

# Homeowners Association Update

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## **Water Safety – What You Need to Know**

- Summer is the height of water recreation season.
- An average of 23 people perishes in drowning accidents every year in King County, with nearly two-thirds occurring on open water which include rivers, lakes and the Puget Sound.
- Current law requires all children 12 years of age and under to wear a PFD when they are on any vessel that is less than 19 feet in length.
- Rivers present an increased risk and are more dangerous this summer due to higher snowpack levels, higher water levels in the rivers, and colder water temperatures than normal.
- In addition winter flooding has changed the contours of some King County rivers creating undercut banks and moving and reorienting large wood debris and sediment.

## **Hot Weather Tips**

- Drink more water and non-sugar, non-alcoholic beverages.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing and wide-brimmed hats.
- Use sunscreens with an SPF 30 or higher.
- Take frequent breaks limiting physical activity.
- Watch for warning signs of a pounding heart and shortness of breath.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area if possible.
- People without air conditioning at home may spend the hot hours of the day in air-conditioned public places
- If no air conditioning is available, fans are helpful.
- Use a buddy system between co-workers in high-heat stress jobs.
- People age 65 or older should have a friend or relative check on them frequently.

## **Address Guidelines**

- Visible addresses on homes can help firefighters find you quickly in an emergency.
- Use block style numbers that are at least 4" tall on single-family residential housing.
- Numbers should contrast from the immediate background.
- Be sure the address numbers are clearly visible from the street (check it out yourself).
- If your home is located a distance from the roadway, it is important to post the address on a fence or other structure that is easily visible from the street.
- It is important to maintain address numbers, by periodically checking for paint or growing bushes/shrubs that might prevent them from being clearly visible and to insure all the numbers are still in place. Remember we can't help you if we can't find you.

## Significant Incidents

Renton Regional Fire Authority responded to multiple significant incidents during the month of July. Some incidents were in other jurisdictions where we provided assistance to the local fire jurisdiction. July's significant incidents included the following;

- 11 Fires;
  - 1 Commercial Vehicle Fire – Provided Aid to Tukwila Fire
  - 1 Passenger Vehicle Fire – Provided Aid to Maple Valley Fire
  - 3 Residential Fires – Aided by Bellevue FD, Tukwila FD, Kent FD, Maple Valley FD
    - *2 of these residential fires were caused by fireworks*
  - 1 Residential Fire – Provided Aid to Skyway FD
  - 1 Mobile Residential Structure Fire – Provided Aid to Skyway Fire
  - 2 Brush Fires, one of which was caused by fireworks
  - 1 Air core reactor fire at Bonneville Power Station
  - 1 Kitchen Fire
- 6 Emergency Medical Service Calls
  - 1 Shooting
  - 5 Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents