

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association T P N A Promoting Neighborhood Pride Renton WA 98058 NEWSLETTER issue June 2010 www.tiffany-park.org

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Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Yeah! It is summer time and we have our annual Tiffany Park Neighborhood Picnic date.

Mark your calendars for Thursday **August 26**th. We hope that even more of our neighbors will come this year to enjoy the fun, games, food, and friendly visiting that marks this great event that many people look forward to each year.

This annual event will be at Tiffany Park. Even though the park building will not be available to us because of city budget cuts, we will still have a great time. We'll start serving food and playing games between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M.

One of the biggest attractions to our annual picnic is the food. The City of Renton and The Neighborhood Association will provide hot dogs, condiments, and beverages. Families are encouraged to bring some kind of dish to the picnic to share. This year we will need to provide more of our own main dishes, salads, and side dishes. There are budget cuts everywhere. We want everyone to have fun, but we also need everyone to participate by bringing a dish, any dish to share with your neighbors. It is sometimes hard to know what to

bring, but it really doesn't matter. If we have 20 salads then I am sure that we will have a variety. Potato Chips are always popular, vegetable or fruit trays are great, and fried chicken has always been my favorite. Of course Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Rice Krispy Treats are usually easy to come up with too. You can make it or buy it. All we really hope for is that you bring some to share with others and enjoy what others bring.

The picnic will be in the hottest part of the summer this year, just before school starts. We plan on having the fire truck come for a visit, along with the big tug-of-war, running races, and ball games that are always so much fun.

The City of Renton is providing space on their website to post recipes from the neighborhood picnics, so if you would like to share your recipe please write it down and bring it to the picnic.

Several picnic participant prizes will be given away. To be eligible, all you have to do is be present.

If you have questions or want to volunteer to help please call Donna Thorkildson at 425-226-5954.

Annual Garage Sale

The annual garage sale will be held again this year. You will be receiving a flyer at your door around July 1st. 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-

TPNA Steering Committee

OPEN: (1) STEERING COMMITTEE POSITION

- There is only 1 open position for ANYONE in the neighborhood who is interested in joining our Steering Committee. Currently meetings are held EVERY OTHER MONTH on the first Monday of the month. The July 5th meeting is being held on June 28th because of the July 4th holiday.
- 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 Laura Silbernagel at lsilbernagel@comcast.net..

Tidbits

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

The meetings could possibly be held at the Fairwood Library.



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.

We continue to have a serious problem with this issue.

Do we have a gardener in the neighborhood who would like to start a gardening club?



Do you have an idea for an event, club or project?



Clear Sidewalks and Visible House Numbers

Please keep your sidewalks clear of overhanging trees and excessive shrubbery where dog walkers and people with strollers have to move off the sidewalk to get past. It is a code violation when the sidewalk is blocked.

Make sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the street. Please note that curb numbers may not be visible when cars are parked on the street. This is a concern for emergency personnel trying to find houses when time is crucial.

Thank	you!!

Jacob Severovich is available for hire if someone needs help in cleaning shrubbery, etc. from their sidewalks or yard. His phone numbers are: 425-432-0617 (h), 206-551-4566 (c). The TPNA hired him to cut back the growth, opening up the path by Tiffany Park School.

Bill Roenicke

Tiffany Park Brags

Good News

Donna and Richard Thorkildson are very happy to *announce that* their oldest son Steven Thorkildson attained the Eagle rank in Boy Scouts on March 25th. His Eagle Court of Honor was held on June 7 of this year. Steven's Eagle project was putting two flag poles up at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley. Steven also graduated from Lindbergh High school on June 15th of this year along with many other seniors from our neighborhood.

The Thorkildsons would also like to congratulate James Cornell, Lindsey Bryden, James Miller, Erin White, and Trevor Thompson for achieving that very important thing called a diploma. We know that all of these students have goals and aspirations for their future as adults.

We also know that their parents worked just as hard to make sure that they made it, so congratulations to their parents as well.

--by Donna Thorkildson

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.

