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# KENNYDALE NEWS

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### Upcoming Events

#### TUESDAY

July 18th

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

#### TUESDAY, August 15th ICE CREAM SOCIAL #2

#### Wednesday, Sept 6th Annual Neighborhood Celebration & Picnic

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## KNA Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 18th – 6:30 to 8 pm

Kennydale Lions Park: 2428 Aberdeen Ave. NE

This **free event** will take the place of our July Neighborhood Meeting.

Bring your families and enjoy a selection of delicious ice creams and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors...Plus: Playground for the kids ...and for kids of all ages, something new: Bocce Ball, Outdoor Jenga **and more!**

## KNA Ice Cream Social #2

Tuesday, August 15th – 6:30 to 8 pm

Kennydale Lions Park: 2428 Aberdeen Ave. NE

No "Screen on the Green" Movie this year, but there will be plenty of delicious **FREE** ice creams and toppings for all the family to enjoy, plus the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors.

As always, there's a nice playground for the kids, and...for kids of all ages... you can try your skill (or luck) at Bocce Ball, Outdoor Jenga **and more!**

### For both events

Games and equipment provided by the City of Renton Neighborhood Program  
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## Kennydale Annual Potluck and Neighborhood Celebration

### Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 6th.....5:30 to 7:30 pm

Kennydale Lion's Park, 2428 Aberdeen Ave. NE.

This event is being co-hosted by the City of Renton's Neighborhood Program and the Kennydale Neighborhood Association with additional support from community residents and area businesses.

*All neighborhood residents are invited and encouraged to attend!*

Service Organizations, such as PTA's, Scouts, etc. who serve our neighborhoods are encouraged to set up an information booth.

To reserve a spot, contact numbers are shown below. We will be providing delicious fried chicken, **and to ensure that there are plenty of food choices for all,**

**We ask all attendees to bring a potluck item to share:**

Last name A to K: **please bring a DESSERT**

Last name L to Z: **please bring a SALAD or SIDE DISH**

**This free, fun filled event will also include games and activities for the kids:**

Face painting, a Balloon Clown,

NEW games: Outdoor Jenga, Bocce Ball, Ladder Golf and more

Door Prizes for members of KNA

Displays by the Renton Fire, Police, EMT's and

the King County Mobile "Library2GO" Van and MORE!!

To help ensure your comfort, it's a good idea to bring a blanket or chairs for sitting - and No Pets Please

KNA will also have a red collection barrel for donations of new underwear socks, and new school supplies for elementary school kids who need these items. We will gladly accept a cash donation if that is more convenient for you. To get a list of needed items, please contact Vicki Richards or Lynne Milnor at the numbers shown below.

There are always a variety of small and easy tasks to do; if you would like to volunteer in any manner,

please contact: Lynne Milnor, Event Chairperson, at 425-271-0637 or [bltandj2@comcast.net](mailto:bltandj2@comcast.net)

Vicki Richards at 425-430-4469 or [dariusvicki@msn.com](mailto:dariusvicki@msn.com) OR Lynne Milnor at 425-271-0637 or [bltandj2@comcast.net](mailto:bltandj2@comcast.net)

### A FRESH LOOK WEST OF THE N 30TH ST. OVERPASS

People who pass by the large lot on the west side of the N. 30th Street overpass have probably noticed the deterioration of the landscaping and timbers in the area next to the I-405 southbound offramp. KNA installed this landscaping in 2001, and has maintained it since. Now, new landscape timbers are needed! Accordingly, the KNA Board is seeking a small number of volunteers to spend less than a day to do the timber replacement (the vegetation can be done later). A mild day in July would be chosen. Persons interested in helping on this activity or wishing more information, please contact me at [dariusvicki@msn.com](mailto:dariusvicki@msn.com) or at 425-623-8177. For full project info, go to [www.kennydale.org](http://www.kennydale.org) Vicki Richards, Landscape Refurbishment Project Leader

## 2017 KNA Garage Sale Wrap-up – A Record Year!

*This year's event was an excellent sunny day and bargain hunters started coming early in the morning in search of treasures. There were about 70 Kennydale residents who set up garage sales! In a few instances the sales started on Friday or continued on Sunday!*

*As all of you who conducted a garage sale know, it takes a lot of planning and effort to gather your items, get them marked, and set up, and of course, sold! Throughout Kennydale, your efforts were reflected in the variety, quantity and quality of the items that you all had on display*

*To support your efforts, members of the KNA Organizing Committee worked diligently to publicize the sale: Mary Erikson advertised on the KNA website, NextDoor.com, and Facebook; Darius Richards sent an e-blast to over 300 Kennydale neighbors; Mary, Vicki Richards and Janice Dougherty distributed flyers in the neighborhood; and Keith Altenhof, Darius and Rajendra Agrawaal put A-boards at strategic locations. Some sellers also advertised on NextDoor. And of course, the distribution of red balloons on an annual basis has given a particular identity to Kennydale. Not only Kennydale residents, but the visiting bargain hunters as well know that the red balloons show where the garage sales are in progress. On Friday evening, the members of the organizing committee plus Lynne Milnor, Subhashni Agrawaal, Justin Hoover and Bruce Erikson picked up red balloons from the Everything Party Store at the Landing. Then on Saturday morning team members were out and about distributing balloons, and talking to neighbors. Other persons who worked behind the scenes to help the organizing committee included Keith Altenhof and Avikar Agrawaal. Due to the large number of sale participants, our supply of balloons may have run out before we reached you, but we did make a special effort to cover first the 16 people who emailed us. The KNA Board will be looking for ways we can improve the garage sale and the delivery of balloons in the future. Please email me with your ideas!*

