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Tuesday, January 24th NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

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

Special Presentation by:

Erica Jacobs, Project Manager, *Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail*

Construction of the ERC Trail segment through Kennydale is starting! Erica will provide an update on when and where the work will be starting, and provide details on Kennydale-specific considerations; also she will provide information on how residents can stay informed and involved, and what lies ahead as far as project milestones.

Special Presentation by:

Elizabeth Stewart, *Director, Renton History Museum*

In the past few years, the Museum has added new temporary and permanent exhibits, a teen advisory council (the RenTeens), and in 2016, a full renovation of the Museum's offices and lobby area. More is on the way: Liz will give us a behind-the-scenes look at what's happening at the Museum and what's coming up in 2017.

Ample time will be provided at the end of this presentation for your questions and comments!

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**

" MARSHMALLOWS ROASTING BY AN OPEN FIRE..."

A festive crowd of over 60 Kennydale residents were in attendance at KNA's Annual Bonfire and Sing-along, which was held on December 13 at the north picnic shelter in Gene Coulon Beach Park. The warm bonfire, hot chocolate and cider and s'mores were enjoyed by all, as was the singing which was ably led by Jon & Marilyn Danielson, Torbin & Ginnie Hollingsworth, Nancy Mitchell, and Mike Kidd, who are all long-time Kennydale residents and members of the St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church's Contemporary Choir.

Warm thanks to our bonfire chairperson, Janice Dougherty for making all the arrangements for this event and ensuring that there were plenty of goodies for all, and to her husband Jim, for exercising his skills in bonfire-making.

2016 FOOD DRIVE: SMALL KIDS DO A BIG TASK!

Mrs. Olivia Rossenbach's students at Kennydale Elementary School made history when they became the first Kindergarten class to win first prize for the most food items collected during KNA's Annual Food Drive last November, with a total of 265 items donated. Items collected by the other KE classes brought the total for the school to 2,105...and over 2000 additional items were contributed by KE staff members and residents of Kennydale who brought items to the school....for a grand total of over 4,100 food items. As in past years, all donated items were transported to the REACH Center of Hope facility at Renton City Hall. Participants in that effort included Food Drive Chairperson Marcie Palmer and her son Michael, Tom and Mary Jenkins, Lynne Milnor, Renee Perrault, and Darius & Vicki Richards.

KNA and REACH extend our sincere thanks to all parents of KE kids and other neighbors who donated food items to this very worthwhile effort, and special thanks also to Papa John's at 4710 NE 4th Street, Renton Highlands for their donation of six large pizzas for the Kindergarten kids!

"IT TAKES A NEIGHBORHOOD.."

During the entire month of December, the congregation of the Kennydale United Methodist Church (KUMC) provided a feeding and nighttime sheltering service for a group of homeless men in our community. This effort was led by congregation members Brian Shive and Trudy Neuman. The challenge of providing breakfast, lunch and dinner for approximately 25 men over this 31 day period clearly meant that a large outreach effort would be required. Because of its long term relationship with the residents of Kennydale, and a membership that understands the meaning of community spirit, the Kennydale Neighborhood Association was asked to help communicate a call for volunteers within our neighborhood.

The specific task at hand was for volunteers to choose a day, and provide 25 sack lunches for the men to take with them during the day, or to provide and serve 25 dinners in the evening. Brian and Trudy single-handedly provided the breakfasts, and, as a result of KNA's call for volunteers, 43 other caring citizens responded to the call for lunches or dinners, and in most cases chose multiple days in which to participate. It was truly heartwarming to see the compassionate effort on the part of KUMC and other caring people within the Kennydale community....and to receive the daily expressions of appreciation from the men who would have otherwise faced a bleak Christmas season.

The men have now moved on to another church, and hopefully to a better life as time goes on.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to serving as KNA's president for 2017! KNA is in great shape; we are fortunate to have an experienced and enthusiastic Board, 315 current members, and a growing population of residents who appreciate that Kennydale is a very desirable place in which to live. KNA is in good financial shape as well, thanks to the dues paid by our members, support from our area businesses and residents in the form of newsletter ads, donations of cash and/or volunteer hours, and funds that we receive from the City of Renton Neighborhood Grant Program. All of this enables KNA to conduct activities and projects that benefit Kennydale, and to be your #1 channel for credible information.

Our past guiding light in the Renton Neighborhood Program, Norma McQuiller, has taken a well-deserved retirement, and we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Drey Hicks has been hired to be Renton's new Neighborhood Program Coordinator. We are looking forward to working with Drey as improvements to the program are rolled out in the coming months. More on that subject as plans are developed, and best wishes for 2017 from all of the KNA Board!

Darius Richards

2017 KNA Activity and Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our activities and events that are shown in the 2017 Calendar of Events, KNA offers a number of neighborhood improvement activities and "special interest" groups, as listed on the Membership Application Form.

Interested?

Call or email the persons shown below:

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Landscape Maintenance
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Garage Sale
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Book Club
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Ice Cream Socials / Movie (open)

November Food Drive
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Renton River Days Parade (open)

Holiday Bonfire
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Membership Committee
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Parents Group (open)

**** Indicates KNA Board Member***

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my 3 years as your KNA President comes to an end, I have much to be thankful for in 2016. Our KNA Board has done a marvelous job of putting on events, conducting meetings and working in other ways for the benefit of the Kennydale Community. Thank you, Board members and all residents who have supported the efforts of KNA; I have really enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to continuing our relationship in 2017 as your KNA Vice President.

