

Newsletter of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association

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President's Letter

Again it's time to reach out to my friends and neighbors to hopefully improve our neighborhood and continue to establish good relationships. So join the TPNA to help us in this endeavor.

Towards this effort we are working with the City of Renton to help foster good neighborhoods. The Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association, which includes Tiffany Park Homeowners Association and Ponderosa Estates, has events planned to encourage us to know one other better. This year we are planning a neighborhood garage sale and a neighborhood clean-up event, for which we hope to rent bins from Republic and also have a truck go by to pick up larger items of which we need to dispose. In conjunction with the clean-up event will be a

President's Letter

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scavenger hunt. We encourage you to assess and clean up your immediate surrounding. Suggestions are encouraged but only if you are willing to organize or help with implementing your suggestion. Please join us in continuing to maintain this wonderful neighborhood where we work together for the betterment of our environment. Hoping to hear from you.

Marina Higgins, TPNA President
(206) 713-4497

Important Dates

July 19	Annual Meeting
July 27-29	Neighborhood Garage sale
August 8	Steering Committee meeting
Sept. 15	Neighborhood clean-up event.

City of Renton Code Compliance

Do you have questions about junk cars, trash piles, storage containers, unkempt lawns or other such unsightly neighborhood nuisances? The City of Renton has a convenient website for finding information on city code compliance and reporting violations:

<https://www.rentonwa.gov/cms/one.aspx?pageId=9690786> for more information. The City also has a 24-hour Reporting Hotline at 425-430-7373.

Are you a supporting member of the TPNA? If not, we'd love to have you become one. The article "Membership/dues" has more info.

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Annual Meeting

(NEW LOCATION---FAIRWOOD LIBRARY)

This year's annual meeting will take place on **Thursday, July 19 at 7 p.m.** at the Fairwood library on 140th Avenue SE. This meeting, also called the "meeting of the general membership," is designed to inform members of the status of the Association's efforts, give members a chance to meet members of the Steering Committee, and vote for officers of the Committee for the next year. At this year's meeting we will be voting on a proposal to change the Association's bylaws (see "Bylaws Change").

Bylaws Change

The Steering Committee is proposing to change the bylaws to make it easier to retain persons in officer positions. The current bylaws contain a rule limiting a person to three consecutive terms as president, vice president, or secretary. The treasurer has been exempt from the rule due to the difficulty of getting anyone to take over that position. However, the same difficulty applies to other officer positions. Thus the Committee supports replacing the hard-and-fast rule with a more flexible statement of preference. The exact wording of the proposed revision appears below.

This change must be approved by the general membership. Voting on this revision will take place at the annual meeting (see "Annual Meeting"). The proposed change affects Article IV of the bylaws, the article that describes the Steering Committee.

The change is for this existing text:

"No officer other than the Treasurer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the office."

to be replaced by this new text:

"When a person serves as the same officer year after year, it is preferred that he or she do so for no more

than three consecutive terms."

Ginger Creek Park

On May 19th TPNA held a work party at Ginger Creek Park to improve the park's appearance. Three persons showed up and all were members of the Steering Committee. Bill Roenicke, Larry Gorg, and Dave Beedon wielded pruning shears, loppers, and a saw against overgrown bushes from 9 a.m. to noon. Weather was pleasant. Plant growth means the work is never done. Let's hope there is a larger turn-out at the next work party.

Apart from organized work party, the park benefits from the frequent maintenance work of three neighbors. Dale Blair does various things when he sees that work needs to be done. Eileen Strecker maintains the arbor and its plants. Derrin Hanson mows the grass regularly. The neighborhood could use more of the energy exhibited by these nice volunteers. The Steering Committee thanks them for their work.

A parking problem has developed at the park. At least one car has been using the street shoulder next to the park as a park-and-ride lot. We believe the driver boards a bus, leaving the car there. When cars park there all day they impeded physical and visual access to the park. We are in touch with the City of Renton and Seattle Public Utilities to see what can be done to stop the practice.

The dues for a supporting membership in the TPNA are equal to the cost of a few gallons of gas, so no one can complain that the expense is too much to bear. Do your civic duty and sign up now! See the article "Membership/dues."

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Holiday Lights Contest

Every year the TPNA stages the "Holiday Lights Contest" just before Christmas to honor the owners of the three best-decorated homes in the neighborhood. On December 17, 2017, Pam Carino and Donna Thorkildson went through the neighborhood to observe the displays and chose three winners. Modest prizes were awarded to the residents of the following houses:

- First prize (a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's and a coffee mug) went to the Seelbach residence at 1627 Index Court SE.
- Second prize (a \$15 gift certificate to Starbucks and a coffee mug) went to the Galimba residence at 1623 Index Court SE.
- Third prize (a \$10 gift certificate to Starbucks and a coffee mug.) went to the Acoba residence at 1503 Index Avenue SE.

Congratulations to the winners!

