

# Newsletter of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association

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## Important Dates

December	Holiday Lights Contest
January 9, 2019	Steering Committee meeting (at the home of Reid Heimbeck)

## President's Letter

Holiday greetings to all my fellow Tiffany Park neighbors.

I thank all neighbors who have already adorned their houses with bright and colorful holidays lights. This is just another facet that makes this neighborhood so outstanding, a wonderful place to live. I think there's nothing like the warmth and cheer of a bright and creatively-lit neighborhood, especially as night comes so early this time of year. Though even throughout the year, I notice there is still something

special, unique, and charming about the Tiffany Park neighborhood that makes me grateful I live here. I hope you share my opinion of our fine neighborhood.

Speaking of gratitude, I'd like to honor all current and past members of the Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association. Their tireless care and effort contribute so much to our community in many ways, seen and unseen. To everyone who is now, or was once was, a member of the TPNA, I give you my most sincere 'Thank you!'

In my mind, the TPNA's charter is to help keep our community strong and close. We want to foster a neighborhood having households that respect and look after one another. We want a safe, healthy, vibrant, and welcoming community; a place each of us is proud of and grateful to call 'home.'

To find out what the TPNA is up to, or to find out how you can contribute to our neighborhood, please contact us or join us for one of our bi-monthly meetings. This newsletter will have an announcement for our next meeting. If you have a suggestion, concern, or maybe even a neighborhood event or project you'd like to see happen---please contact us. We welcome new input. please contact me. I welcome new input. My phone number is 206-910-5109.

In the past year the TPNA performed numerous small tasks such as maintaining or overseeing maintenance of our two small neighborhood parks (Ginger Creek and Tiffany Park Homeowners), as well as one large project of cleaning the walkway between Index and Lake Youngs Way (which was quite a success!). Next year I hope our organization will take on at least one more large project (yet to be determined). Please consider coming and taking part in the effort. I think, like me, you will find great

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## President's Letter (continued)

satisfaction in doing something for all of our neighborhood.

May the rest of 2018 be joyous for you and your household, and may the new year be even more bright.

My very best,  
Reid Heimbeck  
President, Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association

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*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 articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*

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## 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. Because of a shortage of volunteers in 2018 we did not have a picnic and staged a much simplified garage sale.

**Can you help?** Prospective Committee members don't have to have a fancy degree or formal training. New members are admitted 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, Reid Heimbeck. His phone number is 206-910-5109. Thanks.

## Holiday Lights Contest

Every year the TPNA stages the "Holiday Lights Contest" just before Christmas to honor the owners of the best-decorated homes in the neighborhood. The decoration of houses is a form of neighborhood beautification and a way to bring cheer to residents. So get out the lights and decorations and create a visual feast for your neighbors!

Judges will go through the neighborhood about a week before Christmas to observe the displays. Modest prizes will be awarded for the top twenty displays. In previous years only three homes were honored. Recognizing a larger number of homes is meant to express thanks for making the neighborhood a nice place to live.

The addresses of the winners will be recognized on the TPNA website and in the first newsletter published in 2019.

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*Feeling down or depressed? Nine out of ten doctors recommend that you become a supporting member of the TPNA. Relief comes quickly after you write that check or fork over the cash. The articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*

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## Ginger Creek Park

Things are pretty quiet at the park right now. Here's a summary of the park's situation. Grass has greened up! The trash can has disappeared (stolen? borrowed?) A problem with a mole was resolved by Dale Blair (thanks, Dale!). Wood chips on the raised beds have subsided due to rotting and should be replenished next spring. We are still hoping to acquire 2-3 yards of fill dirt. We are looking forward to

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## Ginger Creek Park (continued)

forward to summer weather so residents can take advantage of the picnic tables.

Three persons deserve credit for their ongoing contribution to the maintenance of the park. Dale Blair is a frequent fixture of the park, doing all sorts of caretaking tasks. His efforts go way beyond the mole work mentioned above. Darrin Hanson has been the park's official lawn mower since last year. His cutting-edge technique keeps the grass looking good. The editor would also like to commend Bill Roenicke for his ongoing role of Unofficial Park Caretaker. Bill oversees the park's maintenance and improvements and reports on the park's status at meetings of the Steering Committee.

Thank you, Dale, Darrin, and Bill.

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*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! The articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*

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## Clean-up event

On September 15 we conducted a clean-up of the sidewalk corridor that runs between Lake Youngs Way and Index Avenue. Nine persons showed up to remove or trim weedy bushes, cut berry vines, pull weeds and grass, trim some overhead branches, gather trash, and sweep/blow the sidewalk when all was done. Work started at 10 a.m. and lasted until 11:30. The overcast sky threatened to rain but never followed through. Loppers, rakes, and brooms got a

good workout. Gloves were valuable for handling berry vines. Refreshments were provided.

The work was done by Reid Heimbeck (transported yard waste bins on a trailer), Pam Carino, Marina Higgins (brought refreshments), Larry Gorg, Dave Beedon, Darrin Hanson (provided a leaf blower), Ken Schug (provided a truck for hauling the waste to a recycling facility), Jodi Collins (walked a recycling bin down the street), and Dennis Anderson. Thanks to all who participated! The event was a success.

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*I think that I should never see a poem  
lovely as a paying member of the TPNA.*

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## Housing Development

("Allura at Tiffany Park")

Status as of early December, 2018:

1. Streets and sidewalks are complete.
2. Street signs have been installed. Street names are SE 18th Street, SE 19th Way, and Olympic Court SE.
3. All lots have been seeded with grass and appear to be ready for construction of houses.
4. Locked mailboxes for all lots have been installed in one spot near the high point of the site (near the southeast end).
5. Wood rail fences surround undeveloped areas.
6. The entrance on 124th Place SE is complete. At the site boundary the street name changes to Olympic Court SE.
7. One house (probably a model home) is under construction near the site entrance on SE 18th Street.
8. A permanent "ALLURA" sign has been installed near the house.

