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TUESDAY
January 29th
Neighborhood Meeting

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KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Tuesday, January 29th, 6:45 pm*
At Kennydale Elementary School, 1700 NE 28th Street

Special Presentations by:

Representatives from the City of Renton and the Renton Regional Fire Authority

Hear the latest news about Kennydale's new fire Station 15 which opens this February. Also, there will be an update on construction of the nearby water reservoir.

Special Presentation by Randy Matheson,
Executive Director of Community Relations, Renton School District.

Randy will provide information about Renton Schools plans for a levy and bond measure to address continued growth in the District.

Special Presentation by Blake Jones,
Community Outreach Representative for Sound Transit.

Blake will provide information about Sound Transit's new I-405 Bus Rapid Transit BRT) Project along I-405, including a new transit center in South Renton, and their Kennydale station at NE 44th Street (Exit 7).

Time will be provided at the end of each presentation for your questions & comments.
All Kennydale residents are invited and ecouraged to attend this quarterly meeting!

*** Check in at 6:45 pm to socialize and meet our new KNA Board Members and enjoy some cake with our retiring Board Members. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm**

CITY OF RENTON FIRE STATION 15 READIES FOR OPENING THIS FEBRUARY

After a year of construction, the new fire station at 1404 North 30th Street is nearly complete. Fire Station 15 will be open and fully operational in February. Below, the concrete finishers apply their skills to the main driveway area.

Reservoir construction will begin in the spring and last approximately 18 months. The city will utilize the site for a reservoir to provide supply reliability, pressure surge control and to increase storage capacity in the Kennydale area for fire protection and domestic water use. The reservoir is expected to feature a painted mural once construction is complete. Concepts for a reservoir mural will be coordinated with the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and include opportunities for community feedback.
Representatives from the City of Renton and Renton Regional Fire Authority will present the latest project updates at the January 29, 2019 KNA neighborhood meeting.
Both projects are a collaboration of the Renton Regional Fire Authority (RRFA), Community Services' Facilities Division and the Public Works Department's Utility Systems Division.

More information is available online at: **https://rentonwa.gov/cms/one.aspx?pageId=10979870**
Information for this article was provided by Ryan Orth, Senior Associate, Enviroissues

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The students of Kennydale Elementary School, their parents and other caring Kennydale residents came together again to make the Annual Fall Food Drive a great success, with 2416 items of food being donated. The collected food was delivered each day to the Reach Center of Hope in Renton, who utilizes these donations to support the work of the Center and also the Renton Meal Coalition. ***Here is an excerpt from the Center's January 2019 Thank-you message to the public:***

> ***"Thanks to all of our wonderful End-of-Year gift givers, including…***
> **Kennydale Neighborhood Association & Kennydale Elementary School**
> *The neighborhood association once again sponsored their long-running food drive, which took place over the entire month of November. Showing that caring can happen at any age, the students at Kennydale Elementary were heavily involved and our pantry is now well stocked – supporting both the Center of Hope as well as the Renton Meal Coalition!"*

This year, the winning class at Kennydale Elementary was the Third Grade class of Ms. Margie Dugan, who collected 204 food items! A Pizza Party for them will be held in January, with delicious pizzas donated by the Papa John's Pizza restaurant on NE 4th Street.

Special thanks are due also to our Food Drive Chairperson, Marcie Palmer, and the other Kennydale residents who picked up the food donations throughout the Drive and transported them to the Reach Center of Hope: Michael Palmer, Leah & Jack Battin, Paul & Pam Miller, Dave Huhs, Marlene Winter, Debbie Keppler, Pat Conger, Sharon Moats, Lynne Milnor, and Darius & Vicki Richards.

Reach Center Volunteer, Dante Diggins, sorts several days of donations

….and in a further gesture of caring….

In early December, a group of Kennydale neighbors gathered together all sorts of toiletries: toothbrushes & paste, deodorant, hand gel, soaps, lotions, socks, combs, hair clips and a variety of other hygiene supplies, which were assembled into 50 attractive bags and then donated to the Reach Center of Hope. Participants in this activity were Leah Battin, Janice Dougherty, Karen Easton, Stephanie Fife, Kayla Huhs, Marcia LeVeque, Pam Miller, Linda Nguyen, Jenn Welling, Marlene Winter and Vicki Richards *(pictured below).*

CHANGES TO THE KNA BOARD

The end of 2018 marked the retirement of three members of the KNA Board: ***Lynne Milnor,*** our Secretary and former Neighborhood Picnic chairperson; ***Natalie Yusen,*** our Welcome Committee chairperson, and Justin Hoover. All three have been valued contributors to the operation of the Board and the planning and staging of our meetings and events; we will miss them, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Knowing several months ago that these people would be leaving, our KNA Nominating Committee set out to find people who were eager to serve on the Board, and at the successful conclusion of that search, four individuals were elected by the KNA membership at the October 29, 2018 Neighborhood Meeting: ***Leah and Mike Battin, Dave Huhs,*** and ***Paul Miller.*** We are very pleased to have these folks "on board", as we continue with our mission of enhancing the quality of life in Kennydale and fostering community spirit!

At the Kennydale Neighborhood meeting on January 29, a cake and beverages will be served at 6:45 – 7:00 pm to honor our three retirees, and welcome our four new Board members.

KNA HOLIDAY BONFIRE WARMS THE HEART…

…and the hot cocoa and toasted s'mores helped as well!

Our annual event was held on the evening of December 11th, at the Coulon Park north picnic shelter. Throughout the evening, over 50 people dropped by at one time or another, to enjoy the fire, hot beverages, and s'mores (most of which were prepared and eagerly consumed by the many kids in attendance)! For anyone who has driven by Coulon Park during December evenings without stopping, the lighted trees, landscaping and buildings are definitely worth the time it takes to walk around the decorated part of the park...and many of the folks who were at the bonfire took advantage of the mostly un-rainy weather to do just that!

Special thanks to our KNA Board member, Janice Dougherty, for chairing this event every year, to her husband Jim for his fire-building expertise, and to one of our new Board members, Leah Battin, for assembling at least 100 "s'mores kits" so that the kids could get right to the important work of roasting and eating!

Thanks also to our co-host for this event, the City of Renton Neighborhood Program, and to the City of Renton Parks Dept. for the marvelous lighting displays that get better and better each year!

KNA BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

January 7
"The President Is Missing", by Bill Clinton & James Patterson

February 4
"Everyone Brave Is Forgiven", by Chris Cleave

March 4
"Prague Winter", by Madeline Albright

The KNA Book Club welcomes all who are interested in participating. If you are not already on the Club's email list, please contact Chairperson Sharon Weibler at sharnell@outlook.com or 425-226-9299 for more information, meeting times and locations, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

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- ☐ 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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2019 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

January 29th
KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6:45 – 8:30 pm.
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

April 30th
KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6:45 – 8:30 pm.
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

June 22nd
Annual KNA Garage Sale

July 16th
KNA Ice Cream Social
7:00 pm,
Kennydale Lions Park

August 20th
KNA Ice Cream Social
7:00 pm,
Kennydale Lions Park

October 29th
KNA Neighborhood Meeting
6:45 – 8:30 pm.
Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria

November 1st to 29th
Annual Food Drive

December 10th
KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast
6:30 pm
Gene Coulon Park, North Shelter

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