as webmaster, so we need a new volunteer to run the site. Please contact the Board through the website (<http://www.vintageonehoa.com>) if you're interested.

EARLY REMINDER ON DUES

Remember that homeowners dues will be due in Jan.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We want to re-establish the Neighborhood Watch Program in our neighborhood. Contact George Malone at 369-1585 if you're interested in participating.

ELECTION SIGNS

The Board wants to remind residents that election signs are permitted on private property, but not in common areas.

SECURITY ISSUES

Don't forget to close your garage at night to prevent thefts, and keep an eye on your neighbors if you know they're out of town or may have forgotten to close their garage. The City of Sammamish has warned that there has been an increase in garage thefts in our area recently.

Also, people are dumping illegally in our area, which costs the Homeowners Association money to clean up. If you notice any dumping, please get the license plate number of the car and contact the police or the Board. Also, please report any acts of vandalism to the Board.

YARD TIPS AND CARE

We've made great strides this summer getting our lawns restored to their "original" condition. Remember to winterize them so they come back looking great next spring.

PAINTING HOUSES

With many of our houses turning six years old, you'll likely need to repaint soon, especially the trim, which seems to weather faster than the rest of the house. Please remember to budget for painting for next year. If residents plan to change the color of their houses, the Board needs to approve alterations to ensure that the character of the neighborhood is maintained. Please use the form on our website to submit plans.

NO PARKING ON SIDEWALKS

Please remember that all residents' vehicles must be parked in your garage, driveway, or on the street immediately in front of your lot only (and completely off all sidewalks).

RATS

Residents in neighboring Vintage associations have confirmed a problem with rats in the area. To minimize attracting them to our neighborhood, please do not place pet food outside. Rats are also smart and can lift lids on pet feeders.

CAMERAY/BORDEAUX POOL

Although Vintage I residents (Keswick & Avignon) are part-owners of the soccer field in the Cameray/Bordeaux neighborhood, the pool and clubhouse belong exclusively to Cameray and Bordeaux residents. Anyone caught jumping the fence, especially at night, will be subject to prosecution for trespassing. (Parents, please ensure your teens are aware of this issue.)

PET DROPPINGS

We've had a lot of problems with pet owners not cleaning up after their dogs. This is unsightly and unsanitary, especially for small children in the park. To minimize this problem, we're asking all dog owners to carry a plastic bag on their leash or in their hand when walking their dogs and to use them when their dogs mess. If you notice someone walking a dog without a plastic bag in sight, nicely ask them if they have one. Responsible pet owners will not mind being asked.

BUDGET RATIFICATION

The Vintage I budget ratification meeting will be Nov. 22 at the Sammamish Lutheran Church on 228th Ave SE. Reminder notices will be mailed..