

## Homeowners Association Update – March 2016

Before jumping into spring cleaning this year, remember to make safety a top priority. Start by reviewing our spring cleaning safety tips to help you protect your family from common spring cleaning hazards. Falls and poisonings are the two leading causes of home injuries this time of year.

### Preventing Falls

- When carrying items up and down stairs keep one hand free to hold banisters and railings.
- Secure and/or remove telephone and electrical cords from walkways.
- Use rug slip material under throw-rugs if you must use them at all.
- Keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear of possible trip hazards.
- When using a ladder, stand at or below the highest safe standing level.
  - For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top.
  - For an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top.
  - Have another person hold the ladder secure.
- Wipe up spills when they happen.
- Insure that stairs and walkways have good lighting.

### Preventing Poisoning

- Keep medicines and cleaning products in their original containers with the original labels intact.
- Safely secure products that display the words “Caution”, “Warning”, “Danger”, “Poison” or “Keep Out of Reach of Children”.
- Follow safety recommendations when using harsh cleaning products, such as wearing gloves and masks.
- Never mix cleaning products together, their contents could react with dangerous results.

### REMEMBER to SPRING FORWARD

Spring ahead March 13, 2015 - Daylight Savings Time† (DST) begins on the second Sunday in March at 2:00 am local time in the U.S.

It is also a good time to remember to test your smoke alarms. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding what type of replacement batteries to use and how frequently to replace them.

## **Significant Calls:**

- On January 29, 2016, Renton Fire responded to a fully involved 2-story structure fire in a vacant house at the 14000 block of 145<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Eastside Fire and Rescue and Tukwila Fire assisted in extinguishing the fire. There were no injuries.
- On February 9, 2016, Renton Fire responded to a contained cooking fire on the 12200 block of SE Petrovitsky Rd. The fire was quickly extinguished with minimal damage. There were no injuries.