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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 25th
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Saturday, February 5th
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KNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 25th 7:00pm

At Kennydale Elementary School ... 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Presentation on The Griffin Home

**Guest Speakers: Terry Pottmeyer, Chief Operating Officer
Carol Almero, Director of Residential Treatment,
and Griffin Home Program Managers**

The Griffin Home has been our neighbor here in Kennydale since 1955. Since that time, Griffin Home and its parent organization, Friends of Youth, has grown into a leader in developing, providing and advocating for services for children, youth and their families.

This is a great opportunity to join with your neighbors, to learn more about the Griffin Home's current Residential Services, and the Homeless Services and Youth and Family Services that are currently offered by Friends of Youth.

The presentation will include ample time for your questions!

All neighbors are invited to attend this KNA quarterly meeting!

IN APPRECIATION....

The KNA Board extends our thanks to **Janice Dougherty** for her service as our Treasurer for the past three years. During this period, Janice has used her expertise with accounting software to make significant improvements in how KNA's financial and membership records are maintained and presented to the Board. This is a complex task; in addition to recording all of KNA's income and expenditures and paying our bills, the Treasurer is also responsible for creating and maintaining the Membership Roster, for recording the skills and interests that have been expressed by our members, and also for securing advertisers for the Kennydale News. Janice was assisted in some of this work by another long-time KNA Board member, Faye Janders. Janice also chairs KNA's Holiday Bonfire events, and is always there to provide valuable help at all of KNA's yearly events.

Janice will continue her service to the KNA Board as one of our Directors.

The KNA Board also thanks **Natasha Nimmo** for her service as our Vice President for the past two years. Natasha has been the guiding force in bringing to the Board an awareness and adoption of the principles of 40 Assets; in that role she has served as the chairperson of KNA's 40 Assets Committee. One of the most visible and successful 40 Assets projects that Natasha guided was the recent "It Takes a Neighborhood" art project, which resulted in 40 unique paintings, created by persons of all ages from within the Kennydale Community. Natasha has been a great help in KNA's other activities, particularly the Earth Day, Picnic and the City of Renton's River Days events. As our Vice president, Natasha also chaired three of the quarterly Neighborhood Meetings when the President was not able to attend.

Natasha will be leaving the Board at the end of 2010, but will continue to serve as KNA's 40 Assets Chairperson.

Looking Back and Moving Ahead....

2010 was a good year for the Kennydale Neighborhood Association, and we hope this is also true for all of you who live in or have businesses in Kennydale. People have adjusted their priorities, are generally more optimistic about economic conditions, and our neighborhood businesses appear to be stable. We also are encouraged to see that several home construction projects that were "on hold" have started up again.

KNA has gained 47 new members this year; and our total membership grew to 310 persons, a 16% increase over 2009. We sincerely appreciate the participation of all our members, both those who are new to KNA, and those who faithfully renew their memberships each year. Your contributions of dues, time and labor help to ensure that KNA's activities and events (see page 3 for this year's Calendar of Events) can continue to be offered each year, free of charge to all Kennydale residents....as well as special neighborhood projects that we do from time to time.

Speaking of special projects, we had two in 2010: the "Earth Day" landscaping project at the Kennydale Lion's Park, which we undertook as a joint project with the Kennydale Lions organization; and the "It Takes a Neighborhood" art project, in which we had 40 residents, ranging from children to senior citizens, create paintings to demonstrate each of the "40 Developmental Assets". You can read more about both projects in the July and October 2010 editions of the Kennydale News; both issues can be viewed on our website at www.kennydale.org.

Despite the necessary budget cutbacks that have been undertaken by the City of Renton, we are pleased to see that their Neighborhoods Program has not been curtailed. This program provides staff and funds to co-host with KNA our Annual Neighborhood Picnic, as well as picnics in other Renton neighborhoods. The Program also provides funds, through their Neighborhood Grant Program, for neighborhood improvement projects. We sincerely thank Renton's Mayor and City Council members, and the Neighborhood Program Staff, for keeping all of this intact.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the KNA Board of Directors for their time, effort, and resources that they contribute, year after year, to make the Association operate effectively. They bring to KNA a rich diversity of ages, cultures, experience and expertise, thus assuring that we are well equipped to represent the interests of the Kennydale community. We are especially pleased that we have added two new Board members who will help us link more closely to the "teens and twenties" age groups in our neighborhood (see the article about them on page 2).

