

# Newsletter of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association

Renton, Washington June 2015

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## Recognition

This year of 2015 is a year to be thankful for what we have and helpful to our friends and family. Most of us have been blessed with good health and a home. Even the renters in this neighborhood should be experiencing the benefits of good neighbors and the opportunity to use their own talents to contribute to the community by volunteering in the schools, parks or organizations. I want to give some recognition to a few of the very special volunteers that have been brought to my attention in recent months.

Bill Roenicke our TPNA Treasurer who is also remarkable at making sure that Ginger Creek Park is getting all of the attention it needs through volunteer work.

Dale Blair, who lives up by the park has put in many, many hours of work cleaning up the pathways by pulling weeds.

Erik Thorkildson is mowing the grass again this year. I also want to recognize the gentleman who mows the pipeline on Beacon regularly because that helps our neighborhood look cleaner and is good for keeping down rodents and garbage. It helps the walkers who regularly use our neighborhood for fitness as well.

Dave Beedon put a lot of time into our new Tiffany Park website ([www.tiffany-park.org](http://www.tiffany-park.org)).

Renate Beedon is organizing our annual neighborhood picnic again this year. The picnic will be a little bit different, but the whole board is hoping that the differences will make an even more enjoyable event.

Laura Silbernagel who got a grant and bought the neighborhood safety vests to wear for identifying our volunteers and safety when we are doing work around the street. Laura is also organizing our annual Garage Sale again this year.

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## Important Dates

Garage Sale July 17 - 19

Renton River Days July 24 - 26

Neighborhood Picnic July 29

TPNA Annual Meeting July 30

Movie at Cascade Ball Field August 28

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## Annual Meeting

**Thursday July 30, 2015**

**7:00 - 8:30**

**Tiffany Park Bldg. (RYAC)**

It is that time of year when we get all of the homeowners and renters to come together and help disperse information about what we have done in the past, what we want to do in the next year, to find out who is going to direct us in our efforts, and how we plan on paying for it.

Everyone in the Tiffany Park Neighborhood is invited---home owners and renters. We do have provisions in our bylaws that prevent renters from voting on things, but we always value your input and want you to feel welcome to be involved in this process. This year we have some bylaw issues to vote on, as well as board members. We want to inform you about issues effecting the neighborhood, and find out what you would like us to do in the upcoming year. We do need to vote on proposed changes to our bylaws. See following to preview those changes.

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~~Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws  
(July 5, 2006) (Amended Revised April 2009)~~

~~Boundaries—The boundaries of the Association are:  
To the North: SE Royal Hills Drive to and including  
Lake Youngs Way SE~~

~~To the East: Pierce Ave S, To the Renton City Limits  
To the South: 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE up to but not including  
SE 157<sup>th</sup> St.~~

~~Edmonds Way SE up to but not including 157<sup>th</sup> St.  
Kirkland Avenue to the pipeline. (Kirkland Avenue ends  
at the pipeline.~~

~~This entire area encompasses Ponderosa Estates and  
Tiffany Park Homeowners Association.~~

Boundaries of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood  
Association area will be in compliance with the City  
Of Renton.

~~No officer may serve more than three consecutive  
terms in the same office.~~

No officer other than the Treasurer may be allowed to  
serve more than three consecutive terms

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## Crime

**(Crime in the neighborhood; ways to prevent it, why we want to report it, and who to report it to.)**

**Q:** What is crime?

**A:** Crime is any of the following:

- Destruction of property, such as slashed tires, broken car windows, stolen or defaced fences and lawn ornaments, etc.
- Robberies (a home is entered by force or other means and items are taken without permission, whether by people you know or don't know)
- Auto theft
- Excessive noise (be reasonable)
- Sale of drugs or alcohol to minors or consumption thereof in public places
- Theft of mail from a porch or mailbox (this is a Federal crime). More on mailboxes below.

**Q:** Should you report suspicious behavior?

**A:** Yes, absolutely. The only thing that could possibly go wrong with reporting suspicious

behavior is that you are wrong, but you may save a friend or a neighbor from harm or damage.

Not all calls are emergencies, but you can still say "I would like an officer to visit."

Calling the police is great, but also helpful to the neighborhood is communication of criminal activity to your neighbors. Good places to do that are e-mail messages and the TPNA website.

Be observant of the vehicles and people on your street. Get to know your neighbors. You should know your neighbor's name and how to contact them if you have a question.

Another thing that residents on smaller streets and cul-de-sacs have been doing is replacing standard mailboxes with locked mailboxes. This is not a sure-fire way to prevent mail theft, but it can deter a thief because of time and effort to break in.

