



# KENNYDALE NEWS



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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, August 4th**

Interstate 405

PICK-UP

**Tuesday, July 31st**

and **August 14th**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Wednesday, Sept. 5th**

KNA ANNUAL

NEIGHBORHOOD

PICNIC

**Not already a  
KNA Member?**

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your support!*

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## KNA ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**Tuesday, July 31st – 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

*Also, KNA members will be advised of the new date by e-mail.*

**Busy that night? KNA will also host a second Ice Cream Social on August 14th**

## An Invitation to Kennydale Neighbors...

All Kennydale Residents are invited to walk in the **IKEA Renton River Days Parade** on Saturday, July 28th.

**Come demonstrate your community pride and have a blast!**

This year's theme is "Splish, Splash, Kennydale Neighbors are having a blast!"

**Dress the part - sunglasses, towels floaties...typical beach wear....or bath items as if you were taking a bath".**

**DATE:** Saturday, July 28th, 2012

**WHERE & WHEN:** Park at McLendon's Hardware Store parking lot (plan to be there at 9:00am).

Ask the parade check-in volunteers where the "Kennydale Neighborhood Association" entry is located.

Arrive at our staging area by 9:30am. (We'll be convening on South Third Street or on one of the adjacent side streets).

The parade starts at 10:00am.

**MORE FUN:** Join neighbors participating in the parade for an ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the Browne's home, 1409 N 37th Street, on Friday, July 27th at 7 -8pm.

*Walking in a parade is a delightful experience...so please join us!*

**ANY QUESTIONS?** Please contact Kim Browne, 425.226.7791 or [kabrowne@comcast.net](mailto:kabrowne@comcast.net)

## KNA ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC (POTLUCK and BBQ)

**Wednesday, September 5th – 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, an inflatable "Bouncy House",**

**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](mailto:dariusvicki@msn.com) OR Sue Jahnke at 425-271-6489 or [forsue2go@comcast.net](mailto:forsue2go@comcast.net)**

# KNA Garden Club News

In June, the Garden Club carpooled to the Ed Hume Seed facility in Puyallup to visit his Adult Education Garden and Children's Garden.

It was a delightful and informative afternoon, and having Ed himself conduct the tour made it a special experience for our group of eight. There were occasional rain showers during our visit, but that did not detract at all from our visit. We had hoped to host Ed as a guest speaker at one of our future KNA quarterly meetings, but alas he retired from speaking engagements when he turned 80. Anybody who wishes to get a group of people (including children) together to do a visit to his gardens should visit his website (Google "Ed Hume garden tours") to get all the details and send him an email message.

On Thursday evening, August 23rd, the Garden Club will meet at Sharon Weibler's home at 1107 N. 31st Street for our annual plant exchange. Divide your perennials and bring them to Sharon's home so that everyone can share their plants with the other attendees. Please RSVP to Sharon at 425-226-9299. The meeting starts at 7 pm. If you are not a current member, this is a great way to get started.....we welcome all KNA members who are interested in gardening to join the Garden Club.

**Call Vicki Richards at 425-430-4469 for more information.**



## KNA Activity & Interest Group Contact List

*In addition to our events and activities that are shown in the 2012 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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<b>Holiday Bonfire</b> Janice Dougherty*	
jdoug@mail.com	206-406-1899

\* Indicates KNA BOARD MEMBER

# The KNA Litter Pick-Up Program:

## What is KNA's role, and why is the Snoqualmie Casino involved?

Starting in 2001, the Kennydale Neighborhood Association has been a participant in the Washington State DOT's "Adopt-a-Highway" program. Our assigned portion of the highway is Interstate 405, from Exit 5 to Exit 7. In recognition of KNA's participation, the State has placed a "...Adopted by KNA..." sign at the shoulder of the freeway.

During this entire time, Al Withers has faithfully served as the chairperson for the "I-405 Litter Pickup" work parties, which are conducted 4 times each year. Renee Perrault has served as Al's back-up person, and KNA Board members Cece Sanchez and Kailey Wallace have recently signed up to solicit student volunteers. In addition to Al and Renee, the work parties have been staffed by a reliable and enthusiastic group of 12-15 young men from the Griffin Home, and sometimes a handful (or less) of KNA members.

