

# VINTAGE I HOA NEWSLETTER

April 28, 2006

## GREETINGS!

Hello from the Vintage I Homeowners Association (HOA) Board of Directors - Mike, Holly, George and Greg. We hope [you're having a great](#) spring!

Please check out our web site at (<http://www.vintageonehoa.com>) for copies of all important documents such as CC&R's, neighborhood rules, and Board meeting minutes, as well as contact information and a chance to provide feedback to the Board.

If you have any questions or issues, you may also contact our property manager, Jana Zaffarano at MacPherson's Property Management. Jana's job is to assist our homeowners and enforce standards at the direction of the Board. She may be reached at (425) 747-5900 or via email at [janaz@macphersonspm.com](mailto:janaz@macphersonspm.com)

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Vintage One community garage sale will be May 19-20. 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.

## GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM

Recently numerous homes and property throughout neighborhoods that are accessed off of SE 8th and 244th Avenues were the victims of graffiti. The cleanup costs for homeowners, neighborhoods and the city is large. We need to identify the vandals and discourage such behavior quickly.

The vandals are probably young teens under driving age. Typically, such kids brag about their vandalism to friends. Therefore, please ask your children whether they have heard anything about these incidents, and forward any information directly to the Sammamish police.

Vandals typically don't stop such activities on their own, and they're emboldened if not caught or discouraged. And remember, just because you were not a victim during recent days, there is no guarantee you won't become one in the near future. Please take this problem seriously, talk to your kids, and report any suspicious activity.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### SECURITY ISSUES

Don't become a crime victim! Although our neighborhood seems extremely safe, we must maintain vigilance and avoid complacency.

Graffiti has been a problem at area schools and other neighborhoods recently, too.

Keep ~~eeep~~ your garage -closed at night and watch for any suspicious activity or vandalism.

If in doubt, get a license plate number and report it to the HOA at our web site or contact the police.

### TRASH CONTAINERS

The Sammamish Police report that a recent trend in the area is for vandals to light fires in trash cans and recycle bins sitting on curbs overnight for pick-up the next morning.

For this reason, and in compliance with police recommendations, trash cans and recycle containers shall only be placed on the curb after 6 p.m. the evening before trash pick-up and shall be removed the same evening after pick-up. This change to the rules is effective immediately.

Also, be sure to secure your trash against wind, pets and rodents as required in section 8.2 of our neighborhood rules.

If you observe the garbage workers (Allied Waste, formerly Rabanco) dropping or scattering trash during pick-up, please report it directly to them at (425) 392-6651.

Also, Allied Waste is [offering](#) large [single-bin recycling](#) containers to replace the three open containers currently used for recycling. The Board fully supports this change as a means of enhancing the aesthetics of the neighborhood and is revising the neighborhood rules to require them over the three open recycling containers.

It also will minimize trash blowing around our neighborhood on windy days and will make it easier for residents. **You will no longer have to separate your items** -- all recyclables go into the one large container.

Allied Waste will replace your current recycling containers for the new single bin in May, **at no cost to you**. Please leave your three recycling containers out until 7 p.m., and Allied Waste will replace them **on one of**

**the scheduled pick-up days in the month of May as their workload allows.**

If they don't swap them out by 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday, simply put them back out the following Tuesday and so on through the month.

### **PARKING**

Cars parked along 238<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in front of the park **are a safety hazard**, causing drivers to drift from their lane and hindering their view of pedestrians crossing the street.

After an accident at the park last year, the Board started working with the City of Sammamish to establish a no-parking zone. Please note and respect the signs.

Also, please remember that cars are never to be parked on any sidewalk. Residents are to park only in their garage, driveway, or street in front of their lot.

### **SAFETY CONCERNS**

For the past several years, the Board has been trying to work with the City of Sammamish to improve the safety of 238th Ave. as it runs in front of our park. Unfortunately, we will need to move beyond the City itself to raise awareness and get the changes we deem necessary, including a crosswalk in front of the park and extended No Parking over what we currently have to cover the entire front of the park. We're also working with other Vintage neighborhoods to address speeding and the need for crosswalks on SE 8th and 244th Ave. Please contact Jana if you're interested in helping with this or would like to provide additional input on safety needs.

### **SATELLITE DISHES**

Please remember homeowners should have all satellite antennas installed on the rear of their home and as far out of sight of the streets and sidewalks around the home as possible, assuming acceptable reception. If an antenna is installed in a location within sight of the streets and sidewalks around the home and a less obvious location is determined to have acceptable reception, *the homeowner will be responsible for charges associated with moving the antenna*. Please fill out the Architectural Review Request form on our web site to ensure compliance with this requirement.

### **MOSS**

Many homes still have moss on their roofs. In addition to being destructive, it's unsightly and

needs to be removed. Visit our web site for information on qualified contractors to remove it.

### **YARD CARE TIPS**

Overall, our yards are looking better than last year – Thanks! However, summer is coming and yards will need to be maintained and kept green.

Start watering and fertilizing now to ensure a healthy lawn.

Also, be sure to keep your trees and bushes trimmed and your yards edged. Remove any dead branches from trees, and keep your bushes from becoming overgrown.

Don't forget also to maintain the sidewalks around your houses. Please remove all grass from the cracks in the sidewalks to keep our neighborhood looking great.

### **PET CLEAN-UP**

We continue to have 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 when walking their dogs and to use them when required. If you notice someone walking a dog without a plastic bag in sight, politely ask them if they have one. Responsible pet owners will not mind being asked.

### **PAINTING HOUSES AND FENCES**

Many of our houses need paint, especially the trim, which seems to weather faster than the rest of the house. 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 Architectural Review Request form on our website to submit plans.

If you paint-stain your fence, please realize that only specific colors are approved. Details can be found on the web site.

### **RATS**

Residents in the neighborhood have confirmed an ongoing problem with rats, both in homes and the park on 238<sup>th</sup> Ave.

To minimize attracting them, please do not place bird seed or pet food outside. Rats can lift lids on pet feeders.

Also, please encourage children to stay away from dead rats that are found.

