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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 26th
KNA Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, February 6th
Interstate 405
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KNA Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, January 26th – 7:00 pm

At Kennydale Elementary School • 1700 NE 28th Street

Presentations by: American Red Cross

"Influenza – Seasonal Flu and the H1N1 (Swine) Flu"

What is the current situation in the USA and in King County?

How do I avoid the flu, and how do I treat it?

"Emergency Preparedness"

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time. Even a simple power outage, if it continues for more than one day, can affect your ability to stay warm and to buy groceries and gasoline. In this session, you will learn exactly what supplies you should have on hand, and how to assemble your supplies, over a period of weeks, in a logical and cost effective manner. See an example of one home owner's kit.

Presentation by: Erin Iverson, Mentor Program Manager Communities in Schools of Renton

"The Renton Mentor Program"

Since 1996, the Mentor Program has been improving the social, emotional and academic development of children who are at-risk of school failure. Learn how these children are selected for the program, what types of activities are included in the mentoring process, and how you can become a volunteer mentor.

All neighbors are encouraged to attend this KNA quarterly meeting!

In Appreciation

We would like to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to Marcie Palmer, who has resigned from the KNA Board. Marcie started her service with the Board in 2002, and has brought to it enthusiasm and valuable input through her interest in improving the quality of life for Kennydale residents, and her roles in many other civic and community organizations – the Renton City Council, Kennydale Elementary PTSA, Renton Airport Advisory Committee, Community in Schools of Renton, King County Regional Transit Committee – to name a few. We give Marcie our very best wishes as she continues her work to represent the interests of Renton's citizens.

Looking Forward to 2010

This is the time of year when people try to set aside the memory of unfortunate events that may have occurred in the past, and instead focus on better things that we hope will occur in the new year. We have gotten through the holiday season, hopefully have "recharged our batteries", and have started out the new year with resolutions in hand, and high hopes that our experiences going forward will be positive ones.

Your KNA Board is also looking forward to 2010, as we make our plans to again host the events that so many people have enjoyed in the past, and also to bring you new projects and programs that will enhance the experience of living in Kennydale. Because we are both Board members and Kennydale residents, our thinking and planning is probably very close to what you do in your respective households. It's safe to assume that people are most comfortable when we arrive at a balance between stability and change. Stability gives us a familiar foundation, and change helps us to grow as individuals and as a community...and it serves to keep our lives interesting!

With all this talk of positive outlooks, it may seem strange that we have scheduled presentations on Influenza, and Emergency Preparedness for the quarterly neighborhood meeting on January 26th. The reality is, the flu season is very predictable, and runs each year from October through the following April. Likewise, emergency situations such as flooding, power outages, wind damage and the like are most likely to occur in this same time period. The one big event that will affect all of us, a major earthquake, can of course occur at any time. So don't look at this as a message of gloom and doom; consider it instead as positive information on how you can avoid illness, and how you can assemble a sensible cache of supplies to carry you through several days of an emergency event.

Our subsequent presentation on Mentoring is also positive. To give you some background, KNA announced in our January 2009 newsletter, the adoption of a concept called "The 40 Developmental Assets" (40 Assets, for short). Each KNA newsletter thereafter has provided further details on 40 Assets. This is not a new program, and it was not invented by KNA, but it is something that we feel should receive renewed visibility within the community. Very briefly, 40 Assets can be defined as: 40 positive experiences that all of us have the power to bring into the lives of children and youth.

The Mentor Program is not a 40 Assets program, rather, it is operated by the organization Communities in Schools of Renton..... but it certainly meets several of the 40 ways to bring positive experiences into young lives. Our presenter will provide you with a good look into the program, and information on how you can become a volunteer mentor.

At this time, your KNA Board would like to extend a special thank-you to all of you who have been KNA members. We are proud to be able to host our annual activities and events, for all Kennydale residents to attend, at no charge. We are able to do this because of the time, effort and dues that are contributed by our membership, and so we encourage those of you who have not yet become members to do so now. A membership form is included in this newsletter, and on it you will see a list of "special interest" groups that we offer. If you want more information on any of these groups or activities, please feel free to call the Coordinators that are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We especially want to reach out to people who are new to the community and to others those who are otherwise seeking a "connection" to their neighborhood.

The KNA Board extends its best wishes to you for a great 2010!