Several months ago, it was observed that there is another sign along the freeway stating that the Snoqualmie Casino had "adopted" this same stretch of freeway. This came as quite a surprise to your KNA Board, because nobody in the WA DOT had spoken to any of us about it. Accordingly, Board member Mac Jahnke investigated the matter with WA-DOT officials, in order to find out if the Snoqualmie Casino had "taken over" KNA's litter pick-up responsibilities. Here is what Mac learned:

- 1) The DOT runs two Adopt-a-Highway programs. One is supported by commercial businesses (such as the Snoqualmie Casino), who contract the clean-up out to paid workers. In the Casino's case, the assigned territory is many (if not all) of the interchanges throughout Puget Sound.
- 2) The other program is supported by private, charitable organizations (such as KNA). Mac was told by DOT that we are the only charitable organization that provides its own workers (the others pay a third party to do it). They are very satisfied with our performance and reliability.

**So the bottom line is this:** The Casino cleans up at Exits 5, 6 & 7, and KNA is responsible for the remainder of the freeway between Exits 5-6-7. A very manageable task, since we previously did the entire job.....but.....

**The KNA Board needs better participation from the Kennydale community** if we are to continue to provide this service to you. Very simply, the KNA people who run and participate in the work parties are mostly senior citizens with a variety of health and mobility issues..... they can't go on doing this forever. The Griffin Home youth, and their advisors, have done a marvelous job in making this program work for all of us, and we all owe them a huge thank-you! They are very willing to continue this task, but they have school work, and other community-related responsibilities as well, so it is not appropriate for KNA to ask that they take over our administrative role.

**So what we are asking for is:** One or more adults from the Kennydale community to become chairperson(s) of the I-405 Litter Pick-up Committee. The specific duties are simple: line up the Griffin Home youth and other volunteers 4 times each year, give a brief safety huddle before the activity starts and pass out the state-provided hard-hats and orange safety vests, and supervise the volunteers (the Griffin Home always provides their own supervisors). The KNA Board will continue to support this program by advertising the clean-up dates in this newsletter and in emails to the membership; also by providing funds for refreshments, protective gloves, etc.

KNA is unique among all the Renton neighborhood associations because we are "split" by this major highway, thus we "own" both sides of the road. Our teams have done a great job of making this a pleasant stretch of road on which to drive, and it would be very unfortunate to have the appearance of "our" portion degrade. Please take some time to consider the value that a clean highway adds to our community, talk this over with your neighbors, and see if you can stimulate some interest in becoming a new leadership team for the I-405 Committee. Based on the feedback we receive over the next few months, the KNA Board will decide, in December, about the future of the Clean-up program.

**The following KNA Board members will be pleased to answer any questions you may have:**

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<b>Mac Jahnke</b>	<b>425-271-6489</b>	<b>macjahnke@cs.com</b>
<b>Darius Richards</b>	<b>425-430-4469</b>	<b>dariusvicki@msn.com</b>

## June 23rd Neighborhood Garage Sale Results

**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 and Darius Richards, Sue and Mac Jahnke, Al Withers, and Subashni and Rajendra Agrawaal, picked up red balloons from the Party Shop at the Landing. And on Saturday morning they were out on the road with a very important mission. They covered entire neighborhood to ensure that neighbors with a garage sale had red balloons.

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 means the garage sales are in progress.

The bargain hunters start coming early in search of treasures. The weather cooperated well for the first half of the day and soon after noon down came the rain. There were about 40 Kennydale residents who were adventurous enough to get the garage sale going. In at least one instance the sale continued on Sunday!

It was a fun day for the members of the organizing committee too. They got together at Faye Janders' home for an impromptu meeting to see how the garage sales were going. Their hard work by distributing flyers, e-blast, advertising in Craig's List and local newspapers and putting A-board signs at strategic locations was very satisfying and productive.

