

VINTAGE I NEWSLETTER

Spring Edition – March 20, 2005

SPRING GREETINGS!

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

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Vintage One community garage sale will be May 6-7. The Homeowners' Association will pay for classified ads in the Seattle Times/Post-Intelligencer and the King County Journal.

Individual residents will be responsible for their own sales.

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).

'NO SOLICITATION' SIGNS

The Board will be purchasing several "No Solicitation" signs for the neighborhood and placing them in the coming weeks. Please know that this refers to outside solicitations only – neighborhood kids are always welcome.

GARDENING/YARD TIPS

The end of March and beginning of April is a good time to transplant any trees or shrubs. Make sure to mix in potting soil or organic matter into the soil before you plant.

Now is also the time to overseed your yard. Use a grass seed labeled "Northwest mix" for the best results, and be sure to keep it watered.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Don't forget to close your garage 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.

The Board encourages all residents to watch for suspicious activities and report them immediately to the police. Watch out for your neighbors and help us keep Vintage I safe.

PAINTING HOUSES AND FENCES

With many of our houses turning six years old, you'll probably need to repaint soon, especially the trim, which seems to weather faster than the rest of the house.

The approved color for the Quadrant homes' entry-area fence is "Whitewash." It is listed on our website. All other exterior fences need to be the natural wood color, or the stain used on the common area fences: #SW35-11 from Sherwin Williams (color is "Cedar Bark"), which is also listed on the website.

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.

Please remember to submit an architectural request form to the Board for any major changes to the exterior of your house. The Board simply wants to make sure that the character of the community is maintained.

MOTOR SCOOTERS

By City of Sammamish ordinance, children must be least 12 years old and wear a helmet when riding a motorized scooter. Also, gas scooters are not permitted on any sidewalks.

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.

SPEEDING ON 238TH AVE SE

In our continuing efforts to keep speeds down on 238th Ave, the Board is asking residents to report the license plate numbers of cars who speed down this busy street.