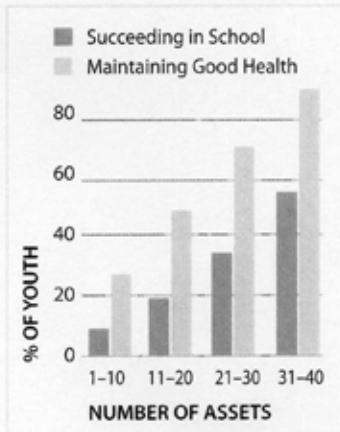
-Darius Richards, President

What the Research Shows

Everyone needs to reach out to kids, and focusing on assets can help you have a greater impact. Here are three reasons why:

1. Assets are powerful.

They give young people the strengths they need to make positive choices in life, even in the face of stress and pressure. Search Institute research* has shown that the more assets young people have, the less likely they are to engage in high-risk behaviors, as illustrated.



When young people have more assets, they are also more likely to engage in positive behaviors, as illustrated.

2. Too many young people don't have enough assets.

Search Institute has found that the average student surveyed in grades 6 through 12 experiences only 18 of the 40 assets. Furthermore, just 8 percent of young people experience high levels (31 to 40) of these assets.

3. You can build assets!

You can start now. Join with thousands of people and hundreds of communities around the world that are committed to finding new ways to build assets for children and youth.

*Search Institute has measured the 40 Developmental Assets of more than 2 million students in more than 600 communities across the United States. For more information on the research behind the assets and their relationship to other youth behaviors, see Peter C. Scales and Nancy Leffert, *Developmental Assets: A Synthesis of the Scientific Research on Adolescent Development*, 2d ed. (Minneapolis: Search Institute, 2004).

Kna Activity And Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2010 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:

- Activities Coordinator/Neighborhood Picnic** Sue Jahnke
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I-405 Litter Pickup



The next litter pickup on I-405 will occur on Saturday, **November 7**. 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 interchange 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!



Holiday Lights Contest Winners Prizes & Winners will be announced at the January 26th Neighborhood Meeting.



Photo Courtesy of: Scott Chandler

Neighborhood Bonfire

The blazing fire built by Joel Ennis was welcome at the 2009 KNA Bonfire during the coldest week of the year, as were the Hot Chocolate and Spiced Cider to wash down the S'mores.

It was great to chat with Neighbors and see how the neighborhood children are growing, including the new babies. The girls led the carols again this year, doing a great job of directing and encouraging everyone to participate. Thanks are extended to the Dougherty family for their assistance in arranging the event, as well as to the City of Renton and Ivar's for the beautiful lights and decorations."

IMPORTANT: UPCOMING VOTE ON LIBRARY ANNEXATION

On February 9, 2010, a special election will be held in Renton. At that time, Renton residents will be asked to decide whether they want the Renton Public Library to remain an independent City-run organization, or do they want it to be annexed to the King County Library System.

As with most issues that come before the voters, there are two sides to this matter. KNA's policy is to not take sides on voting issues, but rather, to inform the community that a vote will be taking place, and to tell you where you can find additional information (both pro and con), to help you make an informed decision.

Renton City Staff has prepared a brochure that explains the City's view of the proposed annexation. Copies of this brochure are available at the Library's Information desk, or you can view it at their web site, www.rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=26505.

The other side of the story can be viewed on a website that has been created by a group of concerned citizens, at www.votenotilyouknow.wordpress.com.

Both sites contain a lot of thought-provoking information. KNA's recommendation is that you visit both sites, and read everything there. A simple majority of those who take the time to vote will determine whether the annexation proposal passes or fails. To ensure that the outcome truly reflects the wishes of Renton's citizens, it is important that as many people as possible become informed and then place their votes. The voting will be by mail-in ballot, and the ballots will be mailed out to Renton residents during the first week in January.

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Kennydale Neighborhood Association 2010 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":

- Welcome Committee
- Neighbor Outreach
- I-405 Litter Cleanup
- Historical Research
- Publicity/Phone Committee
- Disaster Preparedness
- Street Captain
- Writing
- Newsletter
- Fundraising
- Garage Sale
- Earth Day Celebration
- Photography/Video
- Beautification Projects
- Gardening Club
- Website
- Book Club
- Membership
- Picnic & Ice Cream Socials
- Meeting Refreshments
- Landscape Maintenance
- Holiday Lights Judging
- Association Leadership
- 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 mor 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



2010 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

January 26th

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

February 6th

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

April 24th

Neighborhood Earth Day Celebration

April 27th

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

June 19th

Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 27th

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

August 7th

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

August 24th

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

September 1st

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

October 26th

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

November 6th

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

December 7th

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

December 10th - 20th

KNA Holiday Lights Contest

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ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26th
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