We are looking forward to 2011 and all of KNA's usual events, and whatever new projects the year will bring. **Be sure to set aside time to attend the Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting on January 25th....**and we encourage you at this time to join KNA or renew your membership. Also, if you have any ideas about projects that KNA might undertake, or speakers you would like to see at future neighborhood meetings, **please feel free to contact me at dariusvicki@msn.com !**

Darius Richards, President

December Board Meeting

Throughout the year, your KNA Board meets one night each month, to review the events of the previous month and to plan ahead for upcoming events and activities; also to discuss the status of any special or long-term projects, and to review our budget to ensure that our income and expenditures are on track.



We particularly look forward to our December meeting, because Board member Marcie Maxwell always hosts a holiday dinner, which gives us the opportunity to relax and enjoy the evening and the company of our fellow board members, while attending to KNA's year-end business.

This year, to make the evening more special, Marcie treated the board members to a sumptuous dinner at the Tea Palace Asian Restaurant* in the Renton Highlands. As you can see from our smiling faces, the meal was enjoyed by all!

***The Tea Palace Asian Restaurant is located at 2828 Sunset Lane NE, which is just behind the Viet Wah Market, on the west side of Sunset Blvd. NE. For more information, see their website at www.teapalacerestaurant.com, or call them at 425-228-9393**

Meet Our Newest Board Members!

We are very pleased to have on our Board of Directors Chelsea Ryberg and Sammie Taylor, both of whom were appointed last summer and were introduced to the membership at the October Neighborhood Meeting. Here is some background information on them:

Chelsea Ryberg grew up in the Renton Highlands and has lived in lower Kennydale for the past 1-1/2 years. She attended Seattle University, where she earned a BS Degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering. She is currently employed by Intel. In addition to being on the KNA Board, Chelsea is also on the Board of her condo owner's association. And to top it all off, Chelsea is the new editor of The Kennydale News! We are looking forward to Chelsea's guidance in the on-going improvement of our newsletter, which reaches out to over 2000 Kennydale homes.

Sammie Taylor lived in lower Kennydale as a child, and later moved to her current home in upper Kennydale. She is a Senior at Hazen High School, where she is president of the Drama Club. She also sings in the Hazen Choir, and is a member of their special all-women choir group, the Divina Voce. This gifted group has performed at several Puget Sound and state-level competitions. Later this year, Sammie will pursue her interests in music at Western Washington University, where she will study to become a music teacher. In her role as a KNA Board member, Sammie will work to encourage greater participation by high school students in our community's events and activities.

KNA Garden Club

The Garden Club is a group of KNA members who enjoy the opportunity to meet with others and learn about a wide variety of topics that will lead to improving our skills and our gardens. We meet monthly, from March through September, usually on the first Thursday of each month, at 7 pm.

At our meetings, we invite speakers who are recognized experts to provide us with tips and techniques for all types of gardening activities. We also go on garden tours, which give us the opportunity to explore the beauty of our surroundings and get ideas for our own gardens. And twice each year, we do a plant exchange, at which time each member brings in a couple of their favorite plants to exchange with other members' favorites.

To get the year started, we will be holding a planning meeting on January 13th, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Vicki Richards, 3605 Lake Washington Blvd. N. Please RSVP to Vicki at 424-430-4469 or dariusvicki@msn.com

We are looking for new members so stay tuned for the upcoming schedule of events on the KNA website www.kennydale.org and in the **Kennydale News**.

Vicki Richards, Chairperson



KNA Book Club

The KNA Book Club invites all who are interested to join in, and do some interesting and enjoyable reading. For 2011, the Book Club has chosen to meet on the first Saturday of each month, at 10:00 am. Sometimes, a member will host the group, and at other times we will meet at the Starbuck's on N. 44th Street, for 60 to 90 minutes.

Here are the titles we have chosen and the meeting locations for first three months of 2011:

January 8: (meet at Sharon Weibler's house, 1107 N. 31st Street) **The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder, by Rebecca Wells.** Something cheerful and charming to start the new year.

