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THURSDAY
April 27th
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

SATURDAY, May 13th
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at May Creek Trail

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

NEW!

THURSDAY, April 27th, 6:45 pm*

At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Presentation by:

Michael Kirk, City of Renton Facilities Division Director

Capt. Will Aho and Dep. Chief Roy Gunsolis, Renton Regional Fire Authority

The City of Renton is moving forward with plans to design and construct a new fire station and water reservoir in Kennydale, on N. 30th St. directly west of the Shell gas station.

The City's representatives will be providing updated information on:

- *The status of project planning and design work*
- *The current schedule for project design, permitting and construction*
- *Future opportunities for neighborhood and community input*

Ample time will be provided after their presentations for Q&A's from the audience

Special Question & Answer Session by:

Commander Jon Schuldt, Renton Police Dept.

Commander Schuldt, who oversees the Patrol Division of police officers who serve Kennydale and all of Renton, will share his knowledge of crime in Kennydale, and will take questions from the audience.

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend this quarterly meeting.

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

THE REAL FACTS ABOUT CRIME in KENNYDALE

The citizens of Renton are very fortunate that the Renton Police Dept. has chosen to become part of CrimeReports, a collection of over 1000 law enforcement agencies throughout the USA and Canada, that are committed to transparency, public access and citizen engagement in the process of crime reporting and disclosure. Through their website, www.crimereports.com, all persons having internet access can access crime data that is far more detailed and credible than what one may encounter on social media. *For example, here is a recap of our situation in Kennydale compared to all of Renton, starting at 1/1/2017:*

Crime Incidents, per CrimeReports.com			
2017	All of Renton	Kennydale Only	% of Total
January	846	51	6%
February	608	34	5.6%
March 1 - 28	459	30	6.5%

The types of crimes being tracked in this period consist of: Assault, Robbery, Breaking & Entering, Property Crime, Theft, Theft from Vehicle, Theft of Vehicle, and Drugs. Interestingly, **Kennydale consistently represented only 6.5% or less of the total crimes reported** for this 3 month period....somewhat comforting, but maybe not so much if you were one of the 6% ! Also, Kennydale saw none of the assault or drug type incidents that occurred elsewhere in town.

Here's how to use the site: go to www.crimereports.com, and **enter Renton** in the "Search Crime Reports" box. In the drop-down menu that appears, **select Renton, Washington**. A map centered on Renton will appear. You can move around in the map, zoom, etc. same as in GoogleMaps, etc. The site is very easy to learn, so give it a try. *Due to limited space in this newsletter, we have posted this article along with a more complete set of instructions on our KNA Blog pages at www.kennydale.org. Please Note: Other cities that do not display any incident icons on the map are not crime free – they simply don't participate in CrimeReports!*

KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE GARAGE SALE

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 substantial crowds that this sale always attracts. In 2016 we had about 50 families participating; and, although the weather was a mixture of sun, clouds and light rain, there was still a good amount of traffic throughout the neighborhood. So for this year, plan on seeing a good turnout of buyers, because....who can resist a sale with so many choices!

In addition to this newsletter announcement, KNA is supporting this event by placing flyers at local businesses, email reminders to 350+ homes, 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 so that visitors can easily spot your sale as they drive along the street.

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

Rajendra Agrawaal, Garage Sale Chairman

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS, Revisited

The uptick in break-ins and thefts that occurred in Kennydale in January and February highlights the need for a reminder to all our residents about the things that you should be doing to help minimize the chance that you will become a victim

The following is a list of Residential Burglary Prevention Tips that has been available from the Renton Police Dept. for some time. This information has been provided, at neighborhood Block Watch meetings and at the October 2016 KNA Neighborhood meeting and 4 previous such meetings, by Officer Cyndie Parks, RPD's Community Program Coordinator. For those of you who have implemented some or many of these tips, congratulations! For those of you who haven't, now is the time to stop being a potential (or actual) victim by implementing whichever of the following precautions apply to your particular home:

