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Attend the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Annual meeting

We finally get to have the annual meeting in the Tiffany Park Recreation building; YIPPII. The meeting is June 7th at 7:00 PM in the Tiffany Park Recreation building. A copy of the meeting agenda is included in this packet of information. Please note the agenda may slightly change by the meeting date; if so, new agenda's will be provided. We will be electing a new secretary at this meeting. We need to add three new members to our steering committee since we currently only have eight members for our eleven member committee. New members will be nominated and accepted at this meeting by secret ballot. We currently only have 17 supporting members in a neighborhood approximately 500 homes with an estimated 1000 potential members. The supporting membership is \$5.00 or adults and \$2.50 for seniors(65 and older). The voluntary payment of dues gives members the right to vote at the annual meeting. There will be time to pay dues at the meeting. We support our community projects with membership dues money and grants from the City of Renton. Please become a supporting member of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association. See you there; mark your calendars

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Tiffany Park Neighborhood Picnic Tiffany Park Picnic, put it on your calendar now for Thursday August 2^{nd} . The food and fun begins at 5:30 pm where else but our neighborhood Tiffany Park, but never think you will be late, come at any time before 7:00 pm. We have so much fun at this event every year, and this year will not be any different. Bring a little bit of your own food to share with others, a salad or side dish, fruit or vegetables, or a decadent desert. Your contributions to the table will compliment the hot dogs and drinks provided by the City of Renton. We will also be having a canned and non-perishable food drive to help out the Renton Food Bank. Last year was our first year to actively contribute from a neighborhood platform, and it was successful. I hope it is even more so this year. So your Assignment is... 1. Get out your calendar and mark the date. 2. Plan a side dish to share with your neighbors. 3. Put aside a box or can of food for the food drive. 4. Bring your family to eat visit play, and maybe we will have a few surprises for you.

Last year 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.

We desperately need some help at the picnic to: Get people signed up Handing out plates Handing out children's prizes Handing out adult prizes

If you want to volunteer or have any suggestions please call Donna Thorkildson425-226-5954

2012 Garage sale

The annual garage sale will be held June 29 –July 1. This year we will advertise in the Craigslist, Little Nickel, and Renton Reporter for one week. Garage sale flyers were hand delivered to all the neighborhood residents a couple of weeks ago. The garage sale flyer is also posted on the Tiffany Park website <u>www.tiffany-park.org</u>. If you have any questions about the garage sale contact Laura at 206-227-3230.

Ginger Creek Park and Pathway Improvements

Ginger Creek Park

Last year we put in 2 picnic tables and a much needed dogi-pot; this year we are trying to add a bulletin board/kiosk so that information can be shared with the neighborhood. The grant has been submitted to the City of Renton and we are awaiting approval.

If you have any suggestions for park improvements or neighborhood projects 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).

The pathway

Since our big clean-up of the pathway a few years ago trees and brush have started to take over again. We have had a couple of work parties to clean-up debris on the pathway; taking away many bins full of branches, pine needles, and leaves but it is now time to take down the bigger stuff again. We will be having a work party and probably get a big dump truck with a grant, hopefully this summer.

Crime, and more crime when will it stop

In October of 2011 I started to hear reports of daylight burglaries in the Tiffany Park Neighborhood through the Yahoo e-mail group. In a period of a month I heard of eight burglaries in our neighborhood alone. I was one of the victims. So if you get robbed first call 911 and then send out an email on the yahoo e-group to let your neighbors know about it. To my knowledge only one person has gotten any of their property back and that is because he caught the burglars himself. If you would like to see the crime reports for Renton a Crime Watch Newsletter is published every other month and posted on the City Renton website. The City of Renton website is http://www.ci.renton.wa.us The Crime Watch newsletter can be located on menus under Living, Neighborhoods and, Block Watch. To view the most recent version of the Block Watch newsletter go towards the bottom of the webpage and click on the please click here" under Property Identification title in the second paragraph or go to http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/living/default.aspx?id=17

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According to Cyndie Parks of the City of Renton crime is up 300% since October 2011. The police recently broke up one gang of over 100 members. The increase in crime is not limited to Tiffany Park or Renton; it is national wide.

Cyndie Parks will be at the Annual meeting on Thursday, June 7th at 7:-00 pm in the Tiffany Park Recreation Building to speak on crime, crime statistics, and crime prevention.

The Crime Watch Newsletter will also be posted on the Tiffany Park website www.tiffanypark.org.

Neighborhood Monthly Walk and Litter Patrol.....

