



Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association

Promoting Neighborhood Pride
March, 2007

General Meeting **Tuesday, March 27th**

Where: Fairwood Library
Address: 17009 140th SE
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

You are cordially invited to attend this public meeting. This is your chance to join together to maintain and improve your neighborhood. By working together, we can get so much more done, and promote community spirit. If you would like to suggest an agenda item, are interested in serving on the TPNA Steering Committee, or need a ride, please contact Daniel Goldman (President) at 425-235-4747.

The meeting agenda will include:

- Discussion of traffic problems (see next)
- Election of steering committee
- Committee reports to the membership

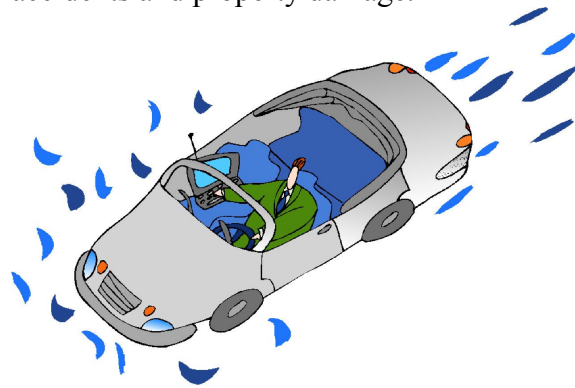
Icy Conditions / Speeding

The TPNA Steering Committee has written a letter to inform Renton officials and department heads about traffic-related public safety problems in the Tiffany Park neighborhood, that we as Renton citizens feel need to be addressed.

1) **Icy hill** – In snow and icy weather such as we had twice this winter, S.E. 16th St. is not closed or made safe, even though it has developed into a main thoroughfare. There were serious accidents and many near-accidents and 180 degree turns as vehicles slid down the hill. Death or serious injury could have resulted. SE 16th is not, nor should it be considered the main or only way to enter the

Tiffany Park neighborhood. Royal Hills Drive has a lesser grade of incline, and should be kept open because it is used by Metro.

2) **Speeding traffic** – Traffic on residential streets within our neighborhood seems heavy, possibly due to cut-through traffic. The traffic is definitely at too great a speed up and down steep SE 16th St., causing accidents, near accidents and property damage.



The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Steering Committee has requested the city departments of Transportation/Roads, and Law Enforcement look into these problem areas and work with us to develop pertinent, long lasting solutions for these two problems. We requested the city to act quickly to engage our help to solve these problems, before there is a tragedy.

2007 Neighborhood Garage Sale

The **planning meeting** for this year's Garage Sale will be **April 14th at 1 PM**. The meeting will be held at Laura Silbernagel's house at **1620 Index Ave SE**. The meeting agenda will include but not be limited to setting the sale date, deadlines for sale events such as neighbors committing to the sale, placing newspaper ads, disposal of unsold items, flyer preparation, completion, and distribution, etc.

We will also start volunteer lists. RSVP Laura at 425-271-0167 or 206-227-3230, or lsilbernagel@comcast.net, or just show up.

Newsletter Ads

This newsletter is distributed to about 500 households and 250 apartments in Tiffany Park about 3 times a year. We take business card sized ads for **\$50 / issue**. Ad content is subject to approval by the steering committee.

*** FREE* Upcoming Events**

Preschool Storytimes – Renton Public Library
– 100 Mill Ave S – Mon 7 pm – Wed 10 am

Flashlight Egg Hunts – Bring flashlight and bag
– ages 7-10 & 11-15 – March 30 – 8 pm –
Liberty Park (next to Renton Public Library)

Hip Hoppin Egg Hunt and Carnival – under 7
years with parent – Mar 31 – 10 am – 12:30 pm
Renton Comm Ctr - 1715 Maple Valley Hwy

CERT Training – Community Emergency
Response Training - :1900 Lind Ave S.W.
Renton – 3/7 – for 8 weeks - Donna
Thorkildson has info - 425-226-5954

“Spring into Fun 2007” – Tiffany Park –
activities, crafts, and games – age 6-11 – M-Th,
4-7 pm – Apr 23 – Jun 7 (no May 28)

Tiffany Park Building / Picnic

You probably noticed the activity at Tiffany Park. The city of Renton has demolished the old 800 SF building, and is building a nicer 1800 SF one, which we appreciate! They will also be putting in a neighborhood information kiosk in the park. If you have specific questions on the construction, contact Peter Renner with the city at 425-430-6605. Please call 911 if you notice suspicious activity, glass breaking noise, etc. in the park. The city wants to work with us to keep the park safe and stop vandalism.

Summer Picnic - Donna Thorkildson has again volunteered to organize our annual picnic in Tiffany Park. We are hoping to coordinate with ribbon cutting for the new construction in the park. If you can help with the picnic, please call Donna Thorkildson at 425-226-5954.

Internet Discussion Group

You are invited to join the Tiffany Park egroup. It's a discussion group for neighborhood residents and property owners. The purpose is to facilitate communication and sharing within the neighborhood. Only members may post or read messages. Your name, address, and phone number are required to join. To subscribe, please contact Laura Silbernagel at 271-0167, or send an email to:

tiffany-park-subscribe@yahoo.com



Chief Seattle Council 206-725-5200

<http://www.seattlebsa.org/>

Elementary School Support

Here are three ways you can help the PTA.