- 1) Install lights by all exterior doors, and the motion detecting type at front and garage doors (or install LED lamps on a timer and run them all night). Make sure your fixtures have glass covers that are not easily removed.
- 2) Trim shrubs back from doors and windows
- 3) Don't leave exterior lights on during the daytime; that suggests that you are away from home
- 4) Always close your garage door, and cover "view" windows so that no one can see inside
- 5) Leave nothing in your car (especially the garage door opener); lock it up; park in garage if possible
- 6) Secure outdoor sheds with a high quality lock (bolt cutters will cut most padlocks)
- 7) Always lock your doors and windows, even when you're at home
- 8) Use solid core or metal exterior doors
- 9) Install 4-screw strike plates with 3" wood screws to penetrate the stud within your door frame on all exterior entry doors
- 10) Use deadbolt locks on exterior doors and double-cylinder deadbolt locks if glass is within 3 feet of the lock
- 11) Install peepholes on doors with 160 degree views (if you don't have a window near the door)
- 12) Do not hide keys outside; leave them with a trusted neighbor
- 13) Add drop bars, wooden dowels, or pinning devices to windows and sliding glass doors
- 14) Keep valuables in a safe deposit box
- 15) Use a locking, heavy-duty metal mailbox (not plastic) *
- 16) Take outgoing mail directly to the post office or a blue Postal pick-up box
- 17) Never let strangers into your home. If someone knocks, answer them through a closed, locked door and keep it locked until you verify that they have legitimate business with you. Check their ID
- 18) Never leave notes for anyone on the door
- 19) Consider installing a residential alarm system*
- 20) Consider installing a good quality video surveillance system*

While on vacation:

- 21) Place a radio and interior lights on timers
- 22) Put mail and newspapers on hold
- 23) Ask your trusted neighbor to pick up any packages or fliers from your driveway or porch, and to "keep an eye on things"
- 24) **Sign up with the Renton Police Department's Vacation House Check Program (425)430-7571 or www.rentonwa.gov .**

* When shopping for a locking mailbox, residential alarm system, or video surveillance system, do your research! Amazon.com appears to be an excellent place to find out what's available, and to learn what their other customers like – or don't like – about these types of products. When you are ready to make a purchase, also keep in mind our local stores here in Renton!

Please note that prices for alarm systems and monitoring vary widely. Systems that include mandatory monitoring, annual contracts, etc. can be very expensive. The City of Renton has posted some very revealing information on this subject. To learn more, go to www.rentonwa.gov and then follow the path: Living>Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention>Crime Prevention>Home Security Systems

As Officer Cyndie Parks notes, "It falls upon those who live in a neighborhood to be vigilant and to remember: **utilizing 911 as a resource tool as opposed to an emergency-only number is incredibly important.** Reporting suspicious activity can make a very big difference when it comes to deterring criminal activity – please be a heavy handed 911 caller". **After you call 911**, get on social media, if you are so inclined. Finally, if you have never **set up a Block Watch on your street**, or if yours has become inactive, **please call Officer Parks at 425-430-7521 to get one established or reinvigorated!**

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLOCK WATCH, Revisited

If you attend the Kennydale Neighborhood Association's quarterly neighborhood meetings and/or the other events that we host throughout the year, or if you go to various events that are hosted by the City of Renton, then you most likely have seen or heard information about the City's Block Watch Program. If you are new to the neighborhood or have not taken the time to become informed on this very important program, here's an easy remedy:

Go to www.rentonwa.gov and follow the path Living>Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention>Crime Prevention>Block Watch. There's a lot of good information there; here are some highlights of what Block Watch offers:

- Two-way lines of communication and trust are opened up between citizens and the Renton Police Dept.
- Citizens receive reliable security information on locks, lights, physical environment etc. in order to make their properties more secure (read the list of Residential Burglary Prevention Tips that appears in this edition of the Kennydale News)
- KNA offers all Kennydale residents the ability to communicate with City officials in a unified voice about all sorts of matters that are of interest to them. Block Watch brings this cohesive effort down to the block-by-block level, with the focus being on establishing a group effort to implement solutions for improved security that work well for your particular street.
- Citizens may request a free security survey of their homes; to set that up, or to learn how to establish a Block Watch in your neighborhood, **call the Block Watch Coordinator at 425-430-7521 !**

KNA would like to add this thought: Block Watch provides a comfortable means for residents to accomplish the task of getting to know the other people on your street. It's probably not realistic to know everybody on a first-name basis, but do try to develop that relationship with at least both of your neighbors on either side, and with the ones directly across the street. This can provide the foundation for a higher level of trust, and the possibility that each of you will feel comfortable in asking your neighbor to be extra vigilant when you go on vacation, or to trade pet-feeding responsibilities, etc.

MAY CREEK TRAIL HISTORY

In Kennydale, we have a gem of green space with a wonderful history. It is the May Creek Trail Park, located at 4260 Lake Washington Blvd. N., just south of the old Pan Abode site.

