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This is the first Volunteer Appreciation Newsletter edition, submit your volunteerisms so I can list you in the next newsletter

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WHAT IS IT...?



- offensive to many
- inconsiderate of owners to others
- attractive to flies
- disease promoting
- unpleasant to clean off shoes
- ANSWER:
Dog waste in Ginger Creek Park

- Are YOU a pet owner doing YOUR share in helping correct the problem?

Christmas House Decorating Contest Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Christmas House decorating contest. We know that some of our residents LOVE to put up strings and strings of lights, add some grazing deer, decorate their bushes, blow up the big Frosty the Snowman, and put Santa on their roof. This is an excuse to go all out. Find those things you have left in storage for the last few years. Instead of watching football during Thanksgiving weekend go out and decorate. We will choose 3 members from a hat out of our Steering Committee to walk the neighborhood and judge on Monday December 20th. The winner will get a Gift Card for Dinner at one of our local restaurants. HAVE FUN.

Any questions contact Donna Thorkildson or Laura Silbernagel.

Watch the website <http://www.tiffany-park.org>



We are still hoping to find people interested in starting a Book Club The meetings could possibly be held at the Fairwood Library.



The TPNA Steering Committee will 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.

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? Please let us know what you have in mind. Contact any of the steering committee members.



If you would like to join the tiffany-park yahoo e-group to the www.tiffany-park.org website and click on the yahoo e-group link on the links page.

Neighborhood Email Addresses

We would like to be able to contact all the residents of the neighborhood to make announcements. For those who do not want to join the Yahoo e-group or have had difficulty signing up we would like to have your e-mail address. Your address would not be passed on to anyone else and you could opt out of receiving e-mail anytime. You will not be sent more than four emails per month. The types of email you would receive, for example, would be to announce the annual meeting, serious crimes, the newsletter delivery, or the garage sale meeting. Send an email to Laura Silbernagel at lsilbernagel@comcast.net if you would like to be on the Tiffany Park Neighborhood e-mail list

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY – TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

This comes as a reminder to everyone to test their smoke alarms. **Working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire by half.** Smoke alarms are needed in **every** level – not just at the center of your home. They are needed outside **each** sleeping area and inside **each** bedroom because oftens times we tend to 'sleep through' warnings. Have you taken inventory of yours lately?

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.

Ginger Creek Park Plants

The City of Renton has requested we keep the bushes and trees in the park somewhat short to prevent crime in the park.

To help the park volunteers keep up with the maintenance in the park we are avoiding plants that grow very fast and that grow tall.

If you would like to submit a plant for the park please contact Clint Maurer at 425-277-2469 before you place plants in the park.

Neighborhood monthly event Trash pick-up walk

The trash walk is now celebrating it's first anniversary. Volunteers from the neighborhood have collected trash all over the neighborhood every month except for one month...when it was pouring down rain! Volunteers walk around the neighborhood the **FIRST Sunday** of the month from **3PM to 4PM picking up trash**. We meet at Ginger Creek Park and walk a different route each month. Volunteers over the past year include Marina Higgins, Jody Collins, Laura Silbernagel, Karen Pinga, Dennis Anderson, Carol Knutson, Amy Thomas and Donna Thorkildson For information about the walk, check the website at www.tiffany-park.org on the home page under Important Notices. Contact Marina Higgins at (425)228-7550 if you have any questions.

Neighborhood Picnic Is A Success

We had one of the most dismal summers in recent memory, but not even the threat of rain kept our neighborhood indoors for a picnic. Over 150 people signed up for plates, and that turns into about 57 families that came to enjoy hot dogs, lemonade, and various pot luck dishes brought by our neighbors to Tiffany Park on August 26th. It really looked like rain, but the clouds drifted away and we had a partly sunny evening to enjoy friends and family, as well as a gut- busting amount of food. The coordinators want to thank all of the companies that donated prizes for our drawings, and we want to thank the City of Renton for bringing the hot dogs, condiments and lemonade. We want everyone to come again next summer for this fantastic get together.

Garage sale article

When all families had joined the garage sale event this year we had 51 families selling from 37 homes. This was one of the biggest sales to date. We will announce the garage sale planning meeting which will be in March or April of 2011. Please join the meeting to have your say for next year's event. We will announce the meeting with signs, through the e-group, and on this website. Check the garage sale page on www.tiffany-park.org for more details.

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 the 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 .**

We got it done



The following sign was posted at the ball field in Tiffany Park, limiting play time on the field. Bill Roenicke queried the City of Renton about it and the sign was removed.

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Supporting Membership Form

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

Everyone who lives within the Tiffany Park Neighborhood boundaries is a member of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS of *Tiffany Park Neighborhood Assn. (TPNA)*

Vote on neighborhood association projects, officers and issues

Can serve as a member of the Steering Committee

Can serve as an officer on the Steering Committee

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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.

Please make checks payable to: TPNA

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

MEMBERSHIP runs from March to March of each year

Membership includes a 10% Discount card at McLendon Hardware

Contributions are NOT tax deductible

Sign me up for the TPNA egroup? : Yes / No (circle one), we will send you an invitation by email.

(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-- help our community projects be successful and we will continue to improve and upgrade our neighborhood. EVERYONE BENEFITS!