By Carol Knutson

Block Watch Newsletter

Wondering about the safety of your neighborhood and how you could be doing more to protect yourself? The Block Watch Program provides a monthly newsletter with many crime prevention tips and information. On the reverse side is a list of reported break-ins, the method of entry, 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. She will see that you are on the mailing list. To view the newsletter online, go to the City of Renton homepage, www.rentonwa.gov, enter Block Watch into the search, and select the first link. To view the most current newsletter, see the link at bottom of the page.

Neighborhood Event Reports Neighborhood monthly event Trash pick-up walk

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. We 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

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

Na	me:
Ad	ldress:
Ph	one #: E-mail:
Со	entributions to become a supporting member of TPNA are:
	\$5 / yr Adult \$2.50 / yr Senior (65+) Add'l. donation: Amt. Pd./Date
Ple	ease 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)
CC	DMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Ple	ease 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/or skills.
	□ Twice a year pathway clean up on the 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

YELLOW PAGES



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

Fur Kids Pet Services – Long work day? Hours away from home? Going on vacation? They can't always go with you, but we can make sure they are not alone and that they are well taken care of.

Fur Kids are family too, let us take care of them.

Contact Cherelle Bertch at (206)226-1205 www.furkidspetservices.com

- **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
- **Pammy's Tot's** In Home Childcare 2 blocks from Tiffany Park Elementary School phone (425)228-4634 cell (206)387-3894
- C and C Painting~ Are you looking for a professional and reliable painter? With over 15 years of experience in Interior and Exterior painting, C and C Painting is your answer.
 For your FREE estimate contact Grant Derby at (206) 962-1122-- P.O. Box 58443 Renton References available upon request. Ask about the neighbor discount.
- Going On Vacations? Erik Thorkildson would like to make himself available to watch your home, animals, and plants while you are on vacation this year. Erik is nearly 12 years old, and has a love for animals. He has parent supervision and a good reputation if you need references. Erik will pick up your mail and newspapers, feed your animals, and water your plants. Call 425-226-5954.
- **DR CONSTRUCTION** custom decks, home additions, remodels, floors, siding, roof repairs "NAILING YOUR DREAMS TO REALITY" Duncan Redman Licensed, Bonded, and Insured (425) 444-8582 PO BOX 60064 Renton, WA 98058 visit my work at Google; enter "facebook DR Construction" in search

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THINKING OF SELLING OR CONSIDERING BUYING? CALL ME FOR A FREE MARKET ANALYSIS

Cell – (206) 849-1113, Business – (425) 227-5900 E-mail: <u>ddixon@windermere.com</u>

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, a description

of the boundaries, and a description of advertising details

To place an ad Contact Laura Silbernagel

<u>Isilbernagel@comcast.net</u> 206-227-3230

TPNA Board and Committee Members

PRESIDENT: Laura Silbernagel 206 227-3230 VICE PRESIDENT: Marina Higgins 425-228-7550

TREASURER: Bill Roenicke 425 271-7785 SECRETARY: Amy Thomas 425-799-8641

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Pam Carino 425-228-4634 Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954 Clint Maurer 425-277-2469 Lisa Brines 425-228-1565 Bob Garlough 425-227-0090 Carol Knutson 425-228-9406

WIPE OUT GRAFFITI!

Graffiti can have a serious negative impact on our community. It gives the appearance that neighborhoods are unsafe and can significantly reduce property value. The City of Renton has created a comprehensive plan to remove and prevent graffiti and vandalism in the city.

- Report graffiti in action, call 9-1-1.
- Help Catch a "Tagger" ~ A \$300 Reward is available to anyone providing the City of Renton with information leading to identification and apprehension of any person who commits graffiti in the city limits (RMC 6-29-2).

HOW TO PREVENT GRAFFITI

Rapid and continual removal is the best way to eliminate the problem.

- What to do if "tagged" by graffiti
 - **REPORT IT.** Contact the City of Renton Police Department if you are "tagged" with graffiti or if you notice vandalism in progress.
 - **REMOVE IT.** Remove graffiti promptly and completely.
 - **DOCUMENT IT.** Take a picture of the graffiti before removal.
 - To report graffiti, call 425-430-7373 or www.rentonwa.gov.