There are story boards on the trail that share the history of Clarissa Colman, a pioneer who homesteaded by May Creek in the 1800's. She kept a diary for 24 years after her husband was murdered as he was rowing across Lake Washington to testify in Seattle at a criminal trial.

If you have not visited the trail, I encourage you to do so. There is a compacted, wide walking trail. If you focus on the sound of the birds and swiftly running creek you may forget the freeway is so close.

...and While We're on the Subject...the May Creek Trail Park will have a Spring Green and Clean Project

Saturday, May 13th

Check-in at 8:45 am; Project will run until 11:30 am

This is a great opportunity for volunteers (14+) to do some light sprucing up, etc. to help maintain this jewel. Youths age 14 to 17 who are not accompanied must have a waiver filled out by an adult. You may register at Rentonwa.gov/cybersignup or call 425-430-6700 (May Creek Trail Green & Clean is course #58462). All tools will be provided, but participants should bring a pair of work gloves and clothing appropriate for whatever weather is expected on this date! Parking available on the west side of Lake WA Blvd. N.

THANK YOU, GRIFFIN HOME YOUTH !

Every month, a group of young men from the Griffin Home conduct a litter pick up on Lake Washington Blvd. N., starting at Gene Coulon beach Park and going north up to Burnett Ave. N. at Clover Creek. This March, at the request of KNA, they did an additional pick up of the trash at the Park & Ride lot on N. 30th Street, and when they had completed that task, they proceeded to clean up the I-405 Exit 6 interchange, and also N. 30th Street down to Lake Wash. Blvd. Over 20 youth and their advisers participated, and 14 large bags of trash were collected! All Kennydale residents benefit in having a clean neighborhood, and we sincerely thank the Griffin residents for your help!

KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

- April 3rd "The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivey @ Gloria's
 May 8th "The Man Called Ove" by Frederick Backman @ Barbara's
 June 5th "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout @ Pat's

Meetings are usually held on the first Monday morning of the month, unless there is a conflict of some sort, at 10 am for about 1 – 1.5 hours. We meet at a member's home and the host provides the discussion questions along with a small snack, tea and coffee. Any KNA member is welcome to join us. We would welcome your input. To join or visit, contact Sharon Weibler, at sweibler@hotmail.com

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(Add to your calendars now!)

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

Saturday, May 13th
Spring Clean & Green Project

Saturday, June 24th
Annual KNA Garage Sale

Tuesday, July 18th
KNA Ice Cream Social
6:30 pm,
Kennydale Lions Park

August (Date TBD)
KNA Ice Cream Social #2
6:30 pm
Kennydale Lions Park

Wednesday, September 6th
KNA Neighborhood Event
5:30
Kennydale Lions Park

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

November 1st-22nd
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Tuesday, December 12th
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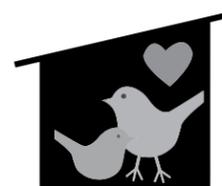
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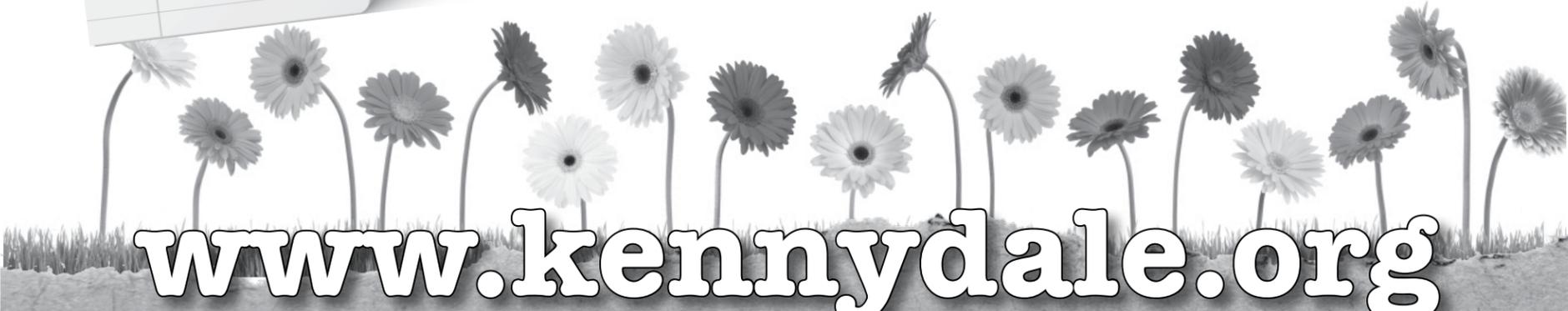


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