

VINTAGE I NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition – June 24, 2005

SUMMER GREETINGS!

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

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

The Board will hold its annual summer celebration July 31 from 3-7 p.m. at the park on 238th Ave. All residents are welcomed – dinner and entertainment will be provided! It's a chance to socialize with your neighbors and enjoy our wonderful community. We hope we'll see you there!

PARKING AT THE PARK

After an accident in front of the park recently, the Board has decided to make the street in front of the park a no-parking zone. Parked cars are a safety hazard, preventing passing drivers from seeing children if they step into the street. Please don't park in front of the park.

YARD CARE TIPS

Please keep your yards maintained to keep our neighborhood beautiful. As we head into the hot months of the summer, the Board offers these helpful yard tips:

Don't overwater yards. Most yards need only an inch of water every few days. If you're unsure how much you're watering, place a bowl in your yard as you water to measure how quickly you get to an inch. Most sprinklers need only 10 minutes or so.

Don't cut your yard too short. Yards thrive when grass is cut to about an inch high.

Remember you must maintain your lawn in the same condition as from the original builder. This not only means the lawn must be mowed and trimmed, it also must be green and seeded as necessary. If a neglected yard becomes an eyesore, the Board will invoke fines until it is restored or have the yard mowed at the resident's expense.

Don't forget also to maintain the sidewalks in front of your houses – please kill

or pull grass from the cracks in the sidewalks to keep our neighborhood looking great.

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.

FIREWORKS

Residents are reminded again that illegal fireworks cannot be tolerated in our neighborhood and the civil penalties that Sammamish can apply are stiff. Be aware that the city and police department are placing a greater emphasis on fireworks this year.

Many still remember having to call the fire trucks a few years ago for a burning tree in a front yard in Keswick.

Also, residents continue to complain about pop bottle rockets ruining lawn furniture and clogging gutters. If you see any illegal fireworks (basically, anything flying in the air), please notify the police and the Homeowners Association. You can remain anonymous.

WE WANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is establishing a list of references and recommendations for home maintenance to post on our website – send recommendations to hoa.vintage@gmail.com and we'll post them on our website.

PAINTING HOUSES AND FENCES

Homeowners have two options for treating their fences:

1. All homeowners may leave them in their natural cedar color using Sherwin Williams

"Clear Woodscapes". (There is a Sherwin Williams store in Issaquah.)

2. Non-Quadrant homeowners may use Sherwin Williams SW8156-30061 solid color "Woodscapes". Quadrant homeowners may use Parker Paint "Swiss Coffee" which matches the trim on the houses. (There is a Parker Paint store on Gilman Boulevard in Issaquah.)

Homeowners may hire anyone they choose to perform the work. To hire the same contractor that painted the common area fences, please contact HomeSmart Services at 425-450-4421. The Vintage Homeowner's Association has negotiated a price for 2005 of \$135 to pressure wash the fence, plus \$2.50 per lineal foot per side to paint the fence.

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.

WOOD-BURNING STOVES

The Board has received inquiries from residents about wood-burning stoves. There is no city or state ordinance against wood-burning stoves, but, according to the Fire Marshall, residents must only burn seasoned wood (not yard clippings) and must keep the stove 25 feet from buildings or trees.

Also, please be sensitive to how the smoke from your stove might be blowing into neighbors' homes.

SINGLE-BIN RECYCLING OFFERED

Rabanco is offering 60-gallon single-bin recycling as a test program in our area. If you're interested, contact Rabanco for more information at (206) 682-9730.

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.

RATS

Residents in the neighborhood have confirmed a problem with rats. 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. Also, animal control experts have said that bird feeders attract rats.

MOSS

We've noticed homes with moss on their roofs. In addition to being potentially destructive, it's unsightly and needs to be removed. To assist residents, the Association's management company (MacPherson's) has obtained the numbers for two qualified contractors for residents: Gleem Services (425-450-4421) and Rick's Window Rangers (425-641-7383).

Please understand this is offered as a service only. The Association has no interest in the particular contractor selected, financial or otherwise. You may hire another contractor or treat the moss yourself.

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.

PARKING

Remember, cars are never to be parked on the sidewalks. Also, residents are reminded to park only in their garage, in their drive, or on the street immediately in front of their own lot.

TRASH

Please refrain from placing trash containers on the street for pick-up until the night before (Wednesday night), and remove them by no later than the evening after pick-up (Thursday night).

E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

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