

Homeowners Association Update

November 2017



Power outages are a common occurrence in the winter months. With winter coming, everyone is encouraged to *"Take Winter by Storm"* by getting ready now and staying ready. Go to www.takewinterbystorm.org for ways to prepare your family, home and vehicle for winter and inclement weather.

Winter Weather Preparation Tips

- Have heating systems checked by a professional.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Clean storm drains.
- Install and/or replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms (per the manufacturer's recommendations).
- Have chimneys cleaned.
- Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Disconnect all garden hoses.
- Insulate exposed plumbing and pipes.
- Have trees trimmed if branches hang too close to the house or electrical wires.
- Add flashlights with extra batteries to emergency supplies.
- Check your disaster supply kits:
 - Make sure you have extra bottled water, non-perishable food supplies, blankets, first aid kit and food to sustain you and your family for at least three (3) days. Also remember supplies and food for your pets.

Winter Home Heating Reminders

Heating your home during the colder months of the year can prove dangerous, if you do not follow a few simple safety precautions.

- Check baseboard heaters often and remove objects that may have fallen on top of or near the heater.
- Be sure your space heater has tip-over protection with an automatic shut-off device.
- Always turn portable heaters off if you leave the room and/or at night when you are asleep.
- Close the screen and/or doors on your fireplace to protect your home from sparks.
- Only burn dry, seasoned wood in your fireplace or woodstove. Burning green wood can lead to a buildup of creosote and a possible chimney fire.
- Clean out ashes when cool and place in a metal container outside of your home and away from other combustibles.

Significant Incidents

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

- 7 Fires;
 - 4 Residential/Structure Fires
 - 2 of the fires we were aided by Kent FD
 - 1 Vehicle Fire
 - 1 Kitchen Fire
 - Aid from Bellevue Fire and Tukwila Fire
 - 1 Flash Fire
- 5 Emergency Medical Service Calls
 - 1 Shooting – 20 y/o male victim
 - 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - 1 Serious 3-Car MVA – Aided by Kent Fire
 - 1 Serious 2-Car MVA with car fire
 - 1 Serious 2-Car MVA – Seizure with 1 patient
 - 1 3-car MVA with no injuries
- 1 Special Ops Call – Boom vehicle energized by contact with powerlines