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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July, 30th
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 13th
ICE CREAM SOCIAL #2 AND MOVI E

Wednesday, Sept 4th
Annual Kennydale PICNIC

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Kna Ice Cream *Social*

Tuesday, July 30th – 6:30 to 8 pm

At North 30th Street & Park Avenue North

This ***free event*** will take the place of our July Neighborhood Meeting.

Bring your families and enjoy a selection of delicious ice creams and toppings plus the opportunity to socialize with your Kennydale neighbors, and games & activities for the kids.

As usual, this activity will be set up in the meadow just east of the Kennydale United Methodist Church's parking lot (the "Park & Ride"). In the event of rain, we will postpone to an alternate date, which will be announced on our website, **www.kennydale.org**; Also on our FACEBOOK page...and by email to our membership.

...and coming in August, a new event for Kennydale...
Kna Ice Cream *Social #2* and a *Movie* Too!

Tuesday, August 13

Ice Cream starts at 6:30 pm...Movie starts at 8:00 pm
Kennydale Lions Park: Aberdeen Ave. NE @ NE 24th Street

All Kennydale residents are invited to attend our very first combined *Ice Cream Social* and *"Screen on the Green"* Event. We will be showing "Dolphin Tale" on a huge inflatable screen. This movie was inspired by the amazing true story of "Winter", the dolphin. It stars Harry Connick, Jr., Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman, Kris Kristofferson AND Nathan Gamble and is a movie that both kids and parents can enjoy ! *Run Time: 113 minutes*

Bring your families and enjoy a selection of delicious ice creams and toppings ***plus*** the opportunity to *socialize with your Kennydale neighbors*…**and see a great movie too!**
And remember to bring chairs or a blanket for your comfort during the movie.

This event is co-hosted by your Kennydale Neighborhood Association and the City of Renton Neighborhoods Program.

KNA ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC (POTLUCK *and* BBQ)

Wednesday, September 4th – 5:30 to 8 pm

Kennydale Lion's Park, Aberdeen Avenue NE at NE 24th Street

Save the Date!

For Kennydale's Big Community Event of the Year!

City of Renton Officials and Staff Members will provide and expertly grill the hotdogs, and to ensure that there are plenty of food choices for all,

we ask all attendees to bring a potluck item to share:

Last name A to M: *please bring a DESSERT*

Last name N to Z: please *bring a SALAD or SIDE DISH*

We particularly wish to invite people who have cultural ties to other countries!

This ***free, fun filled event*** will also include ***games and activities for the kids, face painting, a Balloon Clown, Door Prizes for members***

Displays by the Renton Fire, Police, EMT's *and* *the King County Mobile "Library2GO" Van and MORE!!*

To help ensure your comfort, it's a good idea to bring a blanket or chairs for sitting – and *No Pets Please.*

KNA will also have a red collection barrel for donations of new underwear, socks, and new school supplies, for elementary school kids who need these items. We will gladly accept a cash donation if that is more convenient for you.

To get a list of needed items, please contact Darius Richards or Sue Jahnke at the numbers shown below.

KNA, The City OF Renton and area businesses and community residents jointly sponsor this event. There are always a variety of small and easy tasks to do, if you would like to volunteer in any manner, please contact Darius Richards at 425-430-4469 or dariusvicki@msn.com OR Sue Jahnke at 425-271-6489 or forsue2go@comcast.net

June 22nd Neighborhood Garage Sale Results

The 2013 annual garage sale organized by the Kennydale Neighborhood Association for the residents of Kennydale was a great success. We could not have asked for a better day. The weather was perfect! This year for the first time we witnessed the number of houses with garage sales exceed 60 homes. Thank you, Kennydale! The KNA Board is always there for community events and it makes us feel good to have your support and participation.

As usual, KNA provided red balloons for each participant, to help draw attention to their sale….but this time there was an interesting twist: This year there was a shortage of helium gas, and the party shops were limiting the quantity of balloons that could be purchased to 12 per customer. Therefore, five individual members of the Garage Sale Team had to go in person to the "Party Shop" at the Landing and order red balloons separately….a minor inconvenience, but we got the 60 that we needed for our sellers!

As the chairperson of the Garage Sale Committee, I would like to thank the Garage Sale Committee members for their efforts and team work, which included advertising in the Craig's List, E-blasts, distributing flyers, displaying A-Board signs at strategic locations, collecting and distributing balloons, talking to neighbors, and doing Facebook and Web-site advertising. The committee members were Darius and Vicki Richards, Mac and Sue Jahnke, Todd Hobart and Avikar Agrawaal.

Rajendra Agrawaal, Chairperson

KNA Activity & Interest Group Contact List

In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2013 Calendar of Events, KNA offers a number of neighborhood improvement activities and "special interest" groups.
A complete list of these is shown on the membership application form.
If any of these sound interesting to you and you would like more information, please call or email the contact person shown below:

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New Neighbors and a New Look in Kennydale

Anyone who travels along Lake Washington Boulevard N. or Burnette Ave. N. has observed the spectacular new home that is perched above the street, directly across from the Kennydale Beach. This home is dramatically different from the other new homes in Kennydale, and is a perfect example of how to maximize the views looking westward to the lake. KNA is pleased to welcome the owners and builders, Dan and Jackie Norton, and to share their story with our readers.