Message for Dog Owners

If you walk your dog in the neighborhood: pick up any poop your pet deposits in yards or parking strips. Get in the habit of taking some plastic bags on the walk. Be a good neighbor and dispose of the poop in your garbage can. Your neighbors will thank you for it.

Can't decide what to give someone for Christmas or another festive occasion? Why not give a supporting membership in the TPNA? The recipient will love you for it. The article "Membership/dues" has more info.

Clean-up event

On September 15 TPNA is conducting a neighborhood clean-up event. This is sort of a glorified work party that will concentrate on cleaning up the connector sidewalk between Lake Youngs Way and Index Avenue, the common area (little park) on Pierce Avenue SE, and the traffic circle on Pierce.

The theme of this event is "neighbor helping neighbor," so if you need help with anything related to clean-up, let us know. We are considering having Republic Services perform a special neighborhood pick-up service. There might also be a scavenger hunt.

Details will appear later on the TPNA website and on Nextdoor.com. In the meantime, if you would like to participate or you have questions, talk to our president, Marina Higgins at (206) 713-4497.

Garage Sale

This year's garage sale takes place on July 27-29 (Friday through Sunday). In an effort to keep it as simple as possible, the Association will limit its organizing to making announcements on its website, on Nextdoor.com, and on "A-boards" set up in the neighborhood. There will be no registration, no fees for participating, no neighborhood maps, and no deadlines for anything. Residents will conduct their own sales as they see fit. That's all there is to it, but if you have any questions, send an e-mail message to Dave Beedon at davebeedon@comcast.net

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Becoming a supporting membership in the TPNA is almost as good as winning the Powerball lottery. Membership entitles you to a 10% discount on most things at a McLendon's hardware store. "Membership/dues" has more info.

Housing Development

(“Allura at Tiffany Park”)

As of early June 2018, the status of the development, based mostly on observations made by neighbors, was as follows:

1. Preliminary paving of streets appears to be complete. The second access route (124th Place SE) is also paved and is flanked by guardrails where it crosses the Seattle Public Utilities's water pipeline.
2. Sidewalks have not been installed.
3. Installation of utilities to individual lots is under way.
4. The huge stormwater retention vault is covered with dirt. The space will become a park.
5. Storm sewer work on SE 18th Street is done and preliminary re-paving is complete. Parking strips (spaces between the streets and sidewalks) need to be filled in and seeded with grass.

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NextDoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a website that acts like a bulletin board for a neighborhood and enables members to reply to messages posted there. Messages typically fall into one of these categories:

1. Announcements of events
2. Selling or buying things
3. Asking for referrals to service providers
4. Giving things away
5. Reporting lost or found pets
6. Reporting crime
7. Discussing safety topics.

Our neighborhood has a “page” on Nextdoor.com. On that page a resident who has registered with the site can see all the announcements posted by fellow neighbors, reply to anyone's announcement, and post an announcement for others to see.

To join, all you need provide is your street address and e-mail address. This is a secure site and no information is sold or passed on to other parties. There are unobtrusive ads displayed with the recent postings.

A page on the TPNA website has links to more information. To get to that page, go to the TPNA website (www.tiffany-park.org). From the home page go to “Communication...Newsletter, Nextdoor.com, and Yahoo group.”

Please consider joining Nextdoor.com.

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Membership/dues

Neighbors, have you considered becoming involved with the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association? The continued maintenance and improvement of our neighborhood is dependent on neighbors like you to offer ideas, help with events, and provide occasional muscle power. The more volunteers we have to get things done, the smaller everyone's contribution can be.

At the present, most neighborhood business and maintenance is handled by a handful of people consisting of members of the Steering Committee and a few other dedicated individuals. It is challenging to get the needed work done with so few participating. We encourage you to consider helping out, even if it is limited to providing ideas for improving the way we get things done. We can all benefit from the perspective of new participants.

Another way to help the neighborhood is to pay voluntary annual dues (cost stated below). This makes you a supporting member. The dues go into our bank account, from which we pay for supplies and equipment related to the staging of events such as out picnic and maintenance of Ginger Creek Park. Being a supporting member entitles you to vote at the annual meeting of the general membership, whether the voting concerns selection of new officers for the Steering Committee or changes to our bylaws.

The annual cost for being a supporting member is \$12.00 per person for those under 65 and \$6.00 per person for those who are 65 or older. Note that it is per person, not per household. Membership is dirt cheap! At the end of this newsletter is a membership form. The form can also be downloaded or printed from the TPNA website (www.tiffany-park.org).

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If you shop at McLendon Hardware, your dues will be quickly paid for by the discount the store gives to members---there is a 10% discount on most non-sale items. If you're a frequent shopper there, your dues will be paid back more than once in the year. When you pay TPNA dues, we inform McLendon's of your membership. Then at the cash register you say that you're a member of the TPNA and give your name. The discounts then start rolling in---it's almost as good as winning the lottery.