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 Chairman  
agrawaalr@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP

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Kennydale Neighborhood Association

2012 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:

- 40 Assets, Parent Groups, Welcome Committee, Street Captain, Photography/Video, Picnic & Ice Cream Socials, Neighbor Outreach, Writing, Beautification Projects, Meeting Refreshments, I-405 Litter Cleanup, Newsletter, Gardening Club, Landscape Maintenance, Historical Research, Fundraising, Website, Holiday Lights Judging, Publicity/Phone Committee, Garage Sale, Book Club, Association Leadership, Disaster Preparedness, Earth Day Celebration, Membership, Renton River Days Float

SUGGESTIONS FOR A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Blank lines for suggestions and concerns.

Mail Annual Dues to: Kennydale Neighborhood Association PO Box 3115, Renton, WA 98056

Your KNA Membership Includes: A 10% Mclendon's Discount, The Kennydale News Quarterly Newsletter, Notification of Neighborhood Meetings, Events & Important Issues. For more information about KNA, visit www.kennydale.org or call 425-430-4469, or email dariusvicki@msn.com

Cut and mail this form to Kennydale Neighborhood Association

A WORD OF CAUTION...

The tragic event that occurred on Lake Washington Blvd. N. on Saturday morning, July 7, brings into focus the need to always be prepared for the unexpected. In this event, Renton resident Rosalind Hall was walking or jogging in the pedestrian pathway when she was struck by a vehicle that had veered off the road. Ms. Hall was seriously injured and was thrown about 30 feet through the air, landing in a patch of blackberries. She is currently in the Intensive Care at Unit Harborview Medical Center. On Monday, bail was set at \$50,000 for the vehicle's driver, who faces charges of vehicular assault and felony hit-run.

Clearly, Ms. Hall is an innocent victim who was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. The job of the Police, Fire and EMT's who responded to the scene was complicated by the fact that she was not carrying any form of identification. However, the responders quickly published photos of her keys and headphones on the internet and in other media, and as a result her son recognized these items, and identified her to the authorities.

The lesson learned in all of this is: If you are going out for a hike, jog, or walk, be sure to carry something that can be used to identify you. The keychain proved to be useful in this incident; it would have been even better if it had been marked with an "In Case of Emergency" phone number. If you don't like to carry a driver's license while jogging, walking or bike-riding, you need to re-think your preferences. It's always a good idea to carry a cell phone, but that's not much good if you are unable to use it.

The residents of the Kennydale community extend our best wishes to Rosalind Hall during her recovery.

Editor's note: KNA thanks the Renton Reporter (www.rentonreporter.com) for providing the source material for this article. Friends of Ms. Hall have sent up a Fund on her behalf; please go to this site for complete details.

2012 KNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Add to your calendars now!)

- July 28th: Renton River Days Parade 10:00am in Downtown Renton
July 31st: KNA Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm, in the meadow at Park Ave. N. and N. 30th St.
August 4th: KNA Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick Up on I-405
August 14th: KNA Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm; in the meadow at Park Ave. N. and N. 30th St.
September 5th: KNA Annual Neighborhood Picnic 5:30 - 8 pm, Lion's Park
October 30th: KNA Neighborhood Meeting 7 - 8:30 pm, Kennydale Elementary School Cafeteria
November 3rd: KNA Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pick Up on I-405
December 11th: KNA Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast 6:30 pm, Gene Coulon Park, North Shelter

I-405 Litter Pickup

The next litter pickup on I-405 will occur on Saturday, August 4th. Meet at the Park and Ride lot at 30th and Park at 9:00 AM. Light snacks will be provided to get our energy up. If you have only a short time available, we can use your help cleaning the 30th street interchange which is very near the Park and Ride lot.

As usual, Griffin Home will also provide people to augment the team. If you have questions, please call Al Withers at 271-5447 or Renee Perrault at 255-2211

See you there!

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**ON TUESDAY,**  
July 31st 6:30pm

at  
**North 30th & Park Ave North**

*See You There!*

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