

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association TPNA Promoting Neighborhood Pride
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### **Anti Crime Hint**

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The hint for this newsletter is to sign up with Cyndie Parks for the Blockwatch Newsletter or program. Cyndie coordinates the blockwatch program for Renton. You can organize a meeting at your home and invite your neighbors and someone from Blockwatch will explain the program to you, maybe have a sign put up to advertise that Blockwatch is active in your area and people are watching out for the area... If you would like to have a Blockwatch meeting in your home contact Cyndie. The Blockwatch newsletter includes a list of homes that have been burglarized and security hints for protecting your home. The newsletter is published every two months. If you would like to receive a copy of the Blockwatch newsletter contact Cyndie Parks who can be contacted at:

Phone 425- 430-7521

E-mail cparks@rentonwa.gov.

### **Neighborhood Picnic** FUN FUN FUN

Hey everybody, did we have fun last year at the community picnic. Shout out loud, "I had a great time" make sure everybody who wasn't able to make it knows they should have been there. For 2014 our picnic will be on Wednesday July 30th. We should expect great weather. The party starts at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. I expect to see you there with smiles and lots and lots of food. The City of Renton will provide hotdogs again this year and condiments, but

it is our responsibility to bring the salads, chips, deserts, and other family favorites. This is a picnic and we need more food to share. This year we will be collecting canned food for our good deed for the community at the picnic. So along with your favorite specialty food please bring canned foods to donate. We will try to have face painting and popcorn back again this year along with more games and prizes. We will also try to get the King County Library and Waste Management booths again this year as well as the fire department. We could use help from neighbors to put on the picnic. We would appreciate people putting in short half hour shifts setting up, tearing down, game organizers, greeters, and people who just want to help anywhere they can. If you want to help with the 2014 picnic please call Renate Beedon at 206-715-3785 or chickadees@yahoo.com

## **2013 Holiday Lights Contest**

We will Oh Christmas Lights, Oh Christmas Lights, How You Glitter and Amaze Me....

This was our fourth year. Personally I have really enjoyed going around and looking at all of the lights under the guise of judging this contest of outdoor art. The judges roamed around the neighborhood on Saturday December 28th to look at all of your creations. We always have nice prizes like Starbucks gift cards restaurant gift cards, and cups with gourmet cocoa, but mostly you get bragging rights. There are really no rules, although the houses that have won in the past have had their house and yard decorated. If you have any questions call Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954

The winners of the 2013 Holiday Light contest were Diane Davis of 1827 Lake Youngs Way SE, Sandra Swan and Michael Saunders, 2608 Lake Youngs Ct SE, and Ray and Marlene Albrect 2212 SE 17 St. I am anxious to see the houses next year. Be making all the decisions for the event including picking the date for the garage sale. Also things like the signage and advertizing



Renton Youth Advocacy Center

### Offering young adults ages 12-17:

- A safe place to learn essential life skills
- Mentoring/ tutoring
- Drug and alcohol intervention/prevention
- · Discipline in athletics
- · Opportunities for community, hospitality,
- and personal growth

## We are committed to offering after school programs while providing:

- A safe place to learn and grow
- · Growth through mentorship
- Authentic relationships
- Acceptance and inclusion

#### Onsite activities:

- Video games
- Foosball
- Music
- Pool
- Arts and crafts
- Homework help

#### In order to:

- Promote self-worth
- Help youth achieve academic success
- Encourage essential team skills
- Create bonds between young adults
- and community members
- Keep youth off the streets



## **Help save the Tiffany Park Woods**

From the web we have learned that the developer (**Henley USA**) who bought the property is a foreign company, based in Australia and 50% owned by Sumitomo Forestry of Japan. They have read your letters of complaints or concerns and made some minor adjustments to the original proposal.

- Storm pond will change to a storm vault underground.
- Old plat proposal would keep only 102 trees vs. New plat proposal will keep 146 trees.
- Old proposal of planting 396 trees vs. new proposal planting 441 trees.
- There will be a 10 ft deep **perimeter** of trees along the pipeline and they have added an area with picnic tables near 19<sup>th</sup> Court and 20<sup>th</sup> Court.
- 124<sup>th</sup> Place SE remains as the only other access road besides SE 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wetlands will be maintained by the eventual Home Owners Association of the new development.

We do NOT believe this is enough mitigation of the project: There are still the access issues and we will lose our Woods as we know it.

- We have formed a structure of Officers for the **Tiffany Park Woods Advocacy Group (TPWAG)** as approved by unanimous vote at the school meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our sole mission is to mitigate impacts on quality of life and or stop the development due to unsatisfactory situations. TPWAG Charter document is available for your review-see attached.
- Volunteers did a traffic study of key intersections and it will be added to the City's records for review.
- A Fish&Wildlife expert walked through the woods and pointed out things that appear to have been missed by the developer and could be investigated further.
- We have made phone calls to many organizations for help.
- We have interviewed with the Renton Reporter culminating in a front page story about our situation (February 21<sup>st</sup>).
- We have made a request for public information disclosure for more research.

The very small group that has been involved to this point is not enough to see this through with all its serious impacts: We need VOLUNTEERS

### **How YOU can help:**

 Hiring experts costs money: Please send financial <u>donations</u> to the following fund in order that we can retain these experts to challenge the developer's studies. This fund is set up as

> Tiffany Park Woods Advocacy Group C/O Robert Garlough- Treasurer 3203 SE 18<sup>th</sup> Street Renton, WA 98058-3802

- Participate in the next traffic study; only 2 hours of your time and it is easy.

