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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY
October 24th
Neighborhood Meeting

November 1st - 22nd
Annual Food Drive

Tuesday, December 12th
Holiday Bonfire
& Marshmallow Roast

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, October 24h, 6:45 pm*
At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Presentations by:

Chip Vincent, Administrator, **City of Renton Dept. of Community and Economic Development (CED)**
AND *Vanessa Dolbee,* Senior Planner, CED

Chip and Vanessa will report on the current status of the commercial developments at the north and south ends of Lake Washington Blvd. in Kennydale. Also, they will present information on the Request for Rezoning of the property at and behind the Shell gas station on N. 30th Street (at I-405 Exit 6)

Special Presentations by:

Randy Matheson, Executive Director, **Renton School District Community Relations Dept.**

Randy will provide us with information on the current enrollment numbers, and the work being done at Kennydale & Hazelwood Elementary, and at McKnight & Risdon Middle Schools. Also, he will share the latest news on the new Sartori Elementary School (opens fall, 2018) and its accommodating enrollment policy.

There will be time for Q&A's after all presentations

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this quarterly meeting.

Also on the agenda....

Election of KNA Board members for 2018. Please see the announcement below for details

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

Notice to KNA Members...

The KNA Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following names for Officer and Director positions:

OFFICERS

President: Darius Richards **Vice-President: Vicki Richards**
Secretary: Lynne Milnor **Treasurer: Janice Dougherty**

DIRECTORS

Darius Richards	**Vicki Richards**	**Lynne Milnor**	**Janice Dougherty**
Rajendra Agrawaal	**Mark Peterson**	**Natalie Yusen**	**Marcie Palmer**

All other Directors are in the middle of their two-year term, therefore re-election is not required at this time.
All persons who are current KNA members are eligible to participate in the voting at the October 24, 2017 neighborhood meeting.
The term of office for all these nominees starts on January 1, 2018

Respectfully, the KNA Nominating Committee: Vicki Richards, Rajendra Agrawaal, Luke Welling & Justin Hoover

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR KENNYDALE'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE!

This will mark KNA's 7th year of collecting items of food donated by caring citizens from throughout Kennydale. The drive will start on Wednesday, November 1, and end on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving. As in past years, the Kennydale Elementary School will be the collection point for all donated food; please look for the collection barrel(s) in the school lobby. And of course the school's students will again be partnering with KNA, and the class that collects the most items will be rewarded with a pizza party)! In last year's drive, 2,105 items were collected by the students and staff of Kennydale Elementary, and another 2,000 items were donated by other Kennydale residents. Marcie Palmer, a longtime resident and supporter of the Kennydale Community, will again chair this year's Drive. Please feel free to contact Marcie at pkplmarcie@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Please remember that all Kennydale residents are encouraged to drop off their food donations at the school; you don't need to have a child attending there! Acceptable donations include non-perishable goods such as canned food, pasta, boxed meals, juice, cereal, etc. In the interest of balanced nutrition, no leftover Halloween candy, please! KNA will again be delivering all the food to the Reach Center of Hope. The Center of Hope is a Renton organization that creates a safe environment for mothers and children seeking shelter, a place for showering, laundry, food and counseling. For more information about them, ***please visit their website at www.reachrenton.org.***

Thank you for anything you can share with this very worthwhile organization!

Neighborhood Holiday Events

BONFIRE

Enjoy a warm fire, hot cocoa, s'mores, and singing songs while enjoying the holiday lights!

Tuesday, December 12th ~ 6:30pm at Gene Coulon Park North Picnic Shelter

A NEW YEAR = NEW SUPPLIES FOR KENNYDALE ELEMENTARY

On August 17, 2017, representatives from the Kennydale neighborhood Association delivered new backpacks and school supplies valued at $600 to Kennydale Elementary School. These items had been purchased throughout the summer by KNA members and other caring residents who took the time to seek out back-to-school sales in order to get the greatest value for each dollar spent. In addition, cash donations from other residents were utilized to fill out the variety of items that had been requested by the school. The need for these items goes on year-round, but KNA puts a particular emphasis on getting these items together at its various summertime neighborhood events so that they will be ready for donation before the first week of school.

Posing with Kodi, the school mascot are (from left): K.E. Principal Nicole O'Brien, Sue Jahnke, and KNA Board members Natalie Yusen, Luke Welling, Justin Hoover, Vicki Richards and Darius Richards. Seated in front, the student materials evaluation team! Agrawaalr@yahoo.com.

RECORD ATTENDANCE at the KNA ICE CREAM SOCIALS

TKNA's two Ice Cream Socials enjoyed record high number of attendees again this summer. At our July 18th social, we served 204 people and initially went through all of our ice cream, but we restocked quickly so that everyone was served. Sincere thanks to Kennydale resident and event sponsor, Jon Bye (Jon Bye and Associates Realty) for covering the cost of the ice cream and supplies, and to our new chairperson for this event, Luke Welling (and his wife, Jenn), and to the KNA Board members who assisted.

At our second social on August 15th, we likewise had a large crowd of 187 people, with an ample supply of ice cream and goodies for all who attended! Thanks again to Luke, Jenn and our KNA team, and Luke's firm, Homeseed Loans (luke@homeseedloans.com) for sponsoring this event.

