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Tuesday, January 28th
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MEETING

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 28th, 6:45 pm*

At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Guest Speakers

Cody Olson - Community Projects Manager for Puget Sound Energy

PSE has announced plans to upgrade its Eastside power transmission system to provide reliable service to match increased residential and business growth in the Eastside. One proposed power line route may go through the Kennydale neighborhood. Cody will provide more details about these plans, and answer questions from the audience.

Rudy Case - President, Renton Trails Organization

The mission of Renton Trails is to promote, maintain and create trails. This includes several trails that are in or nearby to the Kennydale neighborhood. Rudy will explain what Renton Trails is all about, give us an update on past, present and future projects, and share ways that you can become involved!

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this Quarterly Meeting, and we encourage your participation in the Q&A Sessions that will follow both presentations!

* **Check-in and socialize with your neighbors at 6:45 pm; meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm**

ENERGIZE EASTSIDE PROJECT: What is it All About?

On December 4, 2013, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) announced its Energize Eastside Project which is being undertaken in order to "upgrade its system so that Eastside communities will continue to receive safe and dependable power in the future". In their announcement, PSE noted that the Eastside is growing faster than any other region in Washington, and that consumer demand will exceed PSE's ability to deliver reliable power as early as the winter of 2017-18. Without an upgrade, PSE predicts that its Eastside electric transmission system will lose redundancy, thus increasing the possibility of outages for as many as 60,000 homes and businesses.

The most visible feature of this project will be new transmission lines that will run 18 miles, between PSE's existing Talbot Hill substation in Renton, and their Sammamish substation in Redmond. In their Project Overview, PSE advises that their engineers and planners studied hundreds of possible route corridors, and have narrowed the possibilities to 16 route segments (identified as routes A - N) which will be discussed at community meetings in January, 2014... including the KNA Neighborhood Meeting on January 28th.

With respect to the two possible routes that run north-south through Renton, the "M" route is located several blocks to the east of Edmonds Ave. NE, and thus would not be visible to Kennydale residents. Of greater interest to our community is the "L" route, which appears to run (according to the maps on PSE's website) along or close to Lake Washington Blvd. North.

Other Eastside communities will likewise be impacted by the other possible routes (A-L). PSE notes that they will not know the exact route until a thorough process has been completed to hear from the public. Specifically, starting in January their approach will be to "ask the public to provide input on which combination of route segments will best serve the Eastside's needs" and to "work with property owners, residents, businesses, hospitals and elected officials to reduce the impacts wherever possible". A variety of public meetings are planned to facilitate this process.

As a Kennydale resident, what can you do?

- 1) Go to the project website at www.pse.com/energizeeastside and study the maps and other information that is provided; also plan to attend their public meetings
- 2) Attend the KNA neighborhood meeting on January 28th to see PSE's presentation
- 3) When you are ready with comments or questions, email PSE at energizeeastside@pse.com

A Message from Your 2014 KNA President....

Happy New Year to all !

I will be taking on a new role as your KNA President after retiring from 46 years of Nursing. (Have you gotten your Flu shot yet?!)

I have lived in Kennydale for 15 years and have been very involved with the numerous activities and events that KNA offers. I have been a Board member for the last 4 years and have grown to know many residents who share a sense of pride for the neighborhood. I believe working together and getting to know our neighbors is very important.

This year, I will promote a renewed interest in emergency preparedness and encourage citizen participation in the City of Renton's CERT training program, so that we as a neighborhood can be better prepared for a disaster. Also, I would encourage you to learn more about the Block Watch Program so you can form a block watch committee on your street. As in past years, we will have interesting and relevant speakers at our quarterly meetings, so if you have any new neighbors, please make sure you welcome them to the neighborhood and invite them to our quarterly meetings and other events.

I am proud to be a part of the Kennydale neighborhood and our excellent KNA Board team. We all ask for your continued support in making this a better place to live.

Please visit our website often, at www.kennydale.org for a current list of activities for the year or to learn more about us. Also, you can become a member (or renew) on-line using our convenient PayPal feature. And if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to use the "Comment" feature on our Blog pages!