Dan and Jackie are both natives of Washington; she lived in Angle Lake and then the Greenlake District, and Dan was raised in the Rainier Beach area. They met, got married and built their first house in the Mt. Baker neighborhood. Jackie operated her family's business, a freight company that specialized in shipments to Alaska. Dan was a career fireman, serving with the Seattle Fire Dept. for 26 years. Now they are both retired.

Their next move was to Ronald, a small town (population 308 in 2010) near Cle Elum Lake in Eastern Washington. Life there was very scenic, very peaceful….sometimes too peaceful. As Jackie notes, "many evenings your only visitors would be the wind and the bugs".

In 2009, Dan and Jackie were ready to relocate to a more urban environment, but not in Seattle itself. They are both avid bicyclists, and over 30 years had become very familiar with most all of the area's neighborhoods. This included Kennydale, due to their numerous rides along Lake Washington Boulevard. It was on one of those rides that they saw a "For Sale" sign on a tiny, nondescript concrete block cottage on Burnette Ave. N. They immediately saw the potential for this site, with its unobstructed views of Lake Washington. They made an offer, it was accepted, and they bought the property. They never really considered any other properties in Kennydale; during that period, there wasn't much on the market here, and certainly nothing with such a commanding view. But they knew that Kennydale, with its wide variety of home styles and its diverse residents, was where they wanted to be.

The site had its challenges, due to its small size, potential for water runoff from the hill above and a vertical cliff on the west side of the property. Dan wisely decided to have tests run on the subsoil, and from that it was clear that steel pin piles would be required. As part of the site preparation, steps were also taken to eliminate future runoff problems. A substantial foundation was poured, and then construction started on the house itself.

Anyone who passes by on the road can see that this house is like no other in Kennydale, but as you learn how the house is constructed, you will realize how different it really is: the primary building materials are concrete, steel beams, and glass. Additionally, much of the wall structure is fabricated with a new type of block, which consists of an outer foam shell into which concrete is poured to give the block strength and rigidity. This block is very new to the Renton construction scene, but Dan had previous experience with it on a home he built with a friend in Eastern Washington.

One might expect the interior of a concrete, steel and glass home to be cold and uninviting, but that is not the case at all….when you walk in, you feel warm and welcomed (of course much of that has to do with Dan and Jackie, who are very people-oriented). Interior surfaces are a nicely chosen selection of wood, quartz, slate and ceramic tile, and lots of glass. Some of the less visible (but important) features include solar heated water (for domestic water and the radiant floors), solar electric panels that actually put power back into Puget Power's system, and a roof drain system that directs water towards the landscaping…when you stand on the north side of the house, look for the intriguing system of ducts and chains that brings rainwater down from the butterfly roof.

The overall construction time was supposed to be 13 months, but it actually took 23. When asked if he would have done anything differently, Dan noted that it would have been better to hire a contractor who had extensive commercial construction (i.e., steel and concrete) experience. The Norton's collaborated with an architect on the building design, but when it came to the interior design, by they felt very comfortable in relying on their own past experience and ability to visualize how things would turn out. They also found the City of Renton's representatives, particularly Chip Vincent, the Building Department and the Inspectors, to be very cooperative and understanding.

Now that the construction work is over and the landscaping is done, Dan and Jackie have time to enjoy the view from their deck and to pursue their favorite interests: bicycle riding, downhill and x-country skiing and travel, to name a few. And they have become KNA members and in fact have volunteered their time to spiff up the landscaping at the south end of the Kennydale Beach parking lot…..thanks to both of you for being great neighbors! ~Darius Richards, Editor

Big Turnout for Earth Day Workparty at May Creek Trail

On April 27, the Renton Community Services Dept. and the Renton Parks Dept. hosted a work party at the May Creek Trailhead, located at 4260 Lake Washington Blvd. North, in North Kennydale. Over 200 citizen volunteers of all ages showed up to assist with the planting of over 1500 small trees and shrubs.

Prior to this activity, the Parks Dept. had engaged their employees, and also workers from the Washington Conservation Corps, to do all of the heavy-duty tasks such as clearing of invasive plants, construction of a wide trail with interpretive signs and placement of a watering system. Overhead clearing of dangerous tree limbs was also done by a professional tree service, earlier in the spring.

This provided the citizen volunteers with a completely prepared environment in which to plant a variety of native trees and shrubs. The entire area was marked with flags of various colors, to indicate where each type of plant should go. The work went quickly (1500 plants / 200+ people = 7 plants per person), and by 11 am or so most everyone had finished their tasks. At that time, a nice lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks was provided by the City.