And special thanks to Drey Hicks, Neighborhood Coordinator for the City of Renton Neighborhood Program, for providing tables, chairs and all sorts of new games for our citizens: Ladder Golf, Outdoor Jenga, Bocce Ball and more. These will be a feature at all of KNA's future summertime events!

KNA hosts serve up the goodies - from right to left: Subhashni Agrawaal (in dark glasses), Justin Hoover, Vicki Richards and Mark Peterson.

ANNUAL KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION and POTLUCK

This year's event marked a transition from the past format of a "neighborhood picnic" to a more global event in which our neighborhood was empowered to play a larger role in the planning and implementation of this gathering. Sounds like a daunting task, but with excellent guidance from the City of Renton Neighborhood Program and their new Neighborhood Event Grant procedures coupled with KNA's long experience with doing large-attendance events and the participation of a core group of involved residents, we believe that our event went well and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.... over 260 people in all. That is lower than we expected, but we attribute this to a week of haze and light ash from forest fires to the east and a decision by some families to stay indoors.

An event such as this of course requires a substantial effort on the part of many people in order be be successful, including the individuals and local businesses who contribute goods, prizes or cash donations, and also the neighbors who contribute their time & cooking skills by bringing a food item to share!

In particular, we extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to the following people and businesses:

Grant funding for fried chicken, equipment for games, tables & chairs, setup & cleanup, & and guidance to KNA in planning this event throughout 2017: *Drey Hicks, Neighborhood Coordinator, and the Renton Neighborhood Program*

Monitoring of games, setup & cleanup, and assistance wherever needed: *19 Hazen High School students, coordinated by their adviser, Brett Crueger; and supervised by Lynne Milnor*

Prizes for the Member Raffle
Boulevard Salon at 3212 Lake Wash. Blvd. N.,; Summer Nails, Hair Clips, and Dino's at NE 44th Street (Exit 7); Salon Tewl at 938 - 110th Ave. SE, Ste. 4 in Bellevue; Lisa Lam & Marcie Maxwell, Windermere Realtors at 3800 NE 4th Street, and by KNA Board Members

Face Painters: *Sponsored by Rosie Rourke – Jon L. Scott Realty, 20829 72nd Ave. S, Ste. 800, in Kent*

Balloon Clown:
Sponsored by Farmers Insurance – Tasca/Wagner Agency, 1322 Lake Wash.Blvd. N.

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Renton Dept. of Emergency Services
Ice: *McDonalds at Exit 7*

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Potluck Food Service
Sue & Mac Jahnke, Marilyn & Jon Danielson, Lynne and Bruce Milnor, Hazen Students and Marlene Winter

KNA Membership/Welcome Table/ Greeters/Raffle:
Darius & Vicki Richards, Janice Dougherty, Natalie Yusen, Mary Erikson & Derrick Reese

Event Planning, Advertising, Setup and Cleanup
Picnic Co-Chairs Lynne Milnor and Vicki Richards, and all the KNA Board

Exhibitor Booths
ERC Regional Trail Org.; Kennydale Elementary PTA; Kennydale United Methodist Church, Kennydale Lions; and candidates for Renton City Council: Diane Dobson, Ruth Perez, and Jamie Smith

Event Photography *Gary Palmer*
To see all of Gary's photos from this Celebration & Potluck and many other Renton events, go towww.garypalmerofrenton.smugmug.com and follow the links shown

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Kennydale Neighborhood Association Memebership Application

2017/2018 Annual Membership Fee

☐ $10 per Individual ☐ $20 each Household, ☐ Seniors over 65, $7 per Household ☐ 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
- ☐ Litter Cleanup
- ☐ Historical Research
- ☐ Publicity/Phone Committee
- ☐ Disaster Preparedness
- ☐ Street Captain
- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Garage Sale
- ☐ Earth Day Celebration
- ☐ 40 Assets
- ☐ Photography/Video
- ☐ Beautification Projects
- ☐ Gardening Club
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Holiday Bonfire
- ☐ Parent Groups
- ☐ 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:

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KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Nov. 5th
"A Prayer For Owen Meany"
by John Irving

Dec. 4th
"A Gentleman in Moscow"
by Amor Towles

Jan. 8th
"Hidden Figures"
by Margot Lee Page

For full KNA Book Club details,
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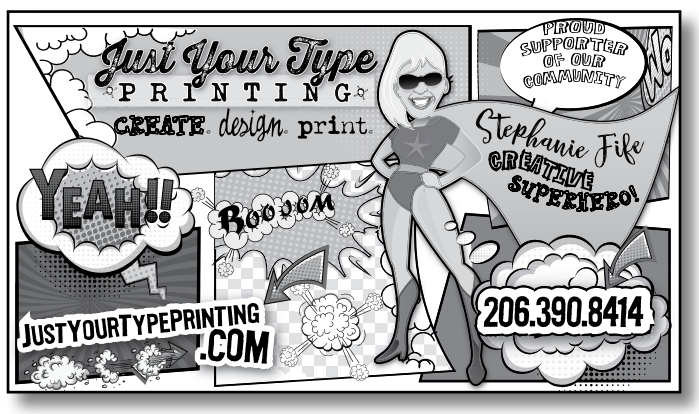

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