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Christmas Decorating Contest

“Let’s do it again. It was so much fun.”

Last Christmas season we had a lot of houses decorate to the nines for the holiday. Christmas, Christmas everywhere, houses decorated with all white lights or multi lights flashing to tunes, characters and reindeers and sayings lighted in the yards. Last year we came up with about 15 honorable mentions and 3 all out winners received gift cards to restaurants. I had a blast judging the houses. This year we hope that all of you who worked so hard last year will try again to win top honors, and I want to encourage those who did not find the time, or who may have been hampered by financial difficulties last year, to get into the spirit this year. Judging and awards will be done sometime between 6:00 and 9:00 pm on Sunday December 18th.

**I hope our committee can be knocking on your door. If you have any questions call Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954
By the way, if you would like to be a judge for the Christmas lights contest contact Donna.**

Garage sale

The annual garage sale report: There were 30 homes and 41 families that participated. \$215 was collected and there was \$297 in expense, leaving \$82 that had to be taken from the treasury. We collected more than the expense in all years since 2007 except for this one. The majority of the expense was for advertising. It was agreed not to advertise in the Seattle Times and to limit the advertisements to Craigslist, Little Nickel, and Renton Reporter for just one week.

Neighborhood Picnic, Yeah!

The annual Tiffany Park Neighborhood Picnic was held on Thursday night, the 28th of July, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Donna Thorkildson noted that there were less people attending this year and that the number of people seems to continue to lessen over the years. Norma McQuiller said fewer numbers were par for the course this year for all neighborhood picnics. The City of Renton brought hot dogs and condiments and neighbors brought other potluck items such as salads, deserts and other side dishes. TPNA handed out over 50 prizes to children and 8 prizes to adults. The City of Renton asked the neighborhoods to do extra things at the picnic and we chose to collect food for the food banks. We collected 88 pounds of food for the food bank. We also had booths setup by the King County Library and Waste Management to bring information directly to our neighbors.

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Ginger Creek Park

Thanks to the many volunteers from our neighborhood and outside our neighborhood for the hours of labor they put into "tweeking" the park. The volunteer hours gave us a dollar credit with the City of Renton. That dollar credit became a grant which purchased the two picnic tables and the dog-i-pot. Our thanks to those businesses and individuals who donated materials and tools to accomplish the improvements.

During the summer the grass was cut when needed. Many uninvited weeds have been "uninvited" and many more will be "uninvited" in the days ahead. Some of the decorative rocks which had sunk into the soil have been raised, with more to go.

One of the repairs was the filling and seeding of the gouges left in the lawn resulting from the car which literally flew into the park landing 25 feet from where it went over the curb airborne on 16th Street.

Over the past few years the plantings on the raised berms had developed into a solid wall which blocked visibility into the park. At the City's recommendation, the plantings were thinned so mischief could not hide so easily in the park area. According to several comments received, the thinning has improved the park's overall appearance.

As Spring moved to Summer, the grass and weeds on the berms began to take over. The tall weeds and grass were cut back, some of the area was covered with newspaper (until we ran out), and then six inches of wood chips were placed on the ground as recommended by the Renton gardener. This approach was to stop the unwanted growth and improve the appearance of the berm areas. Covering more of the area with newspapers, cardboard, and wood chips was undertaken again recently until we ran out of newspapers and cardboard.

We have a need for a large supply of newspapers. All of the bad news printed on those pages doesn't bother the worms in the least. Controlling unwanted growth improves the appearance; but another strong consideration is to reduce the amount of maintenance required to keep the park looking kept.

People are using the park like a park. The late arriving picnic tables have been used. We seem to have a misunderstanding with the bird community about who can use those tables. May you enjoy lunches, picnics, and relaxing on our next sunny day!

There is more work to be done. Volunteers are appreciated.

If you have any suggestions for improvements that should be made or wish to volunteer, please let us know. (Laura 206-227-3230, Bill 425-271-7785, or anyone on the Steering Committee).



