

RENAISSANCE RIDGE

Home Owners Association Newsletter

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Good News:

No increase to
HOA dues in
2012!

Issaquah School District Winter/Spring Schedule:

- January 3: First day back after Winter Break
- January 16: No school: Martin Luther King Day
- February 20-24: President's Day, Second Winter Break
- April 9-13: Spring Break
- May 25-28: Memorial Day, 4-day weekend
- June 14: Last day of school

2011 Projects

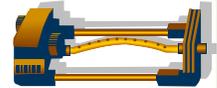
General Improvements

This year we focused our efforts on much needed repairs in the common areas, including:

- Fence around the Rock Park has been replaced
- All park benches have been renovated
- Wood chips have been added to the play areas in the two parks
- Fence around the Three Slide Park has been restored
- Fence along SE 8th is in the process of being replaced
- Lights in the front of the entrances to the neighborhood have been repaired

Water Audit

We were able to pass the water audit for all the meters connected to the sprinkler systems. We will see substantial savings from this audit for next two years.



Locked Mailboxes

Locked mailboxes were installed for the homeowners that requested them. We still have a handful left if anyone else is interested. Please contact hoa@rridge.org if you are interested in purchasing one.

Locked Mailboxes



As a reminder, the only approved mail boxes are as follows:

Renaissance Ridge -

White color MailBoss Security Mail Box and the existing mail boxes placed by the developer.

The Reserve - Black color MailBoss Security Mail Box, and the existing mail boxes placed by the developer.

The mailboxes can be ordered online as well as from retail outlets like Ace

Hardware and Fred Meyer.

<http://www.mailboss.net/curbside-locking-mailboxes/>
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Have suggestions for the next newsletter:

- Are you running for a cause and want others to join you or support you?
- Do you want to volunteer to be on the Board of our HOA—it takes approx. 2 hours each month?
- Do you have suggestions for neighborhood social events?

We are on the web:
www.rridge.org



Property Maintenance Program



As some of you might have noticed, our ACC Committee has begun to actively enforce our CCR's as they pertain to property maintenance. We began stricter enforcement of this program this summer due to multiple complaints regarding the overall decline in homeowner yard maintenance and our neighborhoods lackluster aesthetic appearance.



While we understand that everyone is busy, and sometimes yard maintenance falls behind or is overlooked, having well maintained properties not only look a lot nicer, but also keep our property values up and continue to make Renaissance Ridge a great community to live in. Please be proactive in ensuring that your yard is maintained and looks nice.

For those of you that get behind in your property maintenance, you will be sent a letter via Certified Mail reminding you that per the CCR's, you have 45 days to catch up on your yard work. If you are unable to do so, per the CCR's, we will send out a yard crew to assist you. Please remember that per the CCR's you will be billed for the yard work the crew performs.

If you are planning on being out of town for an extended period, or have issues that are keeping you from being able to maintain your yard, please contact the RRHOA Board to let us know your situation. We will work with you in any way we can.

Properly maintained property includes: keeping lawns mowed and edged; maintaining your planting areas; keeping yards free of dead plants and weeds; keeping all debris and garbage out of sight; and maintaining an overall well-kept appearance, including raking your leaves and hedging, etc. We would also like to remind you to please remove all "holiday lighting" and exterior decorations by February 1, 2012.

Lawn maintenance rules are available at <http://rridge.org/rules.htm>



Holiday Safety Tips



As we continue through fall and into winter, we would like to remind all residents to please consider the following fire and life safety tips to help ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season:

Carbon Monoxide: (CO) is a colorless, almost odorless, and tasteless gas which is present during any type of burning. This includes wood stoves, gas furnaces, wood burning fireplaces, generators, and vehicle emissions. Symptoms of CO poisoning include lightheadedness, dizziness, headaches, nausea, vomiting, seizures, decreased levels of consciousness, and in extreme cases, death.

Residents can be proactive and protect themselves by following these simple steps:

- Have all CO producing devices in the home inspected by a professional.
- Never bring barbecues or running generators into a home.
- Purchase and install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home.

If you or someone in your home begins complaining of the symptoms listed above or your CO alarm activates, leave your residence immediately and call 9-1-1.

Smoke Alarms: Have working smoke alarms and know how to escape if they activate. Change the batteries annually and replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

Electric heaters: Ensure that all portable space heaters and baseboard heaters have at least three feet of clearance around them to prevent fires. Keep all combustibles such as curtains, bedding, and clothing away. Purchase heaters that have an auto-shutoff feature when tipped over.

Cooking: Whenever you are cooking, "keep an eye on what you fry". Never leave the kitchen when cooking and always keep pan lids handy. If a pan catches on fire, simply place the matching lid on the pan while wearing an oven mitt. Once the lid is on, turn off the burner and call 9-1-1.

Candles: During the holidays and power outages candles are commonly used for decoration and light. Place candles in a non-tipping base and set them where they cannot be easily knocked over by children, pets, and breezes. Always keep candles away from combustibles such as drapes, bedding, clothing, holiday decorations, and Christmas trees. Lastly, "when you go out – blow it out". Never leave candles burning when you leave the room.

Decoration: Keep paper or other flammable decorations away from heat sources. Ensure breakable decorations such as tree ornaments are kept out of the reach of children and pets. Make sure all holiday lights, extension cords, and other electrical devices have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) seal of approval. Never overload extension cords or create an extension cord "octopus".