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Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, July 19th
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Friday, August 19th
Ice Cream Social #2
& Movie**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7th
Annual Neighborhood
Celebration & Picnic**

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KNA Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 19th – 6:30 to 8 pm

Kennydale Lions Park: 2428 Aberdeen Ave. NE



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

Bring your families and enjoy a selection of delicious ice creams and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors. 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

KNA Ice Cream Social #2 and a Movie Too!

THE KENNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION & THE CITY OF RENTON PRESENT

SCREEN ON THE GREEN-2016

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH
KENNYDALE LIONS PARK (2428 Aberdeen Ave NE, Renton)
7:30pm - ICE CREAM
9:00pm - MOVIE
FREE - ALL AGES WELCOME

ADMIT ONE

THIS YEAR'S MOVIE: **INSIDE OUT**

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, on a giant inflatable screen! And remember to bring chairs or a blanket for your comfort during the movie.

KNA ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC (POTLUCK and BBQ)

Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 7th 5:30 to 7:30 pm

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

This event is being co-hosted by the City of Renton's Neighborhood Program and the Kennydale Neighborhood Association.

All neighborhood residents are invited and encouraged to attend!

Service Organizations, such as PTA's, Scouts, area churches, etc. who serve our neighborhoods are encouraged to set up an information booth. To reserve a spot, contact numbers are shown below

City of Renton Officials and Staff Members will provide and expertly grill the meat

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

This free, fun filled event will also include games and activities for the kids:

Face painting, a Balloon Clown,

Door Prizes for members of KNA

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, The City of Renton's Neighborhood Program, and area businesses and community residents are jointly sponsoring 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 Vicki Richards at 425-430-4469 or dariusvicki@msn.com

OR Lynne Milnor at 425-271-0637 or bltandj2@comcast.net

KNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

At present, the City of Renton has 72 recognized Neighborhoods included in its Neighborhood Program. Kennydale is one of the larger neighborhoods, with over 2,600 households. We have an active and skilled Board which guides and implements our many events and activities throughout the year, including the largest which is our Neighborhood Picnic at the end of every summer. We are very pleased to say we have 324 KNA members currently, and at our picnic, we anticipate a much larger group of 500+ people.

This year, the Renton Neighborhood Program Staff has been meeting with heads of all the Neighborhoods to see what direction they would like the City to go to better serve each community. Over the next 6 months a 5 year plan will be developed; we will keep you informed!

We have been working closely with the Neighborhood Program Staff to help ensure that this year's Picnic will be a fun and meaningful event for all in our community. We appreciate their support, and the hard work of all the City employees who have volunteered their time and energy in past years at the various neighborhood picnics throughout Renton. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 7th, at Kennydale Lions Park!

Vicki Richards, KNA President

JUNE 11th GARAGE SALE WRAP-UP

The annual garage sale organized by the KNA for the residents of Kennydale was a great success!

On Friday evening, a day prior to Garage Sale, members of the organizing committee which included Vicki Richards, Lynne Milnor, Keith Altenhof, Mary Erikson, Mark Peterson, Faye Janders and Rajendra Agrawaal, picked red balloons from the Everything Party Store at The Landing. Sue Jahnke volunteered to pick balloons on behalf of Mac Jahnke who was out of town. And on Saturday morning team members were out and about distributing balloons and talking to neighbors. There were other members who worked behind the scene to help the organizing committee including Darius Richards, Devin Dolling, Janice Dougherty and Avikar Agrawaal, by advertising the Garage Sale via e-blast, Facebook, Nextdoor.com, Craigslist, KNA's website, distributing flyers and putting A-boards at strategic locations. On Saturday morning they were out on the road to complete their mission.

The distribution of red balloons on an annual basis has given an identity to Kennydale. Not only Kennydale residents, but the bargain hunters as well know that red balloons show where the garage sales are in progress. It was a mixture of weather, windy, cloudy, some rain and sun peeking out through the clouds. It did not dampen the bargain hunters who started coming early in the morning in search of treasures. There were about 43 Kennydale residents who were adventurous enough to set up their garage sales. In at least one instance the sale continued on Sunday!