  The traffic study will be shifts of 6:30am-9:00am and 2:00pm -4:00pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm as the current developer's study does not cover all of these crucial time periods.
- We need people with connections to biologists to help us with the Wetland and Habitat study.
- We need people with connections to Environmental groups. We need wildlife pictures; example:
   Pileated Woodpeckers and Great Blue Herons inside the Woods which the current Fish&Wildlife study
   does not show. We know they are there! We need connections with the media; newspapers, TV,
   radio, etc. as we need more publicity.
- We need YOUR help in identifying those people who came to the meeting but did not sign in so they can become involved too.
- Share this email with your neighbors so that everyone is aware that we are in the most critical stages of this project.

Once the City has approved the project and the appeals have been exhausted, the forested Woods will be stripped, traffic will increase, and our neighborhood will be forever changed The time to be involved is now!

Thank you Cynthia Garlough

. Tiffany Park Woods Advocacy Group; Communications Director

Please call Renate Beedon, President, with any questions 206-715-3785 renton-opposites@comcast.net

## **About Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association**

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association is a part of the neighborhood program sponsored by the City of Renton

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association provides several paths of information and communication to the neighborhood. There is the Yahoo e-group, the Website, the newsletter, and the Kiosk,

You can 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: The boundaries of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association are: To the NORTH:

• SE Royal Hills Drive to and including Lake Youngs Way SE

To the EAST:

• Pierce Avenue SE SE 19<sup>th</sup> Ct

### 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.

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

Residents we can also become supporting members. We currently have 77dues paying) supporting members of the association. Which are an all time high Neighborhood Association supporting members for the 2013 year. This is in a neighborhood of approximately 500 homes with an estimated 1000 potential supporting members. If you would like to join the neighborhood association as a supporting member contact Bill Roenicke and he will get you signed up. The supporting membership is \$5.00 for adults per year and \$2.50 for seniors (65 and older per year). The voluntary payment of dues gives members the right to vote at the annual meeting. Supporting members also receive a 10% discount at McLendon's Hardware on everything except, 5% on lumber, 0% on tools, and 0% on items on sale. Just tell the cashier that you are a supporting member of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association. Dave, one of our committee members just bought a bunch of stuff for home projects at McClendon's and saved \$20.00. We support our community projects with membership dues money and grants from the City of Renton. Please become a supporting member

The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association also publishes a website at www.tiffany-park.org

# **Ginger Creek Park and Pathway Improvements**

## **Ginger Creek Park**

Bill and Carol Roenicke are our community managers for Ginger Creek Park. In order keep the park manageable they would like neighbors who would like to donate plants for the park when they have extra bulbs or such to, they could provide them to any board member, eventually working their way to Bill and Carol who coordinate the planting (so we do not develop over planting in one area and nothing in another). It is time for bulbs to be planted so Bill and Carol are looking for donations.

### Volunteer hours

Contact Bill Roenicke if you would like to help at 425-271-7785 or email risingr@integrity.com Please keep Laura Silbernagel advised of your volunteer hours. She turns in an accounting total of sweat equity hours to the City of Renton to earn credit for our projects at the rate of \$20.00 an hour. So by telling us your volunteer hours you are not just tooting your own horn you are giving us hours for grants to improve our neighborhood.

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).

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.

FYI – distributing newsletters, garage sale flyers, and packaging newsletters counts as volunteering so you can have a garage sale for free if you volunteer for one of these projects.

**Annual Meeting** 

The annual meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> in the Tiffany Park Recreation building at 7:00pm

## 2014 Garage sale

The annual garage sale starts with the meeting to plan it. We will have the planning meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Laura's house (1620 Index Ave SE) at 7:00 pm. anyone who would like to attend please come over and put in your 2 bits worth.

If you would like to be notified of garage sale work parties or discuss anything about the garage sale contact me by email or phone. My e-mail address is <a href="mailto:listletragel@comcast.net">lsilbernagel@comcast.net</a> and my phone number is 206-227-3230.

One of the ways to have a free garage sale is to deliver a route of newsletters.

## YELLOW PAGES

Ads in the Tiffany Park Newsletter are posted at the request Tiffany Park residents and are not endorsed by the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association.

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.







### **Real Estate:**

Let us help you with your real estate ventures. I am your neighbor Marina Higgins (real estate Broker) and work with Better Properties located in downtown Renton. In addition to helping you buy or sell your home, our office specializes in short sale transactions. Give me or Normajean, our managing broker, a call (425-227-6000).

## **Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Residents**

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--- get your business listed here for free!!! ---

We have added a new business to our list for this newsletter. I am kind of afraid I lost someone's request to list a business. I lost some of my email in the last couple of months, so if you sent a request for a business to be listed and it is not here I apologize and please submit a request again.

Home: 425-255-3175

PianomansaintPiano Tuning & Repairs "Making the world a better place...One piano at a time"

Website:Pianomansaint.com Phone:866-93-PIANO

Saint Santiago

Email: Pianomansaint@me.com

**Rays Lawn Care** 

Lawns Mowed, Landscaping Ray Hanson Cell:425-830-3266

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### **Brandel Golf Custom Clubs/Repairs**

Acer/Power Play/Dynacraft We now sell Adams Golf Clubs 425-235-4163-brandelgolf@comcast.net

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

**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>

### 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 <u>lsilbernagel@comcast.net</u> 206-227-3230

## **TPNA Board and Committee Members**

PRESIDENT: Laura Silbernagel 206 227-3230 VICE PRESIDENT: Donna Thorkildson 425-226-5954

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