

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association T P N A Promoting Neighborhood Pride
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### Garage sale

Clean out your closets and garages. This year the sale will be held Friday, July 15 thru Sunday, 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 <a href="www.tiffany-park.org">www.tiffany-park.org</a> and through the e-group. The flyer for the garage sale is enclosed with this newsletter.



Please sign-up early so that we have a big family count.

Remember, garage sale volunteers do not have to pay the \$5.00-\$10.00 for the sale. We have lots of volunteering jobs to do such as delivering flyers or maps, verifying map

information, preparing or putting signs out, delivering maps to sellers, and arranging for pick-up of leftover merchandise. Also, we need more wood for our signs. Last year we had a total of 7 signs disappear. If you have plywood or something like it, we could use the wood to make more signs. Donating the wood also counts as volunteering.

Contact Laura about volunteering at 206-227-3230 or email at lsilbernagel@comcast.net.

#### Neighborhood Picnic, Yeah!

We have a date so get your calendar down and mark the day, Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Picnics mean food, friends, games, laughter, and visiting. We do have the City of Renton bringing their Bar-B-Q again and they will provide us with Hot Dogs, Chips and drinks, but as always we need YOU. We need you to attend. We need you to bring something to share, anything you want. You can bring chips, salad, chicken, cookies, cupcakes, spaghetti, vegetables, and fruits. If you forget to make it and feel funny about not bringing something, drop by the store real quick and get something to go. Don't let anything stop you from enjoying this fun

event.

This year we have a couple of new and exciting things planned. We will be having a food drive for the Renton Food Bank for one. Cans and drygoods are what we are looking for. Tiffany

Park Neighborhood wants to support our neighbors who are less fortunate than we are. Some of you who receive this newsletter may be the ones who need a little help, and that is OK. We have a goal of 250 items, and I will tell you how I came by that goal. In the past couple of years we have had about 80 families attend our picnic out of 500 households. We want to increase the number of households or families coming by 100% meaning 160 families coming to enjoy hotdogs, chips, and drinks with their friends, and we believe that with enough preparation we can get 2/3 of those attending to bring 2 items each.

We also are having the Waste Management people coming. You know those people that want us to recycle EVERYTHING. They will be here to answer our questions and follow up on how our food recycling is going after they gave us each those recycling food bags in this newsletter.

The date is set and some of the activities are coming together; but we could always use your help so if

you want to volunteer to help with games for the kids, or arrange gifts to give away, or even if you have in mind a vendor you would like to see there, give Donna Thorkildson a call 425-226-5954.

Join the Tiffany Park Yahoo e-group
We use the e-group as our e-mail contact list so
we can inform residents of events and
information. You get early notification of the
picnic date, garage sale dates, reminders of
neighborhood events, and notification of
incidents. If you would like to join the tiffany-park
yahoo e-group, go to the <a href="https://www.tiffany-park.org">www.tiffany-park.org</a>
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.

Need help call Laura 206-227-3230

# Do you want to start a book club in the Tiffany Park Neighborhood?

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.



## **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.

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 that helped with the trash walk since our last newsletter include Marina Higgins, Laura Silbernagel, Karen Pinga, Dennis Anderson, Carol Knutson, Gary Silbernagel, anonymous, Donna Bukoski, and Donna Thorkildson. For information about the walk check the website at <a href="www.tiffany-park.org">www.tiffany-park.org</a> 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.

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

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.

If your trash bin does not close securely you should call Waste Management customer support at 1800 592-9995 (M-F 7 AM - 5 PM) to fix the lid or replace the bin (cart). Even a slightly open bin allows birds and animals access to the contents which can then be spread all around the street.

## **New picnic tables at Ginger Creek Park**

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association along



with the City of Renton is giving Ginger Creek Park a new upgrade. Two concrete picnic tables and a trash can will be put in the park sometime before

October 2011. Right now we are waiting for the ground to dry out enough for the truck to deliver the tables.