Let's get in shape together by walking and we (smart as we are) will multi-task by picking up litter. We will be in shape and our neighborhood will be clean. We are encouraging you to join us on the 1st Sunday of the month (3:00) at Ginger Creek Park. Weather permitting we then determine which streets we will be walking and picking up litter. If you are unable to join us do it at your convenience. Please notify Laura of your walk and litter patrol so that we as a neighborhood can get credit for our efforts. For further information or suggestions please call Laura at 206-227-3230 or Marina 206-713-4497

Translators Wanted

In an effort to communicate with all the members of the Tiffany Park neighborhood we are going to try to publish our documents in languages other than English. We are looking for volunteers to translate our documents in languages other than English. We will be distributing the English copy to homes and putting the other languages on the website. We published the 2012 Garage Sale Flyer in Tagalog.

If you could let me know what languages we need to provide translations for I could ask for specific volunteers.

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Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

Christmas: The best time of the year.



The Holiday season of 2011 was another big success for the Tiffany Park Neighborhood. We decorated our houses, and looked fantastic. Next year we may even be a destination for those looking to pass their time driving through beautifully decorated neighborhoods. In 2011 our decorating contest winners were, drum roll please, in first place Dave and Patti Phillips at 1517 Newport Court





in second place Mr. and Mrs. Ken Strickland at 1742 Olympia,





and in third place the house at 1679 Monroe on the corner showing off their front and back yards



. The Phillips cannot take first place again, since you cannot win a prize two years in a row, but I am certain they are going to step things up a notch, so get your decorations ready early for the 2012 holiday decorating contest. If you have any questions contact Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954

To see more pictures of the contest winners go to the <u>www.tiffany-park.org</u> and click on the Holiday Decorating contest tab.

A thank you

THANK YOU LAURA STRICKLAND OF STORAGE ONE – SELF STORAGE IN THE HIGHLANDS On behalf of myself and several other licensed daycare providers in the immediate area, as well as across the state, I would like to give a "THANK YOU" to Laura and this company for donating a storage unit to the Washington State Family Childcare Association for using it for their Conference. We are grateful for the generosity of Laura and the company she works for. Pam Carino of Pammy's Tot's in the Tiffany Park Neighborhood

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association is a part of the neighborhood program sponsored by the City of Renton Join the Tiffany Park Yahoo e-group/e-mail list

It's FREE

It's private

The purpose of this e-group/mail list is to facilitate communication and sharing within the Tiffany Park neighborhood located in Renton, Washington. The group has announcements of a general interest to the neighborhood; requests for information or help (and responses); request for volunteers for activity within the neighborhood; positive suggestions for improving the neighborhood; and messages related to zoning, transportation, crime, etc. No commercial, overly long-winded, "chat", one-to-one, invective, dating, "for sale", or "looking to buy" postings allowed. Only members may post or read messages.

Membership is open to residents and property owners of the area bounded by:

To the NORTH:

- SE Royal Hills Drive to and including Lake Youngs Way SE To the EAST:
 - Pierce Avenue SE to the Renton City Limits.
- To the SOUTH:
 - 116th Avenue SE up to but NOT including SE 157th Street
 - Edmonds Way SE to but not including 157th Street
 - Kirkland Avenue to the pipeline (Kirkland Avenue ends at the pipeline)

To the WEST

• 116th Avenue SE (from SE 157th Street) up to Royal Hills Drive

TPNA includes Tiffany Park Homeowners Association, Ponderosa Estates, and everything between.

Please note the EAST description will be modified shortly because the city limits have moved. We will post the new boundary when we have it defined.

To view a map of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association go to <u>http://www.tiffany-park.org</u> and click on the TPNA Map and Description tab

In the last six months we have had reports of eight daytime burglaries in the neighborhood through the yahoo group. Several dogs and cats have been reported missing and some that were found have also been reported. We had a report of some wild animals roaming the neighborhood of course these were also reported to the police. Suspicious people in the neighborhood which were maybe sales people or maybe not, who were also reported to the police. We announce events via the yahoo group like the neighborhood picnic, the neighborhood garage sale, work parties at the park and pathway, trash pickup days and anything else that needs reporting.

We ask for help for distributing newsletters, picnic flyers, and garage sale flyers

The yahoo group gives us a tool to get information out quickly to everyone in the neighborhood.

See the flyer in this packet with instructions on how to join the Yahoo e-group/e-mail list

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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!!! —

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 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 nearly 14 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 or yard work done? –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. Erik is now mowing lawns and doing yard work also Call 425-226-5954.
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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

TPNA Event Calendar June 3 Trash pickup June 7 TPNA Annual meeting

June 29-July 1 Neighborhood Garage Sale August 2 Neighborhood picnic August 5 Trash pickup

TPNA Board and Committee Members

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