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a year pathway clean up on the path between Lake Youngs and Index (to Tiffany Park Elementary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a year weeding/pruning clean up of Ginger Creek Park (at the 'top' of the neighborhood).
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a year improvement project at 'Little Park' on Pierce Avenue.	<input type="checkbox"/> deliver newsletters 3 times a year
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles for the newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Edit the newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver garage sale flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Suggest projects by contacting the president

What volunteers have done for the Tiffany Park neighborhood

Work Parties are organized regularly to clean up the streets, parks, and pathways in the neighborhood. Volunteers have worked many hours to improve our environment.

- The path between Index Avenue and Lake Youngs Way was so overgrown with plants and weeds that it was hard to walk. Volunteers cut back trees, raked it, and cleared trash. The neighborhood association hired a tree trimmer to cut the trees down to a manageable height, and the City of Renton brought in a trailer to haul away the debris which was almost filled. Every few months the trash walk crew goes down the path and cleans up the trash. Volunteers from the neighborhood also individually take on the job of keeping the plants and trees cut back.



- Several work parties have been organized to clean up Ginger Creek Park and many volunteers have shown up to get the work done. Ginger Creek Park is an ongoing project with many volunteers working on the park on their own. Roger Knutson went up to Ginger Creek Park several times and watered the grass and plants. He also mowed and weed-whacked some of the weeds. Carol Knutson also spent some of her time at Ginger Creek Park. She helped in weeding, sweeping the sidewalk, and picking up litter. Richard Thorkildson often mows the park on his riding mower and has incurred expenses for gas and a tractor tire ruined by a bottle tossed in the tall grass which he did not bill the neighborhood association to replace. Bill Roenicke and Clint Maurer have made several trips to the park to clean the granite stones when they were tagged with graffiti. We even have volunteers from other neighborhoods helping us, Members of the East Renton Community Church wanted to help somewhere around the city so Norma McQuiller, the Renton Neighborhood Coordinator pointed them in our direction.



Elise and Megan Ferryman and Scott and Sue Johnson showed up on a recent Saturday morning at the park and were joined by Bill Roenicke, Donna Thorkildson, and Laura Silbernagel from the neighborhood. The City of Renton was kind enough to bring in a truck the next Monday and pull up several pesky, thorny trees and haul away the clippings –thank you NormaMcQuiller. I would love to list each person’s contributions; but quite honestly I do not have a list so all I can do is mention names of people who have donated time and energy to the neighborhood for tasks like mowing, weed-eating,

cleaning granite, weeding and other jobs. Some of the other folks not mentioned above are Steven Thorkildson, Marina Higgins, Jody Collins, Sue Dahlberg, Doug Fawcett, Art Dahlberg, Mits Nakanishi and LaTonya Rogers.

- There have been volunteers who have delivered newsletters and garage sale flyers. Many people have joined the stuffing parties for the newsletters, helped put the newsletters together by writing articles, editing, and discussing what should be put in the newsletters.
- ***Some residents fulfill their desire to volunteer by serving on the TPNA Steering Committee. There is currently one open position on the steering committee. If you want to help steer the direction of the neighborhood this may be the opportunity for you.*** Currently meetings are held EVERY OTHER MONTH on the first Monday of the month at 7PM. Committee members help with Newsletter content as City liaisons, by organizing the annual picnic, organizing the annual garage sale, and thinking of new exciting **events for**

the neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact President Laura Silbernagel at lsilbernagel@comcast.net.

- **Send Laura an e-mail** with your volunteer effort so it can be posted in the next newsletter.
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Tiffany Park Brags



Julie and Donnie's New Landscaping

Julie and Donnie, who live at 1726 Pierce Ave SE, went all out this summer with a new landscape for their front yard. They did a fantastic job with her multi-level yard which boasts a nicely-shaped rockery full of a variety of colorful plants. Leaving 'no stone unturned', they even added several vegetables including corn, zucchini, radishes, potatoes, leeks, green onions, turnips, and cucumber plants. There are even three heirloom tomato plants in the rockery.



What a great idea of having edible landscaping on the parking strip. Low-growing sedum is planted in masses against their house by the front walkway, adding even more color. Great job, Julie and Donnie-you certainly put a lot of time and thought into the planning of your new yard!

What is RentonLive

RentonLive is your neighborhood's support group. We're evolving to help Renton's neighborhood associations communicate, coordinate and work effectively. Neighborhoods need participation, and we'd like to provide a way to get the word out about events and issues. This is not limited to neighborhood association issues. Neighborhoods can post information for schools, charities, garden groups or other local groups. You can designate coordinators for each type of input, say Boy Scouts, and we'll provide an ID and a lesson in how to use the calendar, photo and article input. Coordinators can talk inter-neighborhood instantly by using the LiveWall to coordinate large events. To check out RentonLive go to <http://www.rentonlive.com> To check out the neighborhood section of RentonLive go to <http://rentonlive.com#xneighbor>

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 ads can be placed in the newsletter for \$25.00 or 3" by 4" ads for \$50.00 per issue. Go to the TPNA website (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
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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 Vacation? Erik Thorkildson would like to make himself available to watch your home, animals, and plants while you are on vacation this year. Erik is 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.

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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.

Picnic Sponsors

Six local restaurants contributed \$25.00 gift certificates to be awarded as prizes to Tiffany Park residents; picnic goers seemed to enjoy the prizes

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