February 5: The Postmistress, by Sarah Blake. The story of three women during WWII delves into characters and big complex questions.

March 5: The Hummingbird's Daughter, by Luis Alberto Urrea. An epic novel of Mexican revolution, and Teresita, who becomes "the most dangerous girl in Mexico".

Please call or email Sharon if you are interested or want to learn more: 425-226-9299 or sweibler@hotmail.com

Sharon Weibler, Chairperson

KNA Activity & Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2011 Calendar of Events, KNA offers a number of neighborhood improvement activities and "special interest" groups.

A complete list of these is shown on the membership application form. If any of these sound interesting to you and you would like more information, please call or email the contact person shown below:

Neighborhood Picnic Sue Jahnke*
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Ice Cream Socials Jon* & Marilyn Danielson
jonjdan@aol.com 425-228-7933

Landscape Maintenance Vicki Richards*
dariusvicki@msn.com 425-430-4469

City Grants/Major Projects Darius Richards*
dariusvicki@msn.com 425-430-4469

Disaster Prep / CERT Al Withers*
al.withers@juno.com 425-271-54471-405

Litter Patrol Renee Perrault
reneegary@msn.com 425-255-2211

Garden Club Vicki Richards
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40 Assets Natasha Nimmo
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Holiday Lights Contest Laurie Clark
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Transportation Liaison Marcie Palmer
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Garage Sale Rajendra Agrawaal*
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Book Club Sharon Weibler
sweibler@hotmail.com 425-226-9299

Earth Day Kim Browne* kabrowne@comcast.net

River Days Parade Float
(open for volunteers email dariusvicki@msn.com for info)

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* Indicates KNA BOARD MEMBER

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2011 Annual Membership Fee

\$10 per Individual, \$20 each Household, Seniors over 65, \$7 per Household

Membership Application:

New Member Renewal

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long have you lived in Kennydale? _____

Skills and Interests:

"I would like to get involved in the following areas":

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic & Ice Cream Socials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I-405 Litter Cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Lights Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Phone Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Association Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renton River Days Float |

SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Mail Annual Dues to: Kennydale Neighborhood Association
 PO Box 3115, Renton, WA 98056

Your KNA Membership Includes:

- ✓ A 10% Mclendon's Discount
- ✓ The Kennydale News Quarterly Newsletter
- ✓ Notification of Neighborhood Meetings, Events & Important Issues

For more information about KNA, visit www.kennydale.org
 or call 425-430-4469, or email dariusvicki@msn.com

Cut and mail this form to Kennydale Neighborhood Association



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Winners and their prizes will be announced at the
 January 25th neighborhood meeting



I-405 Litter Pickup

The next litter pickup on I-405 will occur on Saturday, **February 5th**.
 Meet at the Park and Ride lot at 30th and Park at **9:00 AM**.
 Light snacks will be provided to get our energy up. If you have only
 a short time available, we can use your help cleaning the 30th street inter-
 change which is very near the Park and Ride lot.

As usual, Griffin Home will also provide people to augment the team.
 If you have questions, please call Al Withers at 271-5447 or Renee Perrault at 255-2211

See you there!

2011 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

January 25th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 7 - 8:30 pm, Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

February 5th

KNA Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup on I-405
 9 - 11 am

April 30th

Neighborhood Earth Day Celebration

April 26th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 7 - 8:30 pm, Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

June 18th

Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 26th

KNA Ice Cream Social
 6:30 pm, in the meadow at Park Ave. N. and N. 30th St.

August 6th

KNA Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick Up on I-405

August 16th

KNA Ice Cream Social
 6:30 pm; in the meadow at Park Ave. N. and N. 30th St.

September 7th

KNA Annual Neighborhood Picnic
 5 - 8 pm, Lion's Park

October 25th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 7 - 8:30 pm, Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

November 5th

KNA Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick Up on I-405

December 13th

KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast
 6:30 pm, Gene Coulon Park, North Shelter

December 10th - 20th

KNA Holiday Lights Contest

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WILL BE ON
ON TUESDAY, January 25th, 7:00PM
at Kennydale Elementary School
See You There!
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