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## Red-light Camera

There has been some confusion and ill feeling about the operation of the traffic enforcement camera installed at the intersection of Puget Drive and Talbot Road. Some people fear that tickets are being issued for the wrong reason or that the rules governing right turns on a red light have changed. Nothing has changed---it always has been the law that one may turn right on a red light *only after coming to a complete stop*. This is the case whether or not an intersection is monitored by a camera. A traffic cop can cite a driver for the same thing. The camera is merely taking the place of a traffic cop.

If you want to avoid getting a ticket for turning right on red at the aforementioned intersection (or any intersection), come to a complete stop first, then turn right when safe to do so. Sensors embedded in the pavement can determine when a vehicle has stopped. Tickets are issued if a vehicle rolls through an intersection without stopping, even if the roll is done slowly.

## Membership

As mentioned on page 1 under "Help!," our association 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.

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*To be (a TPNA supporting member) or not to be, that is the question. The answer is "be a supporting member!"*

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## Dues

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](http://www.tiffany-park.org)).

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

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## Dues (continued)

your name. The discounts then start rolling in---it's almost as good as winning the lottery.

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: contact information is in the article about the Steering Committee.

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

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*Are you a supporting member of the TPNA? If not, we'd love to have you become one. The articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*  
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## Code Compliance

The City of Renton's code compliance department is devoted to ensuring that things are built and maintained "according to code." Compliance with Renton's building codes contributes to clean, attractive, and safe neighborhoods and helps maintain property values.

The City has a process for dealing with code violations: an inspector contacts the property owner in writing, asking that the violation be corrected

within an appropriate time frame. The property owner's response determines the subsequent steps.

The TPNA Steering Committee encourages property owners to become educated about code compliance. The City's website has detailed information at <http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=200>.

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*Becoming a supporting member in the TPNA is easy---just fill out an application (at end of this newsletter) and give it and the appropriate amount of American dollars (cash or check) to our treasurer. The articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*  
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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 do one of the following:

1. Announce events
2. Sell things or give things away
3. Report lost or found pets
4. Say "I'm looking for X. Does anyone have one?"
5. Ask if anyone knows a good service provider (landscaper, house cleaner, carpenter, etc.) or recommend a good one
6. Report crime
7. Discuss safety topics
8. Ask for advice.

The Tiffany Park 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.

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## NextDoor.com (continued)

All residents within the Tiffany Park neighborhood are encouraged to join. The only information you must provide is street address and e-mail address. Your street address is what enables you to see the postings made by fellow neighbors. providing an e-mail address enables you to receive e-mail notifications of postings by other residents. 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 but they do not get in the way of viewing announcements.

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](http://www.tiffany-park.org)). From the home page go to "Communication...Newsletter, Nextdoor.com, and Yahoo group."

- One link has a brief description of the sign-up process for Nextdoor.com. It is a good starting point and is available here "[generic description of the sign-up process.](#)"
- Another link takes you to a Nextdoor.com help page having detailed information about all aspects of Nextdoor.com:  
<https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/en/portal/articles>.

Please consider joining Nextdoor.com.

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*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. And it might motivate the recipient to get involved with the TPNA, which would benefit the neighborhood.*

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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 2019 general membership meeting. Your neighbors on the Committee are

### Officers:

President: Reid Heimbeck (phone: 206-910-5109)

Vice President: Pam Carino

Secretary: Dave Beedon

Treasurer: Bill Roenicke.

### Other members:

Sue Dahlberg

Larry Gorg

Darrin Hanson

Marina Higgins

Samantha Hillyer

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*If you desire to be a member of the TPNA Steering Committee, you must be a supporting member of the TPNA. The articles "Membership" and "Dues" have more info.*

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## 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](http://www.tiffany-park.org). For touch-screen devices such as smartphones, the URL [www.tiffany-park.org/mobile](http://www.tiffany-park.org/mobile) might work better.

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## 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 on the Records page of the Association's website ([www.tiffany-park.org](http://www.tiffany-park.org)).

Comments, questions, and suggestions for articles are welcome. The person to contact is our association's president, Reid Heimbeck (phone: 206-910-5109).

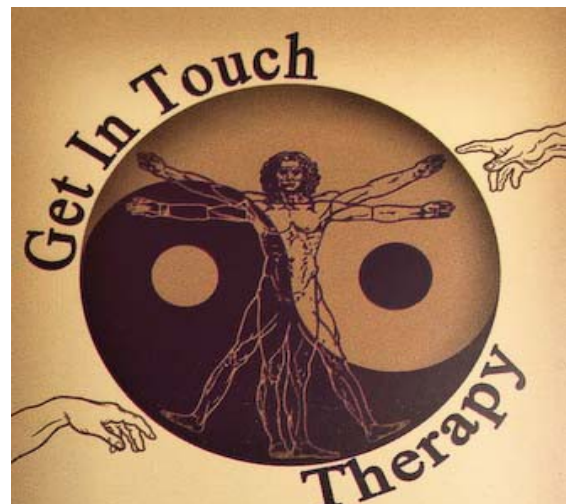
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## Advertising

Advertising in this newsletter is available to anyone. It's a great way to get your message across to your neighbors; in 2018 this newsletter goes to every home in the neighborhood, about 500 houses.

The rates for ads were established by the Steering Committee in April 2018 and apply to a single issue of the newsletter:

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



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# Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association Supporting Membership Form

*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
- Gets a 10% discount on many items at McLendon Hardware

## Help support neighborhood improvements and activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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