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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 29th
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Saturday, April 26th
Earth Day Event

Saturday, June 21st
Annual Kennydale Garage Sale

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, April 29th - 6:45 pm*

At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Guest Speakers

Cindy Jones, Branch Manager, Washington Federal Savings Bank, Rainier Ave. Branch

Cindy will discuss identity theft, ways to ensure the safety of your bank and credit card accounts, current scams, and how to use the internet securely

Tim Lawless, Code Compliance Officer - City of Renton

Tim will provide an overview of the Code Compliance Department's functions, how they receive and process complaints, how they determine what is or is not a violation. Included will be visuals of typical code compliance violations. Tim will also share past success stories, and situations that are still active.

Darius Richards, KNA Board Member and Kennydale Representative to the PSE Community Advisory Group

Darius will bring you up to date on what is going on with PSE's plans, and speak about our neighborhood's response...and what you can do as a concerned resident.

This presentation is by and for the benefit of neighborhood residents; PSE will not be speaking at this meeting.

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

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

PSE'S ENERGIZE EASTSIDE PROPOSAL - WHERE WE'RE AT AND WHAT LIES AHEAD

In the January 2014 edition of the Kennydale News, we alerted you to Puget Sound Energy's "Energize Eastside" project, and the possible use of our neighborhood as a route for large new electrical transmission towers. Identified by PSE as the "L" Route, these towers would enter Kennydale at the south end of Coulon Beach Park and run along the former BNSF Railroad right of way, all the way up through Ripley Lane and continue north for 1.5 miles along the Bellevue shoreline, and then turn inland from the lake. An alternate proposal, the "M" route, would utilize the existing PSE utility corridor that is just west of Monroe Ave. NE. In the article, we gave additional details about the overall scope of PSE's proposal.

At the Kennydale Neighborhood Meeting on January 28, PSE's Vice President of Community Relations, Andy Wappler, gave a presentation on the project, which involves a total of 16 separate route segments running from South Renton to Kirkland. The Q&A session that followed provided the 84 persons in attendance with the opportunity to express their concerns and ask questions.

Much has happened in the four months since PSE first announced the Energize Eastside Project on December 4, 2013. The residents along the S. Bellevue Shoreline (hereafter referred to as the Lake Lanes Neighborhood Association) set up a steering team in December. Following the KNA meeting on 1/28, and assisted by the groundwork of the LL Team, a similar steering team was established in Kennydale to represent the interests of homeowners along and nearby to Ripley Lane N, Lake Wash. Blvd. N., and Mountain View Ave. N. Earlier in January, Darius Richards agreed to be Kennydale's representative to PSE's Community Advisory Group (CAG), and Jules Dickerson agreed to serve as an alternate, representing the Lake Lanes neighborhood. The duties of the 28 CAG members and alternates, to paraphrase PSE's words, are to:

Develop an understanding of the project
Report project details back to our respective neighborhoods, gather feedback from the neighborhoods, and provide an ongoing two-way communications path
Provide advice, as community representatives, to address community concerns
Work in sub-area groups to help determine community values and recommended route segments
Partner with PSE to combine route segments into one "CAG-recommended" route.

Starting on January 29 and going on through early April, PSE has hosted two open houses, two CAG meetings and one workshop for each of the 3 sub-areas, including ours. PSE has utilized a consulting firm, Enviroissues, to actually run these sessions, and they have all been open to the public. The first CAG meeting on January 22 was essentially a training course about the Energize Eastside Project and the representatives' responsibilities; the overall tone was tight control by Enviroissues, with little opportunity for statements from the general audience. Enviroissues did, however, take some questions and answers were provided some days after the meeting.

At the second CAG meeting on February 12, the attendees were more agitated and there was a general sense of distrust in the process that PSE/Enviroissues was following. The lion's share of the attendees were from the Somerset neighborhood, which is located on the hillside directly east of Factoria.

Over this period of time, KNA and the Lake Lanes NA have reached out to their neighborhoods by email and direct contact, to gather residents' concerns and questions, and seek answers from PSE. Also, a Position Paper was prepared by the Kennydale steering team, signed by over 80 neighbors, and sent on to political leaders at the state, county and local (Bellevue

and Renton) level. And, to counter the probability of an "us vs. them" trap, residents and leadership teams along both the L and M routes have shifted towards the position that everyone would be better off working together. The pursuit of underground or underwater placement of cables, or somehow convincing PSE and SCL to share SCL's existing route, have been identified as approaches that both L and M residents will jointly push for.

Whether one calls them concerns, issues or whatever, a list of items has been formulated which identifies those things that matter to the residents and passers-by along the "L" Route:

Destruction of views
(cutting trees and adding industrial-sized infrastructure)
Violation of property owners' rights
False assumptions by PSE as to growth in Renton vs areas north of I-90
Threats to wildlife and the Lake Washington environment
Loss in tax revenues due to reduction of assessed valuations
False assumptions by PSE as to ownership of easement rights
Inadequate width of corridor for placement of utilities + trails + future rails + access to homes
Lack of consensus on health hazards due to electromagnetic fields (EMF)
...and much more

The third public meeting, on March 27, was operated as a Sub-Area Workshop for Routes K, L and M only. About 150 people were in attendance. The meeting started with another overview of the project, by Andy Wappler, followed by an impromptu Q&A session.

