



Note: All links printed in this newsletter are available on the www.tiffany-park.org website on the links page.

Note: There will be at least one update to www.tiffany-park.org each week.

**TPNA Annual Meeting—March 30th 7pm
Fairwood Library**

OPEN: (2) STEERING COMMITTEE POSITIONS

A new President and Secretary will be voted on from members within the current Steering Committee (per our Bylaws). This leaves only 2 open positions for ANYONE in the neighborhood who is interested in joining our Steering Committee. Currently meetings are held EVERY OTHER MONTH on the first Monday; the next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2010. In the future the new steering committee may decide to change the scheduled meeting dates. Committee members help with Newsletter content, as City liaisons, by organizing the Annual Picnic, the Annual Garage Sale, and other new ideas and/or events as needed.

WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested, please, contact President Jody Collins at heyjode70@yahoo.com.

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TPNA POLICY/HANDLING OF SOLICITORS

Are you bothered by solicitors at your door? Do you just wish they'd go away?

The following article was taken from an inquiry that was responded to by Cyndie Parks of the Renton Police Crime Prevention Unit and from the Renton City Ordinance regarding peddlers, Chapter 20, concerning the handling of solicitors:

A Peddler's License is **required by the City of Renton** for persons selling items **FOR**

PROFIT door-to-door. It **does not pertain** to non-profit organizations such as Scouts, school fundraisers, charitable or religious organizations, and to newspaper carriers.

Peddlers must have on their person **in plain sight** a photo ID which has a current 2" x 2" picture showing their head and shoulders. It's about the size of a driver's license, and must include the city logo, business license number, and their name and business information.

No person shall engage in the business of peddling between the hours of 8 PM AND 8 AM. If they do, consider it a **RED FLAG**. Get on the phone: **DIAL 911. DON'T WAIT. 911 operators are trained to direct calls to the correct authority - the number is NOT just for emergencies**. The police will come and check things out for you. A vehicle license number will be helpful if obtainable but is not necessary. The call is more important.

As a rule - do not open the door to anyone you don't know. If you do, simply say NO THANKS and close the door. Or talk through it, and then immediately tell them you are not interested.

If they give you any excuse or argument, tell them you are calling 911 and that is the end of the conversation, then **follow through with the call**.

Peddlers will come where they are welcomed and they feel that they can make a profit. Scam artists and thieves commonly target neighborhoods where there is a vulnerable population (normally seniors or limited-English speaking homeowners) or where they have been successful in the past. It's not uncommon for burglars to knock on someone's door to see if anybody's home and then break in via a door or window.

[TPNA response by Carol Knutson, Secretary]



About Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA)

Every resident in the approximately 500 homes within the Tiffany Park **Neighborhood** Association boundaries (see the map on www.tiffany-park.org) is a member of the association. As a resident of TPNA

- You will receive a newsletter 3 times a year
- You may participate in neighborhood events
- You will meet your neighbors through interaction
- You will know what is happening around the neighborhood through the association website – www.tiffany-park.org

In addition:

- All residents of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association area are encouraged to become supporting members of the Association. Dues are \$5.00 per year per person (\$2.50 for seniors). See application of page 7
- Only supporting members may vote on issues at the Annual Meeting.
- All supporting members receive a 10% discount to McLendon Hardware.

Dues help pay for:

- Ginger Creek Park water bill
- Needed maintenance supplies
- Annual Picnic supplies
- Annual Meeting Supplies

Join the free neighborhood association e-group

- You can voice your opinions and broadcast your concerns to neighbors through a forum limited

to neighborhood members and Renton city officials. Currently there are 67 members in the e-group.

- Read about concerns of other neighbors.
- Receive e-mail about neighborhood events.

To join the e-group:

Go to the www.tiffany-park.org website, to the egroup section on the bottom of the home page, either subscribe to or join the egroup.