*Sincerely, Vicki Richards
KNA President for 2014*

GREAT FUN AND GREAT WEATHER AT KNA'S ANNUAL BONFIRE!

KNA's Annual bonfire and sing-along, which is always held on the second Tuesday in December at Gene Coulon Beach Park, was well attended again this year, with over 50 people in attendance, plus another dozen late comers who enjoyed a second go-around at the refreshments around the still-warm fire. We had the best weather for the event that we've seen in a few years, with dry skies and mild temperatures (for December). Attendees enjoyed catching up with neighbors over s'mores, hot chocolate and cider, then joined in chorus for the carol singing. Ivar's Clam Lights reflected in the lake provided a beautiful backdrop to the scene.

Our thanks to the annual hosts for this event, Janice and Jim Dougherty, to Marcie Palmer for providing the marshmallow roasting sticks, and to all of the attendees who make this yearly event such a fun holiday tradition.

Janice Dougherty,
Bonfire Chairman



2014 KNA Activity & Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2014 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, please call or email the contact persons shown below for more information!

KNA – Hazen High School & Kennydale Youth Liaisons Cecelia Sanchez* ceceliasanchez13@aol.com Devin Dolling*	
Neighborhood Picnic forsue2go@comcast.net	Sue Jahnke* 425-271-6489
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Renton River Days Parade (Open)	
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Board Nominating Team (Open; team members are appointed by KNA President & Board in the third quarter of each year)	
Holiday Bonfire jdoug@mail.com	Janice Dougherty* 206-406-1899

* Indicates KNA BOARD MEMBER

KNA ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE SETS A NEW RECORD!

This year's food drive was the best yet. The neighborhood along with the students of Kennydale Elementary School donated approximately 3,597 items to Renton's Center of Hope. Thanks to all of you, Center of Hope is now able to feed their current families and families that have recently found housing. Linda Smith, the Center of Hope's lead director, said "the food drive is such a blessing and will help save our budget for other expenses". The Center of Hope's budget is solely based on donations from the community. Before the food drive, the Center of Hope had to ration their food supply and couldn't allow day center clients to take food with them at the end of each day. Because of the donations from our neighborhood, the Center of Hope is overflowing with food and joy just in time for the Holidays. We want to give a big thank you to Mrs. Hettinger's 4th grade class for donating the most items in the entire school; for their hard work, they received a pizza party donated by KNA and the Kennydale Elementary PTA! We would also like to thank the many volunteers that helped with the transportation and counting of the food. We are proud of our neighborhood and can't wait for next year's food drive.

Cecelia Sanchez, KNA Board Member and Food Drive Chairman



Food Drive Chairperson Cecelia Sanchez and her #1 assistant, Nico Tileston. Cecelia has chaired all three of KNA's very successful annual food drives!



Rick and Janet Eriksson, Susan Miller and Vicki Richards prepare to transport a typical load of food donations from the Kennydale Elementary School lobby to the Reach Center of Hope at Renton City Hall.

KNA thanks our 2013 "Retirees"...

The KNA Board extends our sincere thanks to the following Board members who retired in 2013:

Sarah Ennis – Sarah served from 2008 to 2010 and again for part of 2013. Her ability to quickly assess situations and recommend meaningful solutions has been of great value to the Board. She and her husband Joel and their two sons have relocated to Issaquah.

Kyle Grubbs – Kyle joined the Board in 2010, and became our treasurer in 2011-2013. In this role, he had the very detail-oriented job of maintaining KNA's financial affairs. Kyle also did a major update of our website in 2011, and in 2012 became the administrator of KNA's Facebook page. Kyle and his wife Bre and their son have relocated to Newcastle.

Marcie Maxwell – Marcie was a charter member of the KNA Board, starting in 1999. She served as our President in 2006 -2008, and throughout her thirteen year Board service, shared her expertise in neighborhood affairs, charitable volunteerism, and how to get things done properly. With her help, KNA has grown into a successful and meaningful neighborhood organization. Marcie is currently working in Olympia for Governor Inslee as his Senior Policy Advisor on Education.

Mark Sanchez – Mark served on the Board in 2012-2013, and was particularly helpful in a variety of projects where he shared his expertise in carpentry and mechanics. We look forward to utilizing Mark's assistance on such projects in the future.

Kailey Wallace – Kailey joined the KNA Board in 2011 and served for 3 years as one of our two youth board members. In that role, she provided a valuable link between the Board and the students of Hazen High School. This fall, Kailey entered college in Southern California.

Landscape Maintenance Update

Last summer's warmth and dryness caused a real growth in our ivy at the Kennydale Beach parking lot. The trees and bushes were being strangled by the ivy so it took a real group effort to help save them. I want to give a special thank you to Diana Wallace, Joy Dolling, Kim and Theo Browne, Frank Nimmo and Jim Stone for adopting the month of July in which to tackle this job. Thank you also to one of our garden club members, Pasang Sherpa, who donated his time and professional expertise on a weekend to prune the bushes and trees at the parking lot, and to Graham Dougherty for helping in the clean up.

Dan and Jackie Norton, who live in the home directly south of the Beach parking lot, finished laying down landscaping fabric and beauty bark. Dan also notified the city about a dangerous open culvert directly next to the pedestrian/biker lane. The City responded in a very timely manner with the installation of a protective grate, thus enhancing the safety of bikers and walkers on this portion of Lake Washington Blvd.

Finally, thank you to Janet and Rick Eriksson who helped my husband Darius and I pull weeds during the entire "growing" season from April through September. Janet and Rick also watered plants at KNA's landscaped areas next to exit 6 every day this summer. I look forward to working together with all of you and anyone else who wishes to help out in 2014.

Vicki Richards, KNA Landscape Maintenance Chair

MEMBERSHIP

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**Kennydale Neighborhood Association
2014 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"/> 40 Assets | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography/Video | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic & Ice Cream Socials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter Cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Phone Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Lights Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Association Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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

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Your KNA Membership Includes:

- ✓ A 10% Mcclendon'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

Announcements...

The KNA Board announces the appointment of Nico Tileston to serve on the Board. Nico resides in lower Kennydale and has provided valuable assistance at KNA events and the Annual Food Drive.

To facilitate community involvement in Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project, PSE has appointed Darius Richards to serve on its Community Advisory Group (CAG). His responsibilities include the establishment of an effective two-way communications path between community residents and the PSE Project Planners.

Please read about the project on page 1 of this newsletter, and email any questions, comments or concerns that you may have to Darius at: dariusvicki@msn.com. He will ensure that your input is presented at the initial CAG meeting on January 22, 2014, and at future meetings that are scheduled through the week of September 22, 2014.

**KNA Book Club
Winter - Spring Readings**

Feb. 8th

The 100-Year Old Man Who Climbed
Out the Window and Disappeared

by Jonas Jonasson

March 8th

The Broken Shore

by Peter Temple

April 5th

Servants: A Downstairs History of Britain
From the Nineteenth Century to Modern Times

by Lucy Lethbridge

May 3rd

The Signature of All Things

by Elizabeth Gilbert

June 7th

The Orphan Master's Son

by Adam Johnson



2014 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

January 28th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6.45 - 8:30 pm,
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

April 29th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6.45 - 8:30 pm,
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

April 26th

Neighborhood Earth Day Celebration

June 21st

Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 26th

Renton River Days Parade

July 29th

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

September 3rd

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

October 28th

KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6.45 - 8:30 pm,
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

December 9th

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

KNA's New "Join at Your Convenience" Feature

In the past, we have encouraged people to join or renew their memberships in January, but we now recognize that some people prefer to join in the spring, or at one of the Ice Cream Socials, or at the Neighborhood Picnic, or whenever else works best for them. So, to make the whole process easy (and fair) for you, our record-keeping has been modified to give you a full year's membership regardless of when you join....

and as an alternative to the US Mail, you can pay your dues via PayPal! Simply go to the KNA website at www.kennydale.org, click on the "Membership" tab, and follow the easy instructions there. And thank you for your support of KNA!



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 at
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