Finally I would like to say thank you to our neighbors with garage sales and I hope you had a good day. Please e-mail how we can improve the garage sale for next year.

Rajendra Agrawaal, Garage Sale Chairperson Agrawaal@yahoo.com



One of the notable participants in the Garage Sale event was The Next Curve organization. Pictured from left are President Lisa Law, and Directors Carol Ann Witschi, Angelina Benedetti, Kevin Pool, Sara Barbee and Bryce Miller

For more information about this organization, please visit www.TheNextCurve.org

THE COMMUNITY of KENNYDALE (Part 1)

Editor's Note: This article continues the on-going saga of life in Kennydale, as told by long time resident, Pauline Kirkman.

This is to be the final chapter on memories of the very good community where I have always lived. Yes, it appeared sort of lacking when viewed by outsiders, but to those here it could not have been much better. When viewed today, there is no doubt others have discovered our "Garden of Eden" with its beautiful views and proximity to all our needs.

There was once a sign on Lake Washington Boulevard, near the train crossing, that said "Kennydale", and below that "The land where nature smiles". There is a sign I cannot lift, face down near there, but I am not sure it's the one. Anyone wish to lift the other end? Of course, all property owners have tax statements that read "Lake Washington Garden of Eden".

There is one group that worked together long ago in our PTA that still gathers every month for lunch and visiting. I cannot speak for everyone, but the PTA night was my big night of the month out. We did so many crazy things with skirts, goofy clothes, and maybe a little school service, maybe a lot. Thus we decided that instead of scattering we would meet monthly and are still doing that, friends forever.

During the depression, many Kennydale families had help from federal programs. Those followed President Roosevelt's adopting the idea of a British Economist, John Maynard Keynes, who introduced "deficit spending". It was different from welfare assistance today in that the recipients had jobs working on local improvements back then. Our following Mr. Keynes's theory also differed somewhat in that his plan included having the government-incurred debt would be paid back when the economy improved.

When much younger my recollection is that the only social activity aside from neighbors, was sponsored by the school or church. Much of the population turned out for both, except my parents. When leading the group who brought piped water instead of wells, it was hinted that my Dad somehow used committee funds to buy cars. No way! As he had to have one for work, he had done the arithmetic indicating the choice was about the same to drive it till it dies, or replace it every two years, an obvious decision. I can testify he was a scrupulously honest person in every way, but it so angered him he never again entered community affairs.

Although my parents did not attend the local church, my sister did with some of her school friends, and she took me before I went to school. Yes, I'm still there, as I wish to live in an area that has a church, and know full well there is no such thing as perfection anywhere. For the love and support my congregation has given me, for being in a part of God's most beautiful creation and His everlasting presence, I am forever grateful.

(Part 2 of this article will appear in the October 2016 edition of the KENNYDALE NEWS.)

Pauline Kirkman

A BIT OF SPRING CLEANING IN KENNYDALE

On April 9, KNA's Student Board Member Devin Dolling and his team of four fellow students from Hazen High School made Kennydale a more pleasant place to live by collecting 7 large bags of litter along Lake Washington Blvd., starting at N. 30th Street and working south. Pictured from left are Devin, Evan Ingalls, Jacob Corder, Derek Strom, and Stephan Yu. Our residents also owe a thank-you to the youth of the Griffin Home, who do a monthly litter pick-up on Lake Wash. Blvd. In addition, we thank all other neighbors who take the time to pick up litter while on their daily walks along the Boulevard.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
(Add to your calendars now!)

July 19th

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

August 19th

KNA Ice Cream Social & Movie
7:30 pm,
Kennydale Lion's Park

September 7th

KNA Neighborhood Picnic
6:30 - 7:30 pm,
Kennydale Lion's Park

October 25th

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

November 1st-23rd

Annual Food Drive

December 13th

KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast
6:30pm
Gene Coulon Park
North Shelter

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by the breaths we take,
but by the moments
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July & August – No Book Club meeting
 Sept. 10 - "The Great Bridge", by David McCullough

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