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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY – TEST YOUR CRIME PREVENTION IN YOUR HOME

Law enforcement statistics tell us that **burglars usually spend 10 minutes or less in any home.** They know the longer they spend inside, the greater the chances of someone coming home or that a neighbor will notice something is wrong and call the police. With such a short time burglars generally check out only a few hiding places for cash, jewelry and other valuables. They simply don't have the time to look at every item in your home. Needless to say- tools, laptops, guns, and cameras are often the items that are stolen. If you haven't already invested in a good safe- a fireproof one that bolts to the wall or a floor safe, you may be interested in a **diversion safe.**

Diversion safes are small safes designed to look like common household products. All have false tops or bottoms to insert your valuables and most are weighted. There are many kinds available: food can safes for humans or animals, hollow book safes, candle safes, hide-a-key rock safes, closet light safes, shaving can safes and many others. There are even ones to use in the garage or laundry room. If you agree with the saying “the best place to hide anything is in plain sight”, a diversion safe may be what you're looking for. There are several types available on the internet at a reasonable price.

TPNA Annual Meeting

On March 24th the ANNUAL meeting of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Assn. will be held at the Fairwood Library from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

- At this meeting we will be nominating and electing Steering Committee Members and Officers. We will be asking three neighbors to join the ranks of the Steering Committee.



- There will be presentations of the e-group, website, and benefits of being a TPNA supporting member.
- Meet and greet neighbors
- Reports of last year's events and a look at the new year.
- Input from neighbors for what TPNA should be doing for the neighborhood.

This year we are going to take a break in the middle of the meeting to snack, sign-up, talk to neighbors, and make suggestions.

In addition to the usual cookie and muffin fare at the meeting we are adding veggies and fruit for the health conscious and lumpia for the not so health conscience, like myself

An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the <http://www.tiffany-park.org> website at least one week before the meeting. Please feel free to send me suggestions for the agenda or bring up new business at the meeting.

Please come to the meeting and make your suggestions and express your ideas. The eleven people on the steering committee cannot know all of the concerns of the people in the neighborhood. We need to hear from you! We want to hear from you!

President Laura Silbernagel, lsilbernagel@comcast.net.

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



Neighborhood Picnic

We will be having a neighborhood picnic but we do not have a date yet. As soon as we have a date it will be published on the <http://www.tiffany-park.org> website and on the e-group. The date will also be in the June newsletter.

Garage sale

This year the sale will be held July 15 thru July 17. Last year when all families had joined the garage sale event we had 51 families selling from 37 homes. We will post updates to the sale on the garage sale page on www.tiffany-park.org and through the e-group. The flyer for the garage sale will be delivered to your homes around early June.

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. You will receive a confirmation within a week that you have been added to the group.

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 shared with anyone else and you could opt out of receiving e-mails at 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.

Monthly Trash Pick-up

Monthly effort to maintain
A green and clean neighborhood

Keeping our streets clean promotes higher home values, demonstrates respect for our neighbors, and shows pride in our personal environment.

The trash walk is now celebrating its second year. Volunteers have collected trash from all over the neighborhood. Volunteers walk around the neighborhood the FIRST SUNDAY of the month from 3PM to 4PM picking up litter. Volunteers bring trash bags and gloves and meet at Ginger Creek Park where we decide our route.

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.

There is another option besides the walk. On that FIRST SUNDAY we step outside our homes and check for litter up and down the street. Hopefully, other neighbors will be encouraged to join us in the effort to keep our streets clean.

Please make sure your trash receptacle lid is securely closed. Crows tend to spread trash when the lids are not securely closed and trash is blown down the street and into your neighbor's yard. It is also a good idea when you set your trash can out to scope the area for street litter.

When picking up trash in the street you might want to check the storm drains for debris.

Free Monitor/TV Recycle

Washington now has a FREE, convenient and environmentally responsible recycling program for computers, monitors, laptops and televisions. Go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/> for more information. **I recommend Re-PC at 1565 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98134 which I have used several times. You simply pull up to the back of the building, run into the store and get a cart, go load it up with your electronics and roll back into the store.**

Holiday Lights Contest Winners

Holiday Lights adorned many houses in Tiffany Park this past Christmas season making it difficult (but fun!) to judge the first ever Lighting Contest. Three members of the TPNA Steering Committee braved the cold and rainy night of December 21st to spend the evening with snowflakes, reindeer, nativity scenes and all things seasonal. Two nights later they

returned to the winners homes and awarded them with their choice of a \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE to Applebees, Armondos, or Terrible Beauty Irish Pub. Congratulations to The Don Terrys of 1505 Harrington Ave SE, The David McAlisters of 3200 SE 20th Ct., and to Kurt & Billy Brandel of 1602 Index Ave. SE.

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

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 free TPNA egroup? : Yes / No (circle one), we will send you an invitation by email.

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

10% DISCOUNT – EVERYDAY – at MCLENDON HARDWARE

Did you know that by joining TPNA as a Supporting Member you get a 10% discount everyday on most items at McLendon Hardware? All you need to do is fill out and send in your membership form with \$5 per adult or \$2.50 for seniors age 65 or older (see above) to receive your Homeowner's Advantage discount card. Your investment is quickly returned with all the things needed to keep your house running. Every time you shop at McLendon's be sure you show your card to the checkout clerk and she will apply your 10% discount where applicable.

Your membership money also benefits your neighborhood by helping to pay for things such as the monthly water bill for Ginger Creek Park, the annual Picnic, and many other TPNA-sponsored events.

McLendon Discount Cards will also be available at the TPNA Annual Meeting at the Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave. SE, on Thursday March 24th at 7 PM.

Ginger Creek Work Party

We are going to have a work party at Ginger Creek Park in early spring, probably early April. We are going to manicure bushes, spread beauty bark and/or gravel, weed and generally spruce up the park. We cannot set the date until we know when the supplies will be delivered. The date of the work party will be announced with signs at the park, on the e-group, via the e-mail list and on the website. The TPNA will supply hotdogs, snacks and drinks to the workers. Be prepared to have you picture taken.

WIPE OUT GRAFFITI!

- **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.**
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What volunteers have done for the Tiffany Park neighborhood

- 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 printing, writing articles, editing, and discussing what should be put in the newsletters. Volunteers for the last newsletter were Carol Knutson, Donna Thorkildson, Laura Silbernagel, Doug Fawcett, Karen Pinga, Joyce Siu, Donna Bukoski, Amy Thomas, and Julie Hiatt.
- *Some residents fulfill their desire to volunteer by serving on the TPNA Steering Committee. There are currently three open positions 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 Thursday 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.

Since the October 2010 newsletter Roger Knutson, Carol Knutson, Bill Roenicke, Clint Mauer, Laura, Silbernagel, Donna Thorkildson, Richard Thorkildson and Carol Roenicke have volunteered at Ginger Creek Park.

- **Send Laura an e-mail** with your volunteer effort so it can be posted in the next newsletter.
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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
lsilbernagel@comcast.net 206-227-3230

YELLOW PAGES

Save the Yellow Pages in a convenient place to refer to a local business when you need a job done and for the convenient Calendar of Tiffany Park Events.

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

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.



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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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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 206-799-8641

Steering Committee Members:

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

TPNA Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March						
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Trash Walk	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Annual meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
April						
					1	2
3 Trash walk	4	5	6	7 Steering Committee Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
May						
1 Trash walk	2	3	4	5	6	7 Renton HS 100 years*
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
June						
			1	2 Steering Committee Meeting	3	4
5 Trash walk	6	7	8	9	10	11

*Renton High School celebrates 100 years Go to <http://www.rentonwa.gov> for details