- Your membership request will be approved shortly.
- You will receive an e-mail that you have been accepted to the e-group
- If you do not receive your approval for membership shortly by e-mail, please check your e-mail spam folder.
- You can immediately use the e-mail tiffany-park.yahogroups.com to send e-mail to our e-group.
- By default you will receive all e-mails sent to the group.
- To see all postings, past and present, and manage your group profile join the group:
 - From your browser visit:
 - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tiffany-park>
 - Click on the Join This Group button
 - Follow the instructions for joining

To go to the e-group:

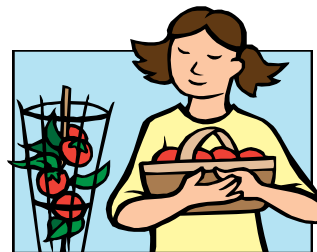
- Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>
- Click on sign-in

If you need help joining the group, contact Carol Knutson (rcknut24@msn.com, (425)228-9406) or Laura Silbernagel (lsilbernagel@comcast.net, (206)227-3230..

We are also hoping to find people interested in starting
a Book Club



or Garden Club



Do you have an idea for an event, club or project? Please let us know what you have in mind.

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Goals

- Beautification projects to improve the neighborhood
 - Improve safety, sidewalks, crossings, and speeding hazards
 - Promote neighborhood social activities: PICNIC AND GARAGE SALE
 - Protect the residential character and property values of the neighborhood (graffiti cleanup)
 - Discuss neighborhood issues in more organized and effective ways
 - Offer assistance to neighbors needing a response from the City—CERT PROGRAM
 - Have a larger voice and influence with the City and other groups
 - Show community spirit and neighborhood pride
 - Involve neighborhood youth in community projects
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Tidbits

Puppy Dog Etiquette at the Park (Ginger Creek Park).

Please remember to pick up after your dog in consideration of all the other people who would like to enjoy the park as well.



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ! 10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES

The 2010 Census will be arriving in the mail during the months of March and/or April. This count of everyone residing in the United States, both citizens and non-citizens, has been made easier than ever before in history with only 10 easy questions to help us define who we are as a nation.

Every year over \$400 billion is awarded by the federal government. **Washington State and Renton receives \$1400 per person per year for the next ten years for each person counted by the census. Be sure and return yours in the mail.** Census takers visit homes in May through July if a questionnaire is not returned. For more information go to www.2010census.gov or call 1-866-872-6868.

Off-Leash Dog Park

The City of Renton and Renton's Unleashed Furry Friends (RUFF) opened the first off-leash dog park in September of 2009. The park is located at **1156 S 3rd St, Renton, WA 98057** across the Cedar River. It covers nearly four acres of level ground and is surrounded by a split rail fence with areas for all types and sizes of dogs. To get to the park, turn right onto Houser Way South (at the railroad tracks - the Renton

Historical Museum will be on your left). The road is unmarked but curves down under I-405 where parking is available. Follow the paved trail-the park is on the right. <http://www.rentonoffleash.org/>

Key Ingredients-America by Food

Did you ever wonder what pirogues or polenta is? We eat food every day without giving a thought as to where it came from and why we eat it. The Renton History Museum (235 Mill Avenue South) is presenting a Smithsonian Institution exhibit March 21 through May 9. The exhibit explores the connections between Americans and the food they grow, cook, preserve, eat, and celebrate with.

For more information visit www.rentonhistorymuseum.org.

FREE Tax Assistance Available for Adults 50 and Over...

It's that time of year.....again. Need help? Volunteers trained by the IRS and AARP-Tax Aide are available to provide assistance to people aged 50 years and over, and those with low to moderate incomes. Assistance with basic Form 1040 tax returns, including Schedule A for itemized deductions, claims for the earned Income Tax Credit, and other tax credits are among those provided. Call for an appointment at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue S., 425-430-6633. More contacts can be found in the What's Happening brochure on the Renton gov website at <http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/HUMSERV/tax%20prep%20classes.pdf> on page 35

Tools on Wheels

Does your business, organization, or inspired group of friends need tools to complete an outdoor volunteer project? McLendon Hardware has donated a trailer full of tools to help. Supply the volunteer-power and it will come to you! For more information, contact Bonnie Rerecich at 425-430-6600 or brerecich@rentonwa.gov.