As many of you are aware, there are three locations in Kennydale (the Kennydale Beach parking area, and the two landscaped areas at I-405 Exit 6 next to the "Welcome") where KNA volunteers provide on-going landscape maintenance in order to fulfill our responsibilities per the City of Renton Neighborhood Grant program. As Maintenance Chair for KNA, I want to thank the group of people who helped me to maintain those sites, including Diana Wallace, Kim Brown, Nancy Denney, Joy Dolling, Natalie Yusen, Dan Norton, Darius Richards, Jackie Lefebvre, Marta Bloss, Laurie Clark and Deana Hawes; in 2016 you invested 171 hours total from April – September to help beautify our neighborhood.

A big thank you to the Griffin Home youth who have done a litter patrol every month starting at Gene Coulon Park and going north to Clover Creek.... and thanks also to Roger and Marlene Winter, and all others who take time during their daily walks to pick up litter and keep Lake Washington Blvd. Beautiful.

Finally, I want to thank Devin Dolling for his 3 years of service on the KNA Board. During that time, he administered KNA's website and Facebbok page; chaired our Annual Fall Food Drive, served as liaison to Hazen High School and Kennydale's youth, conducted several neighborhood cleanups, and could be relied on whenever needed. Devin started his freshman year at the University of Washington this fall, and we know that he has what it takes to be a great success there!

I wish all of you the best of health and prosperity in 2017!

Vicki Richards

2nd ANNUAL "GOODIES FOR GIVING" PARTY

On Dec. 13, eight of Kennydale's finest cookie bakers gathered at Vicki Richards' home, bringing with them dozens of cookies that they had prepared. Pictured from left to right are: Sharon Weibler, Karen Easton, Sue Weibler, Subhashni Agrawaal, Natalie Yusen, Vicki Richards, Susan Miller and Janice Dougherty. They arranged the cookies onto seven large platters which were then delivered to the homeless men's shelter at Kennydale United Methodist Church, the Griffin Home, and the REACH Center of Hope. Of course enough cookies had been made for the ladies to do a modest exchange amongst themselves as well ! KNA members also collected toiletries, toothbrushes, shampoo, lipstick, etc. and made up 45 gift bags of these items for the ladies at the REACH Center. Thanks to all for showing the true spirit of Christmas!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Mark Peterson, KNA's Emergency Preparedness Chairman, has received the following information from Karissa Smith, the City of Renton Emergency Management Coordinator: (ksmith@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-7041)

- ***For past graduates of the Renton CERT training, some continuing education sessions may be offered this summer. In order that Karissa can choose the best classes, she is asking interested parties to fill out a quick survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017CERT***
- ***Due to recent turnover in staffing, a spring course in CERT will not be offered. However, Staff will be trying out a 3-day course in August, and a regular class will be held on Tuesday nights starting in mid-September***
- ***There is a 2 page list of courses offered by the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA), including descriptions of course content, dates, how to sign up, etc. To get your copy, go to: http://bit.ly/1SWEhFN***

Questions?

Please contact Karissa; or Mark at mp2athome@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP

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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2017 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

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

April 25th
KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6:45 - 8:30 pm,
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

April 29th
Arbor/Earth Day Activity

June 24th
Annual KNA Garage Sale

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

Date (TBD)
KNA Ice Cream Social & Movie

Date (TBD)
KNA Neighborhood Picnic

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

November 1st-22nd
Annual Food Drive

December 12th
KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast
6:30pm
Gene Coulon Park, North Shelter

TBD* Translation:
Due to improvements in the City of Renton's Neighborhoods Program", KNA has been given more flexibility in the dates we can choose for these events. Firm dates will be publicized in this newsletter and at **www.kennydale.org**

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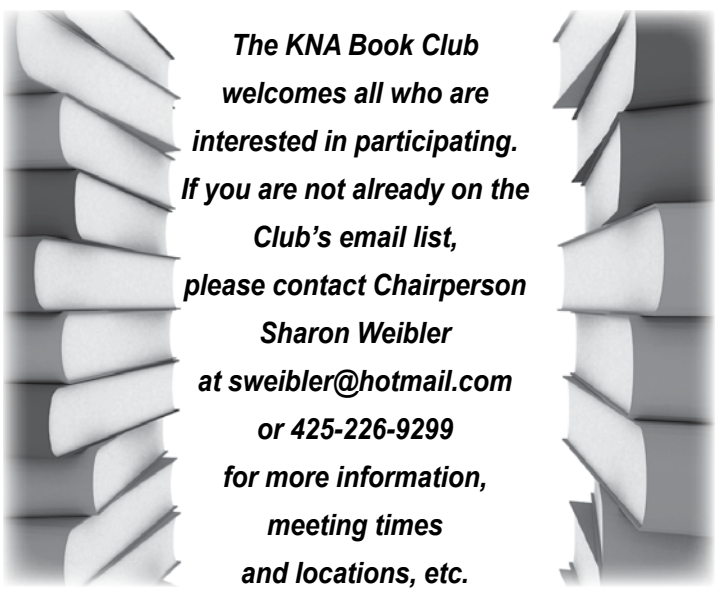
KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Meetings are on the 1st Monday of month, @ 10 am

Jan. 9 "The Shadow of the Wind"
by C. Ruiz-Zafron

Feb. 6 "We Are All Completely beside Ourselves"
by K. J. Fowler

Books for March, April and May will be chosen at the January 9th meeting. Please go to the KNA website, www.kennydale.org , for updated information.



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