Due to a communication hiccup by McLendon's in early 2018, our treasurer was informed that the 10% discount for neighborhoods had gone away, replaced by a volume discount plan. Some residents wrote to the corporate headquarters about the change. McLendon's quickly admitted the error. The 10% discount is still in force.

Whether you prefer to be a general member (by virtue of living in the neighborhood) or a supporting member (by virtue of paying dues), we welcome your participation. Why not attend a meeting of the Steering Committee to see what's going on and get an idea about how you can contribute? Anyone can attend. Meetings are held every other month at the home of a Steering Committee member. Information about meetings is posted in advance on the TPNA website under "Announcements." To find out where the meeting takes place, call the Association's president. For contact information see the article "Steering Committee."

The greater our membership, the more influence our neighborhood will have if an issue needs to be addressed before the city government. Join us!

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Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the body that plans and organizes most of the Association's work. It consists of up to eleven members, four of whom are officers. The current members will serve until the end of the 2018 general membership meeting. Your neighbors on the Committee are

Officers:

President: Marina Higgins [phone: (206) 713-4497]

Vice President: Pam Carino

Secretary: Dave Beedon

Treasurer: Bill Roenicke.

Other members:

Sue Dahlberg

Larry Gorg

Reid Heimbeck

David Phillips

Lynda Reed

HELP!

The TPNA Steering Committee needs volunteers! Most of the Association's work is performed by members of the Committee, a very small group. Some have been on the Committee for years and they need a break. None of the work is difficult, but it can be a bit overwhelming if the same few people do it year after year. (That's why in 2018 we are not having a picnic and are staging a much simplified garage sale.)

Can you help? Prospective Committee members don't have to have a fancy degree or formal training. We admit new members based on the "warm body" rule. If you have an interest in the workings of the Association or wonder how you could help, please talk to our president, Marina Higgins, at (206) 713-4497. Thanks.

Website

The TPNA website is the place to go to learn everything you wanted to know about our Association but were afraid to ask. There you will find details about the nature of the Association, its structure, the rules (bylaws) by which it operates, a map showing its boundary, and the events it sponsors.

The "Records" page has links to newsletters and meeting minutes going back to the founding of the Association in 2006. It also has links to websites having neighborhood-related information. Time-sensitive announcements appear on its home page. The URL for normal computers is www.tiffany-park.org. For touch-screen devices such as smartphones, the URL www.tiffany-park.org/mobile might work better.

The website also serves the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association, which is a subset of the neighborhood association. Of primary importance is the link for the association's covenants. From the home page go to the "Links" page, click on "TPHA Links," then click on the link for the covenants.

This space is for **your** ad.
See the article
"Advertising Information."

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Advertising Information

Advertising in the newsletter is available to anyone. Have something to sell or give away? Need a service at your residence? Want fame and fortune? Place an ad in the newsletter! Your ad goes to 500 homes. Rates for ads were established by the Steering Committee in April 2018 and are as follows:

- One sentence of text: free to everyone.
- Business card: \$25 for supporting members; \$37 for everyone else.
- Quarter page of text or graphic: same rates as for business card.

Ads in this edition appear on a later page.

Ads

House Cleaning Service

Free Estimate
Luz Portillo (253) 335-1201
luzportillo83@gmail.com



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Local Licensed Home Child Care
"Pammy's Tots". 206-387-3894
Pam Carino

THIS NEWSLETTER

The TPNA newsletter a publication for residents of the Tiffany Park neighborhood. Its purpose is to inform residents of Association events and other activities related to the neighborhood. It is published at least twice a year and distributed to all homes in the Association's geographic area. An electronic version (PDF file) is posted under "Records" on the Association's website (www.tiffany-park.org).

Edited by Dave Beedon (davebeedon@comcast.net)

Comments, questions, and suggestions for articles are welcome. The person to contact is Marina Higgins. Her phone number is (206) 713-4497.

Balloons, cake, and blowing out candles make a birthday nice, but the thing that makes a birthday special is receiving the gift of a supporting membership in the TPNA. But that's not all---it might motivate the recipient to get involved with the Steering Committee, which would be good for the neighborhood. The article "Membership/dues" has more info.

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Note: This is not dues for the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association

Residents of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood are automatically *regular* members of the TPNA

A resident who becomes a *supporting* (dues-paying) member of the TPNA:

- Can vote on Association policy matters and Steering Committee members
- Can serve on the Steering Committee
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Help support neighborhood improvements and activities

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail: _____

Dues are \$12/year for persons under 65 years of age and \$6/year for persons 65 and older.

Dues are for a person, not a household.

Dues Paid: \$ _____ Additional Donation: \$ _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please fill in all fields and make checks payable to: TPNA

Mail this form and a check to: TPNA Treasurer, 3112 SE 18th Street, Renton, WA 98058

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