Spring Recycle Event - May 9th, 9-3pm

Renton residents should start gathering their household



recyclable items for the twice yearly citywide recycling event held at the Renton Technical College, North Parking Lot (N. E. 6th Place and Monroe Avenue N.E.). Everything from #2 or #4 plastic bags to yard waste to tires is accepted. For a complete list visit the City of Renton website,

www.rentonwa.gov, or watch for an announcement in an upcoming utility bill.

Tiffany Park Neighbors Notice

We listened to you, discussed it, and at the January 4th TPNA Steering Committee Meeting decided to aggressively follow-up on issues expressed about the neighborhood by Tiffany Park residents. Concerns can be submitted via the e-group, e-mail, phone call, or personal conversation to or with a Steering Committee member. The steering committee will research the issue and take appropriate action which will at least include reporting back to the initiator.

Carol Knutson-----

Neighborhood Event Reports

New Neighborhood monthly event

Our association has decided to walk around the neighborhood the **FIRST Sunday** of the month from **3 P.M. to 4 P.M.** We meet at Ginger Creek Park. Our hope is to get you to join us in this walk. During our walk we will collect the litter which we come across and hopefully get to know and recognize each other. Hope you will join us in this effort. The first walk was on Sunday, November 1, 2009. The walk/litter-detail including where we meet (Ginger Creek Park) and a route will be noted at least one week ahead of the event on the www.tiffany-park.org website on the home page under Important Notices. Volunteers should check the website for details for that month's event. Contact Marina Higgins (425)228-7550 if you have questions.

By Marina Higgins

Annual Garage Sale

The annual garage sale will be held again this year. You will be receiving a flyer at your door around Memorial Day. Start sorting out your treasures you wish to sell. If you have any suggestions for the garage sale or wish to join the garage sale committee, contact Laura at lsilbernagel@comcast.net.

Go to the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association web site at www.tiffany-park.org for more garage sale information.

By Laura Silbernagel

Annual Neighborhood Picnic

The annual neighborhood picnic will be held again this year, watch for signs and notices on the website,.

YELLOW PAGES

Get In Touch



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Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Residents — get your business listed here!!! —

CW Design Inc. - Are you building a new house or remodeling an existing one? Do you have lots of ideas about what you want in a home but don't know how to put it all together? CW Design has been designing and drafting house plans for 19 years and would love to help. Contact us at 425-271-0082 and check us out at www.cwdesigninc.com

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Fur Kids are family too, let us take care of them.
Contact Cherelle Bertch at (206)226-1205 www.furkidspetservices.com

Tiffany Park residents: When you use a business because you read about it in this newsletter please inform the business where you heard about them.

Advertise in this newsletter

The Tiffany Park Yellow page listing is free for all residents living within the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association boundaries.

Business card size and larger ads can be placed in the newsletter for \$25.00 or \$50.00 per issue.

Go to the TPNA web site (www.tiffany-park.org) to see a map of the neighborhood and a description of the boundaries.

**To place an ad
Contact Laura Silbernagel**

**lsilbernagel@comcast.net
206-227-3230**

4" by 3" ad for \$50.00 per issue
The big box is actual size
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Feb/Mar
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Sept/Oct

Put your business credit card size 1 1/2" by 3" advertisement in this newsletter for \$25.00 per issue.

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TPNA Board and Committee Members

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Block Watch Newsletter

Wondering about the safety of your neighborhood and how you could be doing more to protect yourself? Did you know criminals are commonly on foot, take portable items, and most target homes with a specific reason? Do you know what that reason is?... These pointers, and more, are provided in the Block Watch program's monthly newsletter.

Each monthly edition includes a report on a different topic - home security with suggestions, vehicle theft, property crime information, individual programs, the handling of pests, vacation security pointers, and many others. An annual burglary report is also included that gives year end results on crime reported within our city. On the reverse side is a list of reported break-ins including the time frame of occurrence, the part of town, the method of entry (forced or non-forced), and the loss.