Community Response

The following thank-you was published in the November Tiffany Park Elementary School newsletter.

Community Responds To Student Needs

Tiffany Park received a large donation from our community this year! Back-packs, school supplies and jackets were donated from our PTA, Renton Rotary, Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association and Pastor Jess Champers with Living Hope Christian Fellowship Church. We would like to say THANK YOU for your generosity!

There is ongoing need for clothing and supplies. Please contact Richelle Haas at haashouse@comcast.net if you have any questions or to find out what items are currently needed. As of October 31 the following items were needed:

Jacket Boy size 8/10 Jacket Girl size 12/14
Jacket\ Girl size 8 Jacket Boy size 8/10 Jacket
Boy size 7

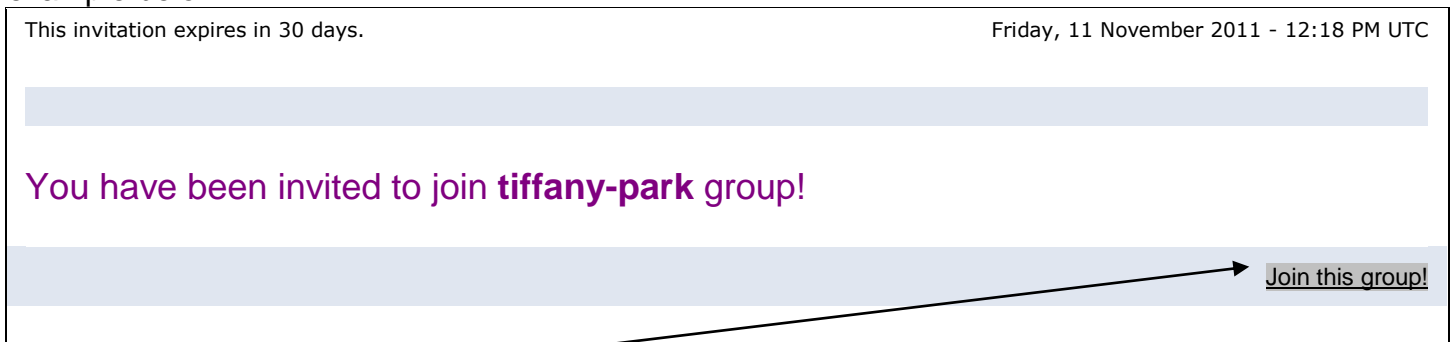
Join the Tiffany Park Yahoo e-group/e-mail list, it's FREE

Do you want to keep up with events in the neighborhood? Do you want a tool to help you keep in touch with other Tiffany Park Neighborhood residents? The Tiffany Park Yahoo e-group/email list provides easy to use private communications between members of the group/neighborhood. You get early notification of the picnic date, garage sale dates, reminders of neighborhood events, and notification of incidents.

Neighbors report everything from lost pets to burglaries. Getting the news out fast can make all the difference.

If you would like to join the Tiffany-Park yahoo e-mail list, go to the www.tiffany-park.org website and click on the yahoo e-group link on the links page or on the home page. Add your name, address and phone number to the e-mail. You can also just send Laura at lsilbernagel@comcast.net an e-mail and please remember to include your name, address, and phone number.

You will receive a confirmation within a week that you have been invited to join the group. See the example below.



