

SUMMER RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



American Black Bear

Bears, Coyotes, Oh My!

Sleepy animals have left their protective dens and are venturing out into the wild, or should I say our neighborhoods. While Sammamish is a well-developed suburban community, people aren't the only ones interested in the real estate.

So how can you stay safe? Here are some great prevention tips from the Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- -Don't leave small children unattended where there have been animal sightings.
- -Never feed coyotes or bears. When they are fed by people they often lose their fear of humans.
- -Don't give them access to garbage cans.
- -Prevent access to fruit trees and compost.
- -Feed dogs and cats indoors.

If you do happen to encounter a coyote, "don't run, be as big, mean, and loud as possible". This behavior should scare them away. If you encounter a black bear, you should back away

slowly, keeping eye contact with the bear. While sightings are rare, it's always good to be aware of your surroundings.





Round-a-bout located at 25th Ave SE and 233rd PI NE

To Stop or Not to Stop?

Is it a roundabout? Is it a two-way stop? Whose right-of-way is it? There are many questions regarding the traffic circle located at the intersection of 25th Ave SE and 233rd Pl NE. First off, the traffic circle is technically not a roundabout, rather a "neighborhood traffic calming circle," according to WSDOT. The purpose is to slow traffic and prevent accidents. So how do drivers appropriately use the "calming circle?"

If you are approaching from either direction on 25th Ave SE, slow down as you approach the traffic circle and continue to drive around the circle if it is clear of pedestrians and vehicles. If you are approaching the "calming circle" from 233rd Pl NE, there is still a stop sign that needs to be adhered to before entering the traffic circle.

This makes our calming circle unique.

Typically all stop signs would be removed from roads leading up to the traffic circle. One very important point to remember is that regardless of what direction you are approaching the traffic circle, do not turn in front of the calming circle. The driver's vantage point of oncoming vehicles is significantly limited when the traffic circle is cut, putting everyone at risk of a collision. If you are interested in learning more about roundabout safety and how to appropriately use them, you can visit wsdot.wa.gov/travel/traffic-safety-methods/roundabouts

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PARK

Summer Ridge Park Facelift

The Summer Ridge park is truly the gem of our neighborhood. There is rarely a time during the day that you'll find the park empty. In fact much of our homeowner's dues go towards maintaining this communal gathering space. As we prepare for warmer weather, picnics and playdates our landscaping crew is working hard to keep our grounds clean and grass field green.

If you've visited the park lately you've likely noticed the caution tape and bare grass areas. The landscape crew has thatched, aerated and over seeded dying sections of lawn and high-traffic areas. Please remind your children to keep off these areas as new grass has started to grow.

The sports court, park benches, picnic tables and playsets will be power washed over the next couple of weeks as weather permits. This work will be done at low traffic times as much as possible to not interrupt park visits.



Summer Ridge Park playground



New grass areas



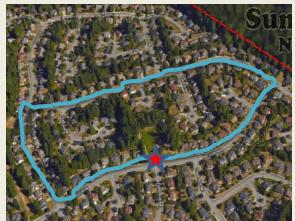
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EVENT

4th of July celebration

Come one, Come All! Join us for our annual 4th of July parade and celebration at the Summer Ridge park on July 4th. Dress in your best patriotic flare and decorate your bike, wagon, stroller, dog, etc. We will gather in the park at 10:30 am and start the parade at 11:00 am (these times are subject to change depending on EFR). We hope to have an Eastside Fire and Rescue truck lead our parade participants around the neighborhood. The parade will end back at the park for a community picnic.

There will be a small fee to participate in this event, as is the case with most Summer Ridge events. These funds are used to pay for any food and goodies distributed at the event. Any leftover funds or donations are put towards future Summer Ridge sanctioned community events.



Parade route

BEE CITY

Welcome Bees!

Did you hear the news? The City of Sammamish has become a Bee City USA member. The city has been busy improving the landscape making it friendlier for pollinators.

Did you know that "pollinators like bumblebees, mason bees, honey bees, etc. are responsible for the reproduction of almost ninety percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume?" Sounds like a pretty good excuse to get out in your yard and plant some flowers. Needs some tips for attracting pollinators? Try planting a variety of flowers, provide a water source (bees need to drink too), eliminate pesticides and consider adding a bee hotel.

For more information on a bee friendly yard visit bobvila.com or beecityusa.org



PUPDATE

People, Pets and Parasites

The Summer Ridge community is filled with families of all sizes, many of them include 4legged companions. For those of you who do have pets, understand how much love and happiness they bring to your family.

Keeping our pets healthy is not only important for their quality of life, but for the health and well being of all family members. It is rather common for a dog or cat to become infected with either an internal or external parasite during their lifetime. These parasites can effect your pet in various ways So what can you do to protect your family? ranging in severity of symptoms, especially if left untreated. Some of these parasites can even be transmitted to people!

This is known as a zoonotic disease, "a disease There are several pet waste bag stations in high that can be transmitted directly or indirectly from animals to humans. So why are we talking about this in our newsletter? PET WASTE! A major form of transmisson is via a pets feces. "One worm can produce more than 100,000 eggs per day, which are then passed in the pet's after your pet. Not only is stepping in pet waste feces and spread throughout the area that pets roam," according to the Companion Animal Parasite Council.

Properly dispose of pet waste, especially when For more information on parasite prevention visit you are walking your pet in the neighborhood.

traffic areas of the community, please use them.

If you walk your pet on the pipeline trail (the gravel path between Summer Ridge and Pacific Estate and Deer Park), you still need to clean up irritating its also a health risk to everyone.