If you are not receiving the Block Watch newsletter but would like to, contact Carol Knutson at rcknut24@msn.com or 425-228-9406. To view the newsletter online, go to the City of Renton homepage, www.rentonwa.gov, enter Block Watch into the search bar and select the first link. To view the most current newsletter see the link at bottom of the page.



Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Supporting Membership Form

(Note: This *is not* the dues for the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association)

Become a **SUPPORTING MEMBER** of *Tiffany Park Neighborhood Assn. (TPNA)*

2010/2011

www.tiffany-park.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Contributions to become a supporting member of TPNA are:

_____ \$5 / yr Adult _____ \$2.50 / yr Senior (65+) Add'l. donation: _____ Amt. Pd./Date _____

Please check the appropriate type of membership and indicate the total amount paid.

MEMBERSHIP runs from March to March of each year

Contributions are NOT tax deductible but DO Include a 10% Discount card for McLendon Hardware

Sign me up for the TPNA egroup? : Yes / No (circle one)

(The e-group is free to everyone in the neighborhood)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Please list an activity or activities you believe beneficial to the neighborhood which TPNA should undertake:

1. Can you donate a couple of hours of your time and/or effort to help make any of the following a success?

We need to keep these volunteer community teams strong to bring these community projects to be a success and to continue to improve and upgrade our neighborhood. EVERYONE BENEFITS!

Check one or more boxes if you are interested in providing help and skills.

- Twice a year Pathway clean up on path between Lake Youngs and Index (to Tiffany Park Elementary)
- Twice a year weeding/pruning clean up of Ginger Creek Park (at the 'top' of the neighborhood).
- Once a year improvement project at 'Little Park' on Pierce Avenue.

2. Can you deliver newsletters in the neighborhood? Yes / No (circle one)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME—WE WILL Contact YOU as opportunities come up

Please make checks payable to: TPNA

Mail form and check to: TPNA Treasurer, 3112 S.E. 18th St, Renton, WA 98058

Renton Hazard Maps

All of us know and love the internet for the entertainment it provides and how easily we can communicate and connect with people from all over the world. But somewhere along the way, it seems that people have forgotten what an amazing source of information the internet can be.

This year there was a lot of discussion of the “100 year floods” and the risks it posed to homeowners. Decisions had to be made about whether or not to buy flood insurance. But how to decide?

For every question ever asked, odds are good that there is a reliable, fact-based answer somewhere on the internet. The hard part is knowing where to look for the answer. Just because something is public information, it doesn't mean that it's going to be easy to find.

The City of Renton was kind enough to put together an amazing assortment of maps, all of which are publicly available and have been for some time, including the very map needed to help decide about flood insurance: a flood hazard map. All of the City of Renton GIS (geographic information system) standard maps can be found here:

<http://rentonnet.org/internetapps/maps/index.cfm?fuseaction=products>

The “Standard Maps,” as they're referred to in City of Renton codes, include three categories: City Maps, Sensitive Areas, and Utility Systems, all of which can be viewed online or saved as a .pdf document for free, and the site says when the map was last updated so it is easy to tell how current the information is. There are no registration requirements to access this information – it's all just out there, free, ready, and waiting for anyone who is at all curious to learn more about Renton and the land on which it's built.

Available City Maps:

- Airport Area Elevations – North
- Airport Area Elevations – South
- Annexation History
- Comprehensive Land Use
- Zip codes
- Zoning

Available Utility Systems Maps:

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Sanitary Sewers
- Storm & Surface Water
- Waste Management Routes
- Water Service Area
- Water System

Sensitive Areas Maps:

- Aquifer Protection
- Coal Mine Hazard
- Erosion Hazard
- Flood Hazard
- Liquification
- Seismic Hazard
- Slide Hazard

The following is an example of the Landslide hazard area map which has been cropped to display just the Tiffany Park area.



Landslide hazard areas

The downloadable maps are in the Adobe Acrobat format. In order to view or print the maps you must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 4.0 or higher installed on your computer. If you do not have the Acrobat Reader, go to <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> to download the program.