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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 30th  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
MEETING**

Not already a  
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Join Today!  
Thank you for  
your support!

## KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 30th, 6:45 pm\* At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 24th Street

### Special Presentation by:

**Sophia Vackimes, Outreach Coordinator, for the City of Renton Emergency Management Dept.**  
Sophia will provide valuable information on what types of disasters we can expect, how we should respond to each type, how to prepare at home, what to include in an emergency kit for our homes and our cars, how to set up communications priorities and plans, and other self-help ideas.

### Special Presentation by:

**Michael Kirk, Facilities Div. Director for the City of Renton**  
**Rick Marshall, Chief of the Renton Regional Fire Authority**  
Michael and Rick will provide an update about the new fire station and water reservoir on N. 30th Street in Kennydale, construction of which is expected to begin in February. This update will include details on the latest project design, the project construction schedule, what to expect during construction, and how to stay informed!

**Ample time will be provided at the end of this presentation for your questions and comments!**

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this quarterly meeting.

\*Check in at 6:45 pm to socialize with your neighbors and enjoy some cake honoring KNA's 3 retiring Board members; meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE KENNYDALE COMMUNITY

The past year's history of temperature extremes, floods, and hurricanes in other states serves to heighten one's awareness that we are fortunate by comparison, but we still need to prepare for emergencies or disasters in our local neighborhood. Kennydale and the rest of Renton, like all communities in the Puget Sound area, is susceptible to any number of man-made disasters, including the probability of earthquakes, damage from wind storms, and the possibility of fires if we were to experience the critical combination of high winds and hot, dry weather. So, our reality here is: in a widespread disaster, communications will be disrupted, roads and bridges may be rendered impassible, and there simply will not be enough Emergency Services personnel to provide a timely response to every citizen in need. In other words, for the first few days, we will likely be on our own; everyday activities such as getting gasoline or food, or finding a working ATM may become impossible. And if your residence is made uninhabitable or inaccessible, even basic clothing and shelter could become a challenge (remember that family, friends and neighbors will have their own problems to deal with)!

The good news is: the City of Renton's Emergency Management Dept. has done an excellent job of preparing for emergency and disaster-related events, and also in providing increased awareness by its citizens that they too need to take responsibility for being prepared.

A good way for residents to get on board is to visit the **City's website at: <http://rentonwa.gov/government/default.aspx?id=2024>**

**There you will find a full slate of useful information such as how to:**

- assemble a Disaster Supply Kit
- develop a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan
- make it through an event, once it occurs

**and much, much more.** This website also provides information on all of the training that is offered in order to make citizens more proficient in handling emergencies and disasters. On the website, click on the Disaster Preparedness Training tab, and then on the "current catalog is available here" link.

Perhaps the best first step is to download the "Disaster Supply Kit", buy a couple of 40 gallon garbage cans, and look around your garage and closets for clothing, cooking supplies, extra food, basic camping gear and other items that appear on the Kit list.. You may need to buy some items, or perhaps do some trading with friends/neighbors so that you all are basically prepared (check out the Kennydale Neighborhood garage sale on June 23rd, too). Then find a secure storage area to put your containers where they will be accessible after an earthquake. Keep an inventory list, update it as needed, and keep an eye on the expiration dates for the food.



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**THE KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD  
SENDS YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR 2018,  
A WARM WELCOME TO KENNYDALE'S NEW RESIDENTS,  
AND A SINCERE THANK-YOU TO:**

- The Members of KNA ■ Our Advertisers in the Kennydale News
- The City of Renton Neighborhood Program ■ Our neighborhood schools, churches, and Scouts
- The youth of the Griffin Home ■ ...and all Kennydale residents and local organizations who volunteer their time and other resources to maintain and improve the quality of life in Kennydale and our surrounding communities

**KNA BOARD UPDATE**

As 2017 drew to a close, the KNA Board bid a fond farewell to three valued members who have retired from our board:

**Keith Altenhof**, who joined the board in 2016. Keith shared his experience as a teacher at Newport Senior High School to create for KNA a process for identifying high school students as potential candidates for the position of Student Board Member.

**Mary Erikson**, who also joined the board in 2016. Mary became the administrator of our website and Facebook pages in August, 2016; her timely and well organized posts have really helped KNA to have a strong footprint in social media.

**Mac Jahnke**, a long-time KNA member who joined the board in 2012 and also served as our Secretary during the period 2013 through 2016.

**KNA is pleased to announce the addition of three new board members**, who were elected at the KNA neighborhood meeting on October 24, 2017. In addition to their other roles on the board, they will chair the following positions: **Karen Edwards** will be the Administrator of KNA's Facebook and website ([www.kennydale.org](http://www.kennydale.org)) pages.

**Marcie Palmer** will continue to be Chairperson for the Fall Food Drive.

**Derrick Reese** will be the KNA Liaison to Hazen High and Kennydale Youth.

**2018 KNA Activity and Interest Group Contact List**

In addition to our activities and events that are shown in the 2018 Calendar of Events, KNA offers a number of neighborhood improvement activities, "special interest" groups, and other opportunities for Kennydale residents to become involved please see the Membership Application form on Page 3).

**Interested? Call or email the persons shown below:**

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Vicki Richards\* 425-623-8177 dariusvicki@msn.com

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  - Holiday Bonfire**  
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  - Membership Committee**  
Lynne Milnor\* 425-283-8395 bltandj2@comcast.net
- \* Indicates KNA Board Member

*The following Activities/Special Interest Groups are inactive at this time; KNA is seeking a Chairperson for each:*

- Garden Club; Historian; Parents Group;
- Renton River Days Parade Entry

**2017 FOOD DRIVE: KINDER-KIDS RULE!**

For the second year in a row, a Kennydale Elementary School Kindergarten class has won the Annual Kennydale Food Drive contest,.....but this year, it was Ms. Diane Mitchell's kindergarten students who won, by collecting 389 food items. Overall, the school's students brought in 2321 food items, plus 70 pairs of brand new socks that were contributed by Ms. Emily Wong's First Graders. As in previous years, the winning class will be treated to a pizza party, to be held in their classroom on January 19th. And again, Papa John's Pizza at 4710 NE 4th Street has graciously offered to donate 5 large pizzas for this event.

As we have done in past years, all the donated items were transported to the REACH Center of Hope at City Hall. Volunteers who assisted in this daily effort include the Food drive chairperson, Marcie Palmer, and her son Michael, plus Kennydale residents Angela Troy, CarolAnn Witschi, Pam & Paul Miller, Kelsy Cocha, Lew & Sally Jones, Leah Battin and her son Jack, Lynne Milnor, Marlene Winter, and Darius & Vicki Richards. And of course special thanks to all the students' parents who supported their kids in this effort, and to other folks from the Kennydale community who brought items to the school.



*The day's collection is delivered to the REACH Center of Hope! Pictured from the right are: Marcie Palmer, KNA Food Drive Chairman; son Michael; Center Director, Rev. Wendy White; and Center volunteer, Karen Edwards.*

**ERC TRAIL UPDATE - Jan. 10, 2018**

Construction work on the Eastside Rail Corridor regional trail through Kennydale is proceeding very well, and in fact all of the trail is walkable (except when a portion is closed due to nearby construction activity). The southernmost part of the trail starts at the northern boundary of Gene Coulon Beach Park. As you walk northward from that point, you will be on a smooth, graded surface consisting of gravel that is covered with well compacted and rolled fine gravel (almost like sand). This surface continues to the Ripley Lane N. trestle (north of the Seahawk,s training facility), where it transitions to a slightly less-finished surface, but still very walkable. The local road crossings at Mountain View Ave. N, N. 37th, 41st and 43rd Streets and the 2 driveway crossings at the Seahawk's facility have all been converted to smooth asphalt pavement. The portion of the trail that parallel Ripley Lane N. up to the Renton City line is also very walkable. We did not review any of the trail building north of the Renton city limits. In all portions of the trail, walkers should use caution whenever they encounter an occasional uneven surface due to ongoing construction. Currently on selected portions of the trail, a timber border, anchored with steel posts, is being installed on the west edge of the trail. This is apparently intended to stabilize the gravel bed from migrating down the adjacent steep slope.

It is very encouraging to see the heavy use of the trail by walkers and joggers, and one can easily see that most of them now choose to use the trail rather than the pedestrian lanes on Lake Washington Blvd. North. Again, with the on-going placement of the timber border and possible other construction activity, please use caution on the trail!

**KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 5th**  
"Hidden Figures", by Margot Lee Shetterly
  - Mar. 5th**  
"Born a Crime", by Trevor Noah
  - Apr. 2nd**  
"Diary of a Part-time Indian", by Sherman Alexie
  - May 7th**  
"Waiting for Snow in Havana", by Carlos Eire
  - Jun. 4th**  
"News of the World", by Paulette Jiles
- The KNA Book Club welcomes all who are interested in participating. If you are not already on the Club's email list, please contact Chairperson Sharon Weibler at [sweibler@hotmail.com](mailto:sweibler@hotmail.com) or 425-226-9299 for more information, meeting times and locations, etc.

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**2018/2019 Annual Membership Fee**  
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**Skills and Interests:**

"I would like to get involved in the following areas":  40 Assets

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

**SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:**

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**Cut and mail this form to Kennydale Neighborhood Association**

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**2018 KNA  
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
 (Add to your calendars now!)

**January 30th**  
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting  
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,  
 Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

**April 24th**  
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting  
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,  
 Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

**April 28th**  
 Arbor/Earth Day Activity

**June 23rd**  
 Annual KNA Garage Sale

**July 17th**  
 KNA Ice Cream Social  
 7:00 pm,  
 Kennydale Lions Park

**August 24th or 25th (TBD)**  
 KNA Ice Cream Social + Movie  
 6:30 pm,  
 Kennydale Lions Park

**October 30th**  
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting  
 6:45 - 8:30 pm,  
 Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

**November 1st to 30th**  
 Annual Food Drive

**December 11th**  
 KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast  
 6:30pm  
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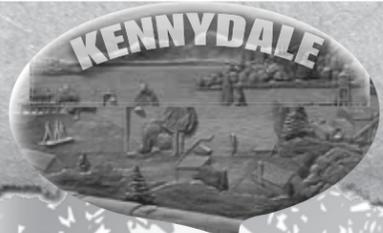
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