Please do your part to keep our neighborhood walkways clean. PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!

www.petsandparasites.org



WATER CONSERVATION

Tips to Beat the Heat

For your yard that is.

The summer heat is on its way, so here are some tips to help you save money on your water bill and conserve water on your yard. **Irrigation Tips:**

- Check your system for any leaks or other problems that may go unnoticed for a period of time
- Consider installing a rain sensor switch to automatically turn the system off on rainy days
- Consider a drip irrigation system, this reduces the amount of evaporation
- Water early in the morning, before the Sun has risen

Lawn Care Tips:

- Aerate your lawn so that water can reach the grass roots
- Mow higher to shade roots and retain moisture
- Fertilize organically to protect kids, pets, and the environment
- Keep sidewalks clear of tree and/or plant growth

COMMUNICATION

What You Need to Know

The HOA board loves to hear from you! We are always looking for ways to improve our communication, create fun neighborhood events and keep our community wonderful.

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Be sure to visit the Summer Ridge HOA website. It full of great information, including all the governing documents, like our Rule and Regulations.

Ways to stay informed:

Summer Ridge HOA website: www.Summerridgesammamish.com

FaceBook (not managed by HOA Board): Search for Summer Ridge

Summer Ridge HOA newsletter: This is a quarterly publication that is traditionally distributed via email. If you are not receiving this please email: Sharon@macphersonspm.com



Do you have ideas for our next newsletter or event? Please email the Summer Ridge Board your suggestion.



KIDDO KORNER

Kid (and Parent) Friendly Summer Time Recipes

Hey kids, summer is a great time to practice those cooking skills. Here are some fun and tasty recipes to try. Remember to have an adult present to help you.

STRAWBERRY LEMONADE (12 SERVINGS)

8 LARGE STRAWBERRIES, HALVED 2 TABLESPOONS WHITE SUGAR 7 CUPS WATER, DIVIDED 2 CUPS FRESHLY SQUEEZED LEMON JUICE 1 CUP WHITE SUGAR

PLACE STRAWBERRIES IN A BLENDER: TOP WITH 2 TABLESPOONS SUGAR. POUR 1 **CUP WATER OVER SUGARED** STRAWBERRIES; BLEND UNTIL COMPLETELY SMOOTH.



TRANSFER STRAWBERRY JUICE INTO A LARGE PITCHER; STIR IN REMAINING 6 CUPS OF WATER, LEMON JUICE AND 1 CUP SUGAR UNTIL WELL BLENDED. CHILL BEFORE SERVING.

Pepperoni Pizza Pasta (8 servings)

1 LB. FUSILLI PASTA 2 TABLESPOONS BASIL PESTO 1/2 CUP ITALIAN DRESSING 20 PEPPERONIS, QUARTERED 1 CUP MOZZARELLA CHEESE 1/4 CUP GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE 1/4 CUP GRATED CHEDDAR CHEESE 1/2 CUP CHERRY TOMATOES

COOK PASTA ACCORDING TO PACKAGE, DRAIN AND RINSE WITH COLD WATER.

IN A LARGE BOWL, MIX TOGETHER COOL PASTA, PESTO AND 1/4 CUP ITALIAN DRESSING. MIX UNTIL PASTA IS EVENLY COATED.



ADD REMAINING INGREDIENTS PLUS REST OF DRESSING. COVER AND REFRIGERATE UNTIL READY TO SERVE.

TURKEY RANCH ROLL UPS (24 PIECES)

4-12" SOFT TORTILLAS

1 - 8 OZ. PACKAGE CREAM CHEESE SOFTENED

1 TABLESPOON RANCH POWDER MIX

1/4 CUP SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE

1/4 CUP FINELY CHOPPED SWEET BELL PEPPERS (YELLOW, ORANGE OR RED)

2 TABLESPOONS FINELY CHOPPED RED ONION

1/4 POUND VERY THINLY SLICED TURKEY BREAST DELI MEAT

MIX SOFTENED CREAM CHEESE WITH THE RANCH POWDER, CHEDDAR CHEESE, BELL PEPPER AND ONION UNTIL WELL COMBINED. SPREAD ABOUT 2 TABLESPOONS OF THIS MIXTURE EVENLY ON EACH TORTILLA THEN LAY 3-4 SLICES OF TURKEY BREAST FLAT ON TOP OF THE CHEESE MIXTURE TO COVER IN A SINGLE LAYER.

ROLL THE TORTILLA UP GENTLY, YET TIGHTLY, TO MAKE SURE IT HOLDS TOGETHER AND KEEPS ITS SHAPE.

USE A KNIFE TO GENTLY SLICE THE ROLL UP INTO 5-6 SLICES. EAT IMMEDIATELY OR REFRIGERATE TO FIRM UP AND SERVE LATER.

Summer!



Flowers Camp Flip-Flops Hat Sandcastles

Swimming

Ice Cream Outdoors Friends Hot Summer

Swimsuit

Holiday Beach Fun Lotion Sun

Heat Cool Fun in the sun Ocean Sunglasses

Water

Canoeing Family Нарру Sandals Sunny Waves

Warm *Bring the completed word search to the 4th of July parade check in for a little surprise

SUMMER TRIVIA

Take a shot at answering the following fun summer trivia questions?

- 1. In the US what is the bestselling BBQ meat throughout summer?
- 2. What summer time smell is said to elicit happy memories in humans?
- 3. Which month of the year is National Ice Cream Month?
- 4. Which is the longest continuous beach in America?
- 5. What does SPF stand for?
- Which water sport is not part of the summer time Olympics?
- 7. When is the summer solstice?