There is a fee for installation, but it may be well worth the cost. If this is not something that can be agreed on it is suggested that you never put bills with checks in outgoing mail. Take your bills to the post office for mailing, and know the risks to letting your mail sit in an unlocked box until you come home

To receive the Block Watch Newsletter produced by the Renton Police Department contact Cindy Parks at [cparks@rentonwa.gov](mailto:cparks@rentonwa.gov) or (425) 430-7521

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## Garage sale

OK here's the garage sale announcement. We have a big new thing happening this year because the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association and the Cascade Neighborhood have joined together and scheduled their garage sales for the same weekend which will make for a huge event. The sale will be Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> for Tiffany Park and Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> for the Cascade neighborhood. Because of this combining we are expecting a large turnout of customers.

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If you have been waiting for the right year to have your garage sale this would be it. My garage is already half full of stuff to sell. We will be delivering a flyer with all the information about the sale in a few weeks. The information about the garage sale will also be posted on the Tiffany Park website [www.tiffany-park.org](http://www.tiffany-park.org) shortly.

As it has always been anyone helping with the garage sale will not have to pay to have the sale. Among other things this year we would like to permanently paint the majority of the signs for the garage sale with some generic information instead of printing information on paper which then has to be stapled to the signs, which will require a lot of extra work to set up this year. Besides needing people to paint the signs we will need someone good at painting to give us direction. We also need the usual help of delivering the garage sale flyers to all the homes in the neighborhood.

You can contact Laura Silbernagel to sign up for the sale or ask questions: (206)-227-3230.

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## Renton Youth Advocacy Center

Most of you will have noticed that the once vacant Tiffany Park Building is now home to a youth center.

You may also have met the moms, dads, youth and grandparents on our neighborhood outreach teams as they've gone door to door in your neighborhood. Our board members and volunteers come from all walks of life and belong to many community organizations. For instance, our website administrator currently serves on the Parent Key Communicators Board for Renton School District.

If you have questions or concerns about school safety, new curricula, or other areas please email our admin: [admin@rentonyac.org](mailto:admin@rentonyac.org). If you wonder about RYAC, visit our website, <http://www.rentonyac.org>, or our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ryac4youth](http://www.facebook.com/ryac4youth). Feel free to drop

in any day we're open and see what we're all about.

Renton Youth Advocacy Center has been in operation for over a year now. Started by John Houston, an honors graduate of Olympic College who holds a degree in Human Services, and certificates in Family Services and Chemical Dependency Counseling, RYAC fills a definite need in our community. Our purpose is to give Renton youth a place where they can safely spend after-school hours that otherwise might be spent unwisely, in unsafe environments and without supervision. Our caring volunteers are dedicated to promoting self-worth, helping youth achieve academic success, encouraging essential team skills and creating bonds between young people and community members. Local volunteers - moms, dads, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and older youth - create a community where at-risk youth are accepted, nurtured and guided to be thriving, active and engaged members of society.

Initially we offered a safe place to hang out after school one day a week. Youth could play games, get homework help, or use sports equipment. With the help of dedicated volunteers, our program has expanded to include 2 days a week. RYAC has up to 40 teens and tweens at the center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 – 6 p.m. We've been able to increase our age range too, and siblings are welcome with older children. We were able to offer summer hours last year and hope to be open this summer, three weekdays, 12 - 5. We now have a grant writer and have received two program-building grants during 2015. There are now laptops available for homework, seasonal art and crafts sessions and community service opportunities. All of this is done with volunteers (RYAC has no paid staff). One of our biggest goals is to have enough volunteers to staff the center and keep the doors open three to four days a week.

During 2015 we partnered with Seattle Central College and WSU for service learning. We hope to continue these partnerships and also join the

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University of Washington's program within the next six months. Also in development is an interview seminar for youth looking for a first job, or wanting to get a better summer job. We'll be growing the program with a resume help seminar in 2016. Our plan is to also add a FAFSA completion day in 2016 for college-bound youth. (FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.)

We like participating in local events, and being part of an active neighborhood community. To show our support, we're sponsoring the neighborhood games for the combined Tiffany Park/Cascade picnic this year. We'll see you there!

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## Annual Picnic

Wednesday, July 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
At Tiffany Park

This year, we will be joined in the picnic by the Cascade Neighborhood---we want to welcome all the Cascade neighbors.

**The City of Renton will provide** steak burgers and drinks. **Please bring** a main dish, salad, vegetables, fruit or desert of your choice that could feed your family and 5 additional people. We are asking for the first time this year that you bring a list of ingredients for your dish to help avoid allergic reactions in guests not used to your recipe.

There will be lots of entertainment for kids. RYAC will run and supervise the games provided by the City of Renton. There will be a small surprise for all of the children.

We will have several guests who will answer questions and provide information about their purpose. They are: The Fire Department, King County Library, Waste Management, Seattle Tilth, Renton Graffiti Abatement, Crime Prevention.

Each year TPNA tries to do a **good deed** in association with our picnic this year we have chosen to **donate school supplies**, which will

benefit the children in the Renton School District. Please bring an extra package of one of the following items: lined paper, pencils, glue sticks, erasers, binders, pencil box, backpack.

We hope to see many of you at the picnic---we will have lots of fun.

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### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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