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REACT Gets Positive Reaction

By Greg Bolin

Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler will forever be known as the mayor that cleaned up Renton. Proof of this is in the newly passed junk-vehicle ordinance, the shopping cart ordinance, several beautification projects, as well as the three clean-up events held this past spring to name a few. One major program is one I'm sure you have heard about but might

not have participated, the Renton Enforcement Abatement Code Team, otherwise known as REACT. This team is comprised of staff from both the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Department. They provide concentrated police services to specific areas to address non-criminal activities and nuisance abatement before they be-

come criminal events. REACT has had such a positive impact on the neighborhoods of Renton that it was recently awarded the Association of Washington Cities Achievement Award of Excellence, noting that the team members are working together for the benefit of the citizens.

The process works
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Coming Up!

- NRNA Quarterly Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 2nd Floor (social half-hour begins at 6:30 pm).

From the President

By President Rich Zwicker

It can be the little things...

It can be the little things that make or break a neighborhood. That is what has me so excited about the Renton Enforcement And Compliance Team, otherwise known as REACT (see article in this issue). The City has created an

outstanding program that assists each of us in dealing with some of the little things that can make our neighborhood a better place to live. Take a moment to read about the REACT team and then come and meet them at the next NRNA Quarterly Meeting to be held on Thursday,

October 27, 2005 at the Renton Senior Activity Center, Second floor. Social Half-Hour starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting will commence at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

You can contact the NRNA president at northrenton@msn.com or (206) 931-6356.



I want more info!

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Things to Chatter About

These are great ice breakers to get to know your neighbors with! Information courtesy of the City of Renton Neighborhood News

All The Leaves are Brown...

And the sky is grey, as the Mamas & Papas song California Dreaming has always told us. As we all know, when autumn comes, leaves fall. This can lead to clogged storm drains and flooding problems on your street. City crews do their best to keep the more than 8,000 drains clean in Renton. However, they need your help to clear leaves and litter from the storm drains near your home. Paying close attention to storm drains located near corners and low areas can help eliminate flooding during the rainy season. Why not "adopt" a storm drain near you today. <http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/pw/utility/surfacewater/predictfld.htm>

REACT (Continued)



"If, after the timeline is up, the violator still refuses to comply then a citation is issued and the situation is upgraded to the city attorney, just like any other criminal offense"

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something like this:

1. A resident submits a complaint either by phone or email (see end of article for this information). This can either be anonymous or not.
 2. The REACT teams determine which part of the team to distribute it to, Police or Code Enforcement.
 3. They will contact the violator directly to verify the condition exists and ask them to comply.
 4. If the violator does not comply then a written letter is sent including a timeline of when the city expects them to comply.
 5. If, after the timeline is up, the violator still refuses to comply then a citation is issued and the situation is upgraded to the city attorney, just like any other criminal offense.
- Yes, this is serious business folks.

Commercial Truck Traffic

By Angie Laulainen

Many of the local businesses and truck companies have gone out of their way to recognize the residential nature of our neighborhood by keeping large vehicle traffic on the truck routes rather than driving through on North 3rd and 4th streets. