

## Homeowners Association Update – August 2015

### 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 15 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.

*Remember to follow the Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department on Facebook  
City of Renton – [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)*

## Significant July Incidents

- On July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:40 am Renton Fire responded to a commercial building fire on the 900 block of Bronson Way S. The fire was a large fire which resulted in assistance from multiple jurisdictions including Kent, Tukwila, Skyway, Burien and Maple Valley. There were no injuries from the fire however; the property was a total loss.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:51 pm Renton Fire responded to a residential building fire on the 15600 block of 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. Upon arrival it was discovered to be small electrical fire. There were no injuries from the fire and the cause was being investigated.
- On July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:32 pm Renton Fire responded to a brush fire on the 17200 block of 120<sup>th</sup> Terrace SE with possible danger to a 3 story apartment building. The brush fire was extinguished and there were no injuries.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:19 am Renton Fire responded to a residential building fire on the 150 block of Hoquiam Ave NE. Upon arrival it was discovered residents has already been evacuated from the building and some smoke was seen from the outside of the building. As the inside of the building was being inspected by fire crews they discovered flooring charred by heat and smoke. Once the fire was located it was extinguished. There were no injuries from the fire.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:21 am Renton Fire responded to a residential fire on the 6600 block of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Pl. Upon arrival the flames from the fire were visible in the brush, decking and fence and had spread to an exterior wall and the attic. The crews were informed this was an unoccupied house. There were no injuries and the fire was extinguished.
- On July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:19 pm Renton Fire responded to a fire on the 800 block of Houser Way N. Upon arrival crews discovered this was a cooking fire that was contained to a coffee roasting machine. The fire was extinguished and there were no injuries.