At this juncture, the moderator (Enviroissues) proceeded with the scheduled agenda, which was to split people up, by Routes K, L, or M, into tables of eight or so persons. The mission was to make a list of values, matched up by evaluation factors, which were then matched up to data needed to make the evaluation. In spite of efforts by steering team members to brief the attendees ahead of time on the expected process, a variety of approaches were taken at the different tables. The result is difficult to consolidate for this article. To their credit, some tables did get their information compiled in a straightforward manner.

The next event for the South Sub-Area will be a second workshop on April 24, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, at Renton Technical College (Robert C. Roberts Admin. Building - enter the campus at Entrance #3 off Monroe Ave. NE). Kennydale and Lake Lanes residents are encouraged to participate. The stated agenda for this workshop is to "score" Route L and M, based on the factors developed in Workshop #1. The challenge that PSE faces for this meeting is start us out with the factors in some semblance of order, and also to do a better job of explaining the process up front. Ideally this process should be explained to the public well before the night of the workshop.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Stay informed - Watch for meeting notices in your email or on KNA's website: www.kennydale.org ...and...attend the meetings. E-mail your City Council members via the City's website: www.rentonwa.gov and ask them to take whatever steps necessary to become an effective and unified voice in this matter. Send your questions and comments to PSE at energizeeastside@pse.com. Post your comments on KNA's website, using our blog feature.

Contact your Kennydale Representative to the CAG at: dariusvicki@msn.com

Remember: Our neighborhood's efforts will take about a year, but if the towers go in, they'll be with us forever!

KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 21st, 9 am to 4 pm

Plan now for the annual garage sale, organized by the Kennydale Neighborhood Association. We encourage all residents to participate: set up a sale at your home, set up signs, and look forward to the increased crowds that this sale always attracts. In 2013, the neighborhood set a record, with over 60 families participating; and, the weather was perfect, resulting in a good amount of traffic throughout the neighborhood. KNA is supporting this event by placing ads in several local newspapers, also in The Little Nickel, Craigslist, etc. We are also placing flyers at local businesses, and A-Board signs at all the entry roads into Kennydale. Also, we will deliver a red balloon to each seller, which you can place at the front of your lot for better visibility.

This is a great opportunity to make a few \$\$\$, clear out "treasures", clean out your closets, attic, garage and basement. Also, go over to your neighbor's and see what goodies they have for sale! Have fun and have a great sale!

Rajendra Agrawaal, Garage Sale Chairman agrawaalr@yahoo.com

Are you interested...

...in helping to promote, create and maintain soft surface trails in Renton and surrounding areas?

If so, check out the Renton Trails website at www.rentontrails.org

This space donated by the McCray Family

KNA Garden Club News

On March 29, four Garden Club members - Laurie Beden, Sarah Ennis, Susan Miller and Vicki Richards - got the season off to a start by touring the Bellevue Botanical Gardens*. At the start, there was some rain, but it stopped and the sun even made a brief appearance. The group walked through the trails and over the suspension bridge, observing the bulbs that are blooming and the trees which are just beginning to leaf out. Overall, the Gardens consists of 53 acres of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands and natural wetlands. A new visitor center is under construction and will open in the fall.

Now is a great time to pull weeds in your garden beds. All the RAIN we have had makes for easy pulling - so if the sun comes out, it's a great time to be outside. The Club's next garden event is on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 pm., at Susan Miller's home. This is our annual container planting event. The way it works is, you bring your gloves and hand tools, containers and suitable plants....and a few extra plants to trade with the others. KNA will supply the potting soil! Please call Susan at 206-601-1584 if you would like to attend.

Participation in the KNA Garden Club is free and open to all paid-up KNA members!

* *The Gardens are located at 12001 Main Street, in Bellevue.
Free, and open daily from dawn to dusk.*

For more information, visit www.bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-452-2750

WHO ARE THESE LITTER BUGS ??

Every Tuesday and Thursday for over 10 years, Roger, Marlene and their cocker spaniel Barry pick up pounds of litter along Kennydale's beautiful stretch of Lake Washington Blvd. - the crown jewel of Renton. Bottles, fast food wrappers, and even dirty diapers and condoms. The worst violator is the Bud Lite fancier. He/she starts at one end of the boulevard with a 24-pack. He/she drinks them and throws the empties on the lake side of the road, one by one, and then hurls the entire empty case. The ones over the guard rail are particularly challenging to gather up.

So who are these inconsiderate law breakers? Certainly not our Kennydale neighbors. If you see it happening, try to get their license number and report it to the Police Dept's. new non-emergency phone number: 425-235-2121. You can also help by putting all of those plastic grocery bags to work, by filling them with litter while you are walking the Boulevard, or the street you live on. Such a lovely neighborhood to be littered by thoughtless people!