## Dog Waste sign at Tiffany Creek Park

The first dog waste sign has been posted in Ginger Creek Park. The sign simply says to pick up your dog waste after he/she goes. Shortly after the sign was posted, it was found lying on the ground. The sign was re-installed and has been left alone ever since. Here's hoping this will solve the problem.

#### 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 Assoc. (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:
	s to become a supporting member of TPNA are: \$5 / yr Adult \$2.50 / yr Senior (65+) Add'l 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. 18 <sup>th</sup> St, Renton, WA 98058
N	MEMBERSHIP runs from March to March of each year lembership 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)

## 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, Donna Bukoski, Amy Thomas, Haley DePriest and Julie Hiatt.
- Some residents fulfill their desire to volunteer by serving on the TPNA Steering Committee. There are currently open positiosn 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.

Ginger Creek volunteers - A correction for the February 2011 Newsletter, I missed mentioning Doug Ferneau who has worked many times at Ginger Creek Park –sorry Doug—

Since the February 2011 newsletter, many have volunteered at Ginger Creek Park including arranging for the picnic tables. Volunteers include Roger Knutson, Bill Roenicke, Larry Gorg, Doug Ferneau, Donna

Thorkildson, Richard Thorkildson, Laura Silbernagel, and Marina Higgins. The **pathway** was cleaned up by Donna Bukoski.

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

### **Ginger Creek Park Incident**

On May 1, 2011 around 12:30 AM a car apparently speeding up Puget Drive did not complete the hairpin turn at the water tower and ended up in Ginger Creek Park, with the tires on all four wheels flat. The car hit the curb then the big decorative rocks along the sidewalk at the edge of the park and went airborne for about 25 feet, landing in and gouging the park lawn. The two large rocks were moved several feet. A neighbor noteted that there were four occupants in the car. No injuries were noted. Two Renton police cars arrived and officers talked to the occupants of the car.

Apparently, there was drinking involved as two unopened beer bottles were left behind at the scene. From the number of broken and damaged car parts strewn across the lawn, there must have been significant damage to





the car. The car, owned by a woman, was reported stolen.

The rocks moved in the accident have been moved back into their original locations. The gouges in the lawn created by car are going to be filled with dirt donated by a local resident. The grass will be replanted. Go to <a href="http://www.tiffany-park.org">http://www.tiffany-park.org</a> to see more pictures.

#### What's in this packet?

Enclosed in this packet you will find a recycle and yard waste informational flyer, the garage sale flyer, and a few biodegradable food waste bags for a countertop can. You can find additional bags at Albertsons, Bartells, Safeway, ACE hardware and other stores.

#### WIPE OUT GRAFFITI!

We have a huge problem with graffiti in Tiffany Park. Please work to prevent the problem from growing.

- Report graffiti in action, call 9-1-1
- To report graffiti, call 425-430-7373 or www.rentonwa.gov.
- 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
  - o 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.

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





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

**Select Construction -** All types of construction: Fences, Decks, New, Remodel and Custom. Licensed, Bonded, and Insured. 33 years of experience. **Free** Estimates! Call 206-852-8044

**Got an odd job you need done?** Contact Roopesh at 206-466-8664 or Jeremiah at 253-250-6423. We will do yard work or manual labor, or even house work. Leave a voice mail if we do not pick up the call we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**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.

**Need a babysitter?** –Erik Thorkildson is stepping into the babysitting ring. He will be taking a Red Cross *Babysitting* class in July. He would be glad to hear from families interested in babysitting for a few hours of peace and quiet or a nice dinner. Hourly price negotiable based on age and number of children. Call 425-226-5954.

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**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 <a href="https://www.cwdesigninc.com">www.cwdesigninc.com</a>

TPNA	Event	Ca	lendar
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3 Trash Walk	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	5	6	7	8	9
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4 Trash walk	5 Labor day	6	7	8	9	10
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2 Trash walk	3	4	5	6 Steering Committee Meeting	7	8

# Do you find this calendar helpful? Should we continue including it in future newsletters? Please let us know what you think.

#### **TPNA Board and Committee Members**

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