Everyone involved in the upgrading of this area from a no-mans land to a pleasant forest trail can be proud of what has been accomplished since October, 2012. If you have not taken the opportunity, do stop by and take a stroll along this ¼ mile trail. And next year, do plan on participating in whatever Earth Day activity that is scheduled by the Community Services and Parks staff….you will find it to be fun, rewarding, and a great way to help enhance the quality of Renton's neighborhoods.

MEMBERSHIP

Kennydale Neighborhood Association

2013 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":

- ☐ Welcome Committee
- ☐ Neighbor Outreach
- ☐ I-405 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
- ☐ 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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MEMBERSHIP

Changes on the KNA Board

Our President, Alan Withers, has resigned from the KNA Board so that he can devote his full time and energy to his healthcare. Al joined the KNA Board in 2001, and has served since that time as Chairman of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the I-405 Litter Patrol Committee. Al also served as Vice President in 2011, and as President in 2012 through May of this year. ***The KNA Board sends our very best wishes and thanks to Al, for his long-time service to the Kennydale Community.***

Darius Richards, KNA's Vice President, will provide coverage for Al's former responsibilities for the remainder of 2013, and in the fall, the KNA Election Committee will identify potential candidates for 2014 president , to be elected by the KNA membership at the October 2013 Neighborhood Meeting.

The Board is pleased to report that Sarah Ennis has been appointed to fill Al's former position as a Board Member. Sarah previously served in 2008-2010, at which time she and her family relocated out of state. She is now back in Kennydale with her husband Joel and sons Gavin and Austin, and we are indeed fortunate to have her back on the Board!

2013 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Add to your calendars now!)

July 26th-28th
Renton River Days

July 30th
KNA Ice Cream Social
6:30 pm,
in the meadow at
Park Ave. N. & N. 30th St.

Note New Date!
August 13th
KNA Ice Cream Social
AND Movie!
6:30 pm,
at Kennydale Lion's Park

September 4th
KNA Annual
Neighborhood Picnic
5:30 - 8 pm, Lion's Park

October 29th
KNA Neighborhood
Meeting
7 - 8:30 pm,
Kennydale Elementary
School Cafeteria

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

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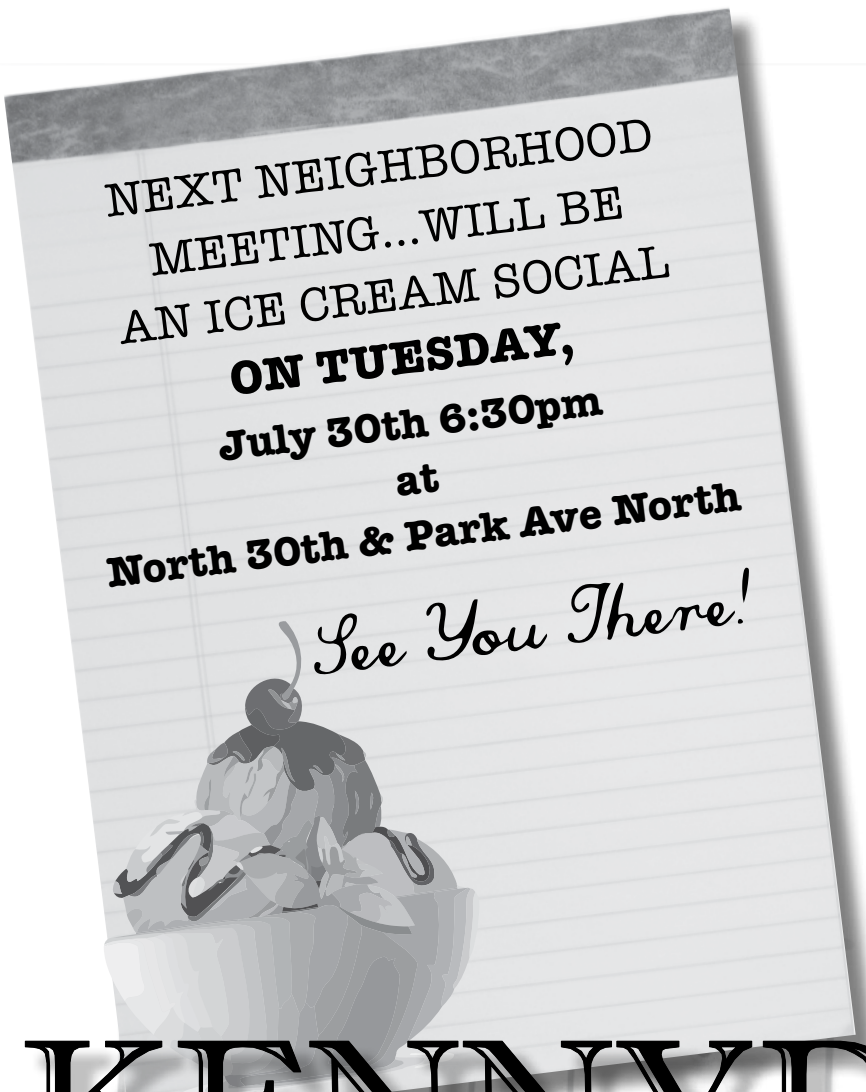

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