Campbell's UPC - Cut UPC labels from any Campbell's product, i.e. soups, V8, Goldfish crackers. Each UPC is usually a point. 500 points can buy a nice set of playground balls. Campbell's UPCs can be given to Donna Thorkildson if you know her personally or just taken to the school office. To learn more go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

BOX TOP coupons - You have probably seen the BOX TOP Coupon symbol on many of your favorite food items such as General Mills Cereal, Betty Crocker Cake Mixes, and Bisquick. These coupons are worth 10 cents each. Tiffany Park Elementary has earned an average of just over \$200 a year this way. The money has been used to pay for district buses to off campus learning opportunities like 5th grade camp, Zoo, and Aquarium. These can be given to Donna Thorkildson or delivered to the school office. For more information go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Escrip - The escrip program electronically attaches your purchases made on a registered card, such as your Safeway Club Card, and gives a percentage to your chosen charity. The address for Tiffany Park Elementary is 1600 Lake Youngs Way SE, Renton, 98058. The Escrip web site is <http://www.escrip.com/>

If further questions contact Donna Thorkildson at 425-226-5954 or dthorkildson@earthlink.net

Scouting Opportunities

Thanks to the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America for printing the newsletter! Please consider having your kids join this great organization. Contact Richard Thorkildson at 425-226-5954 for more information.

What is TPNA?

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization within which the members of the neighborhood can work together to promote and protect the residential character and property values of the neighborhood; provide an organized way for members to discuss issues affecting the neighborhood; act as a conduit to members needing assistance from the City; cultivate a greater sense of community spirit and neighborhood pride; have a larger voice and influence with the City and other groups

concerning what happens within and surrounding the neighborhood; and facilitate neighborhood social activities.

Boundaries - Cedar River Natural Zone to the north and east, 116th Ave SE and Royal Hill Drive SE to the west, and Renton city limits to the south and east, within the city of Renton.

Membership - Any person residing or owning property within the neighborhood boundaries is a member. A supporting member is a dues-paying member 18 years and older. Only supporting members may vote or hold office. Dues are listed on the form below.

McLendon Hardware Discount

McLendon Hardware and Seattle Lumber have joined us in offering a discount to **supporting** members of TPNA. Most purchases have a 10% discount. A 5% discount is offered on lumber and building materials. See last page for application to be TPNA supporting member.

Neighborhood Trash

We've had some complaints about trash left in front yards and streets.

james.kostoroski@kingcountyjournal.com can be emailed if you don't want Renton Reporters delivered. If Waste Management is making a mess, call them at 206-243-4050. In any case, it's obviously the responsibility of each of us to keep the area around our houses clean. It just takes a few minutes, and makes the neighborhood so much nicer.

Newsletter Distribution

We need volunteers to help distribute future editions of this newsletter. All you do is leave newsletters at the doorsteps of neighbors on a few streets. And get some good exercise! If you can help, please contact Laura Silbernagel at 271-0167 or 206-227-3230 (cell).

TPNA goals include:

- * Community improvement projects to improve neighborhood
- * Improve safety (graffiti cleanup, sidewalks, crossings, speeding)
- * Neighborhood social activities facilitated
- * Protect the residential character and property values of the neighborhood
- * Discuss neighborhood issues in more organized and effective ways
- * Offer assistance to neighbors needing a response from the City
- * Larger voice and influence with the City and other groups
- * Community spirit and neighborhood pride
- * Rundown property concerns responded to and taken care of
- * Involve neighborhood youth in community projects

TPNA Steering Committee

Daniel Goldman; President; 1608 Glenwood Ave SE; 235-4747; **Rosemary Quesenberry**; Vice President; 3609 SE 18th Court; 271-4396; **Jody Collins**; Secretary; 1403 Newport Ct SE; 226-4355; **Richard Thorkildson**; Treasurer; 2621 SE 16th St; 226-5954; **Carol Knutson**; 2548 SE 16th St; 228-9406; **Debbie Dixon**; 1500 Ferndale Ave SE; 206-849-1113; **Donna Thorkildson**; 2621 SE 16th St; 226-5954; **Laura Silbernagel**; 1620 Index Ave SE; 271-0167; **Sue Dahlberg**; 2604 SE Edmonds Ct; **Marina Higgins**; 1401 Olympia Ave SE; 228-7550

The Steering Committee conducts the business of TPNA between membership meetings. It makes recommendations for action and policy to the general membership. SC members must reside within the neighborhood. If you are interested in serving, please contact Daniel Goldman.

Visit TPNA web site - www.tiffany-park.org

Participate by becoming a supporting member of TPNA - 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please list your most important concerns and interests on reverse side.

Can you deliver newsletters in your area? Yes / No (circle one)

Sign me up for the TPNA internet discussion group: Yes / No (circle one)

\$5 / yr Adult \$2.50 / yr Senior (65+) Additional donation: _____

Please make checks payable to: Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
 Clip and mail form and check to: TPNA, 2621 SE 16th St, Renton, WA 98058
 Contributions are not tax deductible. But you do get a McLendon discount.