Editor's Note: This article was written by Marlene Winter. She and her husband Roger are long-time Kennydale residents who are involved in all sorts of volunteer and charitable pursuits, yet they and some other people who we have observed still find time to help keep our boulevard clean. Our thanks to you all!

www.kennydale.org - Check It Out!

KNA's new and improved website has been operational since January 1, and it is definitely worth your time to visit it and see everything that is offered there. Our site's creator and administrator, Todd Hobart, has constructed a site that is attractive, user-friendly, and packed with useful information and features. In addition to lots of pictures and information about past and upcoming events, Todd has made the site a true path for two-way communication, through the addition of a "Leave a Reply" feature where visitors can post their comments and receive a timely response. The site also includes a Search feature, where you can type in a name, activity or other keyword, and you will be redirected to whatever page contains that information. Each page also provides a means to access KNA's Facebook page, which is administered by Kyle Grubbs; also you can see the other Kennydale residents who have "liked" the page.

So come visit us, and be sure to utilize the "Leave a Reply" feature with any comments, questions or suggestions you may have!

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ARBOR DAY / EARTH DAY ACTIVITY

Each year, the Renton Community Services Dept. and the Parks Dept. conduct a celebration of these two days by hosting an enhancement project at one of Renton's parks or other public areas. Typically, about 200 citizens from throughout Renton turn out.

This year's activity will take place on **Saturday, April 26th, at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** The location is **Gene Coulon Park.** The Parks Dept. staff will have a variety of projects lined up, including planting of native trees and shrubs, and other easy tasks. At the conclusion of the projects (around noon), a hot dog lunch will be served!

Volunteers should dress for whatever weather we have on that day, and it's a good idea to bring a suitable pair of work gloves. All tools will be provided by the Parks Dept.

Please call the Renton Community Services Dept. at 425-430-6600 to register (and be sure to mention that you are a Kennydale resident). You can also register at the event, but it helps the event planners if you do it earlier. Minors 17 years and younger must have a "Permission Form" signed by a parent or guardian, and minors 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Permission forms will be available at the sign-in table, or you can download one from the Kennydale Neighborhood Association's website at www.kennydale.org as follows: on the Home Page, click on the "Blog" tab; then in the Arbor Day / Earth Day article, click on the "Download File" link.

We invite you to join with your family, friends or co-workers and participate in this event. You will find it to be a very rewarding experience, and the results of your efforts will be very visible and much appreciated by all who utilize the park!

For further details, please read the City of Renton's announcement below.

**Volunteer Opportunity!
Call 425-430-6600 & Sign Up Today!**

**Arbor Earth Day
Saturday**

April 26, 2014

**Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Boulevard North
Renton WA**

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent

**Come join the City of Renton as we celebrate
Arbor Earth Day!**

Help us beautify the grounds of the Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and stay after for a hotdog lunch and tee-shirt to celebrate your hard work!

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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"/> 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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Go to our website, click on the "MEMBERSHIP TAB" and follow the instructions

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- ✓ A 10% Mclendon'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

WELCOME to SPRING!

It's time again to trim back on the ivy at the Kennydale Beach Parking lot (aka the "slope"). Ditto for the horsetail rushes. We have a new approach for controlling the rushes: cut off at their base with a suitable gardening cutter or maybe a pair of scissors. Apparently, pulling them out by the roots only stimulates further growth. This tip came from a speaker at the recent Northwest Flower & garden show. *It's worth a try...we'll see if it works.*

On the first sunny day, let's do an impromptu work party at the slope. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, and the results of your work will be highly visible (and appreciated). Call me at 425-430-4469 and I'll add you to the contact list!

Vicki Richards, KNA Landscape Committee Chairperson



KNA Book Club Spring Readings

I have a fun surprise but it will mean moving some book choices around. Renee Perrault who wrote "The Good Deed" is coming to our book club to talk about her book with us. **She lives here in Kennydale part of the year** and is interested to meet us. Her book is available on Amazon.com to buy and for Kindle users. **She is available for our May 3rd meeting.** I will host the meeting here at my house: 1107 N. 31st Street, so we won't be limited by time or availability of the library.

I do hope everyone can come! RSVP.

May 3rd

The Good Deed ...by Renee Perrault

June 7th

The Signature Of All Things ...by Elizabeth Gilbert

July 12th

Songs of Willow Frost...by Lucy Lethbridge

May 3rd

The Signature of All Things

by Jamie Ford (Meeting at the Panama Hotel tearoom)

Skipping August so you will have 2 months to read the next book.

Sept 6th

The Orphan Master's Son...by Adam Johnson

(Pulitzer prize winner)

Mark your calendars!

2014 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

April 26th

Neighborhood
Earth Day Celebration

April 29th

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

June 21st

Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 26th

Renton River Days Parade

July 29th

KNA Ice Cream Social
6:30 pm
Kennydale
Lion's Park



August 9th

KNA Ice Cream
Social & A Movie



6:30 - 10:00PM

Kennydale Lion's Park

September 4th

KNA Annual
Neighborhood Picnic
5:30 - 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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