*Finally I would like to say thank you to our neighbors who held garage sales, and I hope you had a good day!*

*Rajendra Agrawaal, Garage Sale Chairperson.  
Agrawaalr@yahoo.com.*

## KNA WINS NUSA NEWSLETTER AWARD

*The KNA Board is proud to announce that this newsletter has won 3rd Place in the NUSA Neighborhood Newsletter Competition (for newsletters printed 6 or less times per year). NUSA, which stands for Neighborhoods USA, is a national non-profit organization that is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Each year, they hold competitions in a variety of categories, including neighborhood newsletters, projects that re-vitalize neighborhoods socially or physically, and the like. Hundreds of neighborhoods throughout the United States are invited to participate in these competitions.*

*KNA first became aware of NUSA through Drey Hicks, the Renton Neighborhood Program Coordinator. He contacted our Board in January and encouraged us to consider entering the 2017 competitions. We chose the Newsletter category because we felt that the Kennydale News would well fulfill NUSA's evaluation criteria of content, layout, consistency, relevance and overall appearance.*

*We are very pleased to announce also that our neighbors directly north of Kennydale, the LaCrosse Homeowners Association, were awarded 2nd Place in the NUSA Neighborhood of the Year – Physical Revitalization/ Beaut-ification category for their community garden & beehive project. Their community garden is truly fantastic, and their award is well-deserved.*

*At the Renton City Council meeting on June 26, 2017, Kennydale and LaCrosse were presented their NUSA award plaques by Carrie Nass, the Renton Neighborhoods, Resources & Events Manager. Representing KNA at this ceremony were Rajendra & Subhashni Agrawaal, Darius & Vicki Richards, and Stephanie Fife. Representing the LaCrosse HOA were Chris & Priscilla Fitzgerald, and Janet & Dan Hill.*

*My sincere thanks to all who write articles for the newsletter, the City of Renton for its Newsletter Grants, the additional financial support of our members and advertisers, and of course Stephanie Fife (Just Your Type Printing), for her first-class design and layout work on every issue.  
Darius Richards, Kennydale News Editor*

## WELCOME TO SUMMER IN KENNYDALE!

The Board and membership of the Kennydale Neighborhood Association (KNA) extends this welcome to all residents of Kennydale and in particular to those of you who have recently moved here, and also to longer term residents who we may have missed in our previous mailings of the Kennydale News, which now is sent to 2550+ homes (we are working diligently to make sure our mailing address data is up-to-date).

We have seen many changes in our Kennydale neighborhood over the years. There has been a substantial increase in the public's recognition of Kennydale as a great place to live, resulting in people moving into existing homes, or into homes that are newly constructed. It has been a challenge for KNA's Welcome Committee to keep track of all this activity, so we are asking for everyone's help: when you see a new neighbor moving in, please give one of us on the Welcome Committee a call (see our contact info below). We will deliver them a welcome bag to help introduce them to the neighborhood and Renton as a whole. The bag is full of material about Renton: its parks and trails, a directory of City of Renton departments and staff, Emergency contacts, City-sponsored classes, events and activities, whom to contact when there is a problem on your street, and much more. All of this material is kept up to date and published by the City. KNA also includes a current copy of the Kennydale News, and information on how newcomers can join the Association.

The KNA Welcome Committee will also have welcome bags on hand at all of our events and meetings to share with new neighbors and anyone else who wants to get up-to-date.

*Natalie Yusen, Welcome Committee Chair: jnyusen@aol.com  
Vicki Richards, KNA Vice President: dariusvicki@msn.com*

The KNA Board is pleased to announce the appointment, at our May 9, 2017 Board Meeting, of **Caitlyn Kushin** as our newest Student Board Member. Caitlyn's appointment fills the position previously held by Devin Dolling, who resigned last fall in order to start his Freshman year at the University of Washington. Caitlyn has a strong record as a youth volunteer in the community, and is eager to serve our neighborhood. She will be starting her junior year in high school this fall. We're glad to have her on our KNA team!  
Darius Richards, KNA President



## A Message From: THE KENNYDALE LIONS CLUB

The Kennydale Lions Club is a local branch of Lions Club International, and has been in the community since 1957. It is a service club that has been involved in Christmas tree sales, sponsoring Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops, White Canes Vision awareness, making occasional meals for seniors at Houser Terrace, seeking out people within the community who lack the resources to afford eyeglasses and hearing aids, and funding scholarships for graduating seniors at Hazen High School. We meet at the Kennydale Memorial Hall, 2424 NE 27th Street in Kennydale, at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Membership is by invitation but anyone is welcome to visit a bi-monthly meeting. Our club is small and we are seeking new members who are community minded, able to devote only a little time per month to meetings, and wish to develop a greater regard for their neighbors. For more information, please visit:

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/kennydalewa, or see our Facebook page.  
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David Schott, Kennydale Lions Membership Chairman  
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(Add to your calendars now!)

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 5:30  
 Kennydale Lions Park

**Tuesday, October 24th**

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

**November 1st-22nd**

Annual Food Drive

**Tuesday, December 12th**

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

**KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE**

It's vacation time ~

**No July or August meetings!**

The September meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 11, due to Labor Day being on Sept. 4.

We will discuss the book "The Handmaid's Tale", by Margaret Atwood.

For full KNA Book Club details, please visit the KNA website at [www.kennydale.org](http://www.kennydale.org)

On the home page, click on the Groups tab and then select Book Club from the menu.

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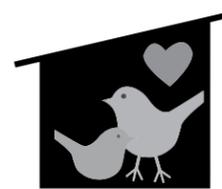


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