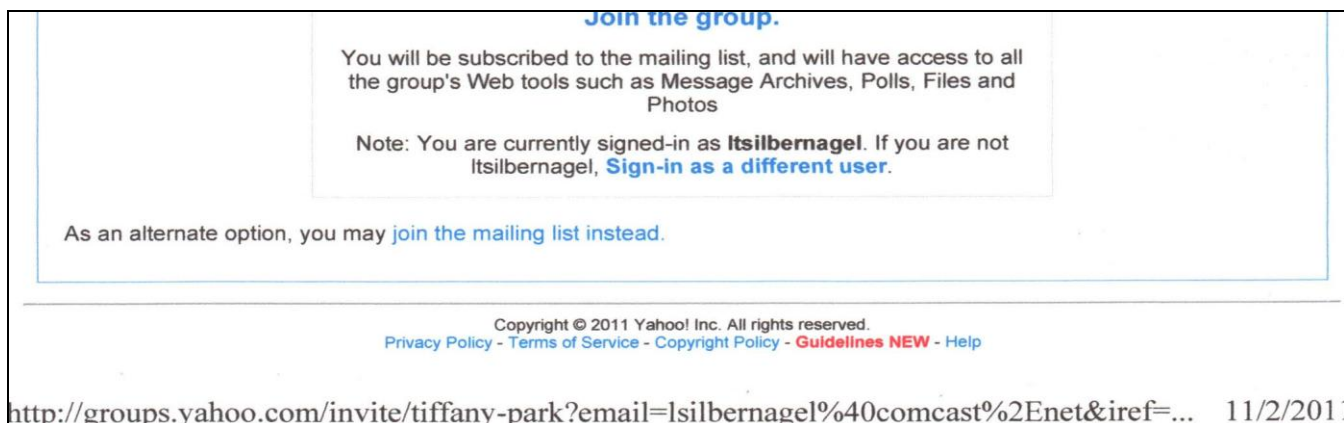
This invitation expires in 30 days. Friday, 11 November 2011 - 12:18 PM UTC

You have been invited to join **tiffany-park** group!

[Join this group!](#)

Click on the "Join this group" button

The next screen is the Yahoo Groups screen and you should scroll to the bottom of the screen. You are given you an option of signing up for two different types of accounts. I recommend you click the "join the mailing list instead" option. It is easier to get signed up for the email list and it is really all we are using.



Join the group.

You will be subscribed to the mailing list, and will have access to all the group's Web tools such as Message Archives, Polls, Files and Photos

Note: You are currently signed-in as **Itsilbernagel**. If you are not Itsilbernagel, [Sign-in as a different user](#).

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/invite/tiffany-park?email=lsilbernagel%40comcast%2Enet&iref=...> 11/2/2011

Need help call Laura 206-227-3230

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

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 Donna Thorkildson, Laura Silbernagel, Doug Fawcett, Karen Pinga, Donna Bukoski, Amy Thomas, and Carol Knutson.
- Some residents fulfill their desire to volunteer by serving on *the TPNA Steering Committee*. **There are currently 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 or any of the steering committee members.

Ginger Creek volunteers - Since the June 2011 newsletter many have volunteered at Ginger Creek Park including arranging for the picnic tables. Volunteers for this newsletter include Allison Taylor, Gary Taylor, Roger Knutson, Bill Roenicke, Larry Gorg, Doug Ferneau, Daniel Goldman, Long Lu, Erik Thorkildson, Dale Blair, Terry Silbernagel, Donna Thorkildson, Karen Pinga, Dan Pinga, Gary Silbernagel, Carol Knutson, Richard Thorkildson, Laura Silbernagel, Eileen Eckhart, Donna Bukoski, and Carol Roenicke

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

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.



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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

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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 completed 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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TPNA Event Calendar

December 18 Christmas Decoration Contest judging
January 5 Tiffany Park Sterring Committee meeting

TPNA Board and Committee Members

PRESIDENT: Laura Silbernagel 206 227-3230	VICE PRESIDENT: Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954	
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Lisa Brines 425-228-1565	Bob Garlough 425-227-0090	Doug Fawcett

Monthly Trash Pick-up

Monthly effort to maintain
a green and clean neighborhood

Karen Pinga, Donna Bukoski, and Laura Silbernagel joined together on Sunday, November 6th to pick-up trash around the neighborhood. The Harrington/Index loop, part of Lake Youngs Way and 16th Ave were cleaned up.

This will be the last trash pick-up until Spring when the weather warms up.

Volunteers since our last newsletter include Marina Higgins, Laura Silbernagel, Karen Pinga, Carol Knutson, Gary Silbernagel, Donna Bukoski, and Donna Thorkildson

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 as well.