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Upcoming Events

**September
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
(Date TBD)**

**Tuesday, October 27th
Neighborhood Meeting**

**November 2nd to 30th
Annual Food Drive**

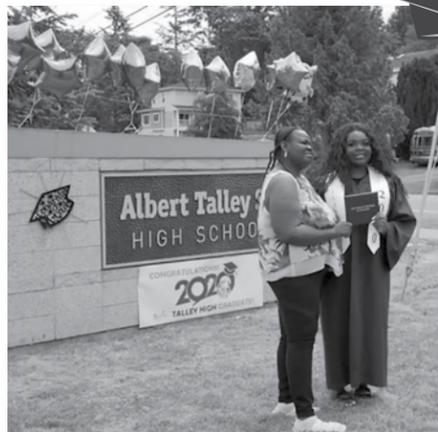
**Tuesday, December 10th
Holiday Bonfire &
Marshmallow Roast**

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CONGRATULATIONS
Graduates
CLASS OF
2020



Nearly 900 Renton School District students in the Class of 2020 were able to take part in modified graduation ceremonies at each of the four high schools. Students and families participated in drive- and walk-thru graduation events where students were presented their diplomas while wearing their caps and gowns, as family members remained in their vehicles, took photos and cheered on their senior while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

School principals and students also taped a virtual graduation ceremony, complete with student performances, tassel turning, and cap tossing at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. Videos of each of these virtual graduation ceremonies are posted on the District's YouTube page (www.youtube.com/user/RentonSchoolDistrict) The city is also working with the district to make them available on Channel 21 in Renton as well as our streaming service.

Please join me in congratulating all the graduates of Renton, Hazen, Lindbergh and Talley high schools for their milestone accomplishment and wish them the best for whatever comes next.

Randy Matheson, Executive Director of Community Relations, Renton School District



A special message from KNA.....

The Board of Directors of the Kenneydale Neighborhood Association congratulates the Class of 2020! What a year it was to graduate. No class in modern history has graduated at such a unique time and under such unique circumstances. Large groups, in fact any groups, were prohibited from gathering. You were deprived of the chance to have a "traditional" graduation ceremony; however, your parents, school staffs and the District worked diligently to create a memorable alternate experience for you.

If you still have your cap, throw it high in the sky again! You deserve it! A high school diploma represents years of hard work and dedication. There really are no limits to what you can do. We would love to hear about your accomplishments and where you go in this world, but we hope you always feel that Kenneydale is home.

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A Message from the Editor:

Due to a 75% reduction this year in the City of Renton's Newsletter Grant to KNA, the KNA Board has voted to combine the July and October 2020 newsletters into a single edition.

The cost of this combined edition has been paid for by our advertisers, and by special funding by: Jon Bye (Jon Bye & Associates Real Estate), and a donation of her design & layout services by: Stephanie Fife (Just Your Type Printing)

KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:45 pm*

At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Please note: The date and agenda for this meeting may change; please check www.kennydale.org in early October for updates

Special Guest Speaker: Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone

2020 has brought with it unexpected lifestyle changes and challenges, particularly for Mayor Pavone as he has guided the City of Renton through experiences not seen since the 1918 Flu Pandemic. Join us to learn his perspectives about this year, and a look towards the future for our city.

Ample time will be provided afterwards for your questions & comments. All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this quarterly meeting

** Check in at 6:45 pm to socialize and enjoy some refreshments*

– meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm

Also on the Agenda:

Election of KNA Board Officers and Directors for 2021

As in past years, the KNA Nominating Committee will meet in August and September to develop a slate of Board candidates.

Due to the early publication of this newsletter, the names of candidates will be posted by the Committee in early October on the KNA website, www.kennydale.org.

All persons who are current KNA members on Oct. 27 will be eligible to cast their vote at the meeting.

KNA ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

September (TBD)* 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Kennydale Lions Park: 2428 Aberdeen Ave. NE

With the goal of having a safe and healthy environment at its summertime events, the KNA Board has elected to not hold Ice Cream Socials in July and August, but to hold one in September instead. This will allow us and our event attendees to make a more informed decision, according to current rules and safe practices in effect then.

If held, we will likely include most of the features from previous years:

- Tasty Ice Creams & Toppings
- Recreational Games for all ages
- Face Painter
- Balloon Clown
- Renton Rocks” and more!

A food truck is also planned, for those wishing to purchase a meal!

** Please check our website, www.kennydale.org in Sept. for updated information and a list of event sponsors*

KENNYDALE ANNUAL NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

November 2nd to 30th *

This year’s drive will again be a joint collaboration between Kennydale Elementary students and their parents, KE School Staff, Kennydale Neighborhood Association members, and other caring Kennydale residents. The 2019 drive resulted in 3,756 items being collected and delivered to the REACH Center of Hope in Renton, and this year we hope to provide them with even more! We’re pleased to have KNA Board member Marcie Palmer serve again as our chairperson for this event!

The big unknown for everyone this year will be the state of the COVID-19 Pandemic in November, and the associated rules that the Renton schools will be following at that time. **The REACH Center’s needs go on regardless, so we may need to create a back-up plan!** Please check our website, www.kennydale.org in September for updated information.

Kennydale Neighborhood Bonfire
Tuesday, December 10th 6:30 pm
at Gene Coulon Park North Picnic Shelter

Enjoy a warm fire, hot cocoa or cider, s’mores and singing songs while enjoying the festive holiday lights at Coulon Park!

We are hopeful that social distancing and group size rules will be relaxed by this time; for current information please visit our website at www.kennydale.org in November to learn more.

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Between now and the next step in your lives, you have already begun what is the longest summer vacation any student will ever enjoy. From the personal experience of this author, enjoy it! The opportunity to take months off from doing anything except to make money to pay for fun stuff (or your future education) doesn’t last for too long. If you are already onto the next stage, that is fine too. Gone are the days when everyone must arrive at school at 7:00 and leave at 3:00. You now have the independence to chart your own path.

There is no timeline or defined path to success and, in fact, even the concept of success is amorphous and illusory. So, if you would indulge the author with giving one piece of advice, it is to be true to yourself. The reason for this advice is simple, but best explained through a rhetorical question:

If you had the only coin of its kind, would it be more or less valuable than if the same coin was held by 10,000 people? Of course, the one-of-a-kind coin would be more valuable, assuming all things are equal. Metaphorically, we are like the coins. *In fact, we are all born unique and different, right? Therefore, whatever it is that makes you act differently, talk differently, speak differently, think differently, no matter how large or small it is, makes you unique. If you are true to yourself, you will be the only one of you. The moral of the story is that the value is in YOU!*

*F. David Huhs, Board Member,
 Kennydale Neighborhood Assoc.*

ANNOUNCING: A NEW WAY TO CONTACT THE KNA BOARD

The KNA Board has created an easy-to-use link on the association’s website where KNA members and all community residents can ask questions, or post your comments, ideas or concerns. Simply go to the KNA homepage at www.kennydale.org and click on the COMMENT button. A basic form will appear for you to fill out.

In keeping with our standard Privacy Policy, your name and contact information will never be shared or revealed outside of the KNA Board!



In April, the KNA Board kicked around some ideas for sending a message of encouragement and unity to the residents of Kennydale, and subsequently adopted Vicki Richards’ idea to deliver such a message through a large banner which would be placed on the K.E. schoolyard fence near I-405 Exit 6. Stephanie Fife was asked to design the banner, and the result is shown above: an attractive and all-inclusive Thank-You to all persons who are on the front lines of service to our community & region. For anyone who hasn’t seen it, a full color version is shown on the KNA website. *Thank you, Stephanie for donating your creative time and talents!*



KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

The KNA Book Club is hoping to resume their meetings starting in September. Here is the schedule so far:

September: “Deep River”, by Karl Mariantes

October: “The Water Dancer”, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

November & December: TBD

Please check in with the club Chairperson, Barb Wolfendale, as to meeting dates, times and locations: bwolfendale@hotmail.com

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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



2020 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 (Add to your calendars now!)

Dates and times shown below may change. Please check KNA's website at www.kennydale.org

July 14th
 KNA Ice Cream Social
CANCELLED
August 20th
 KNA Ice Cream Social
CANCELLED
SEPTEMBER - DATE TBD
 KNA Ice Cream Social
 6:30 pm,
 Kennydale Lions Park

October 27th
 KNA Neighborhood Meeting
 6:45 – 8:30 pm.
 Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

November 2nd to 30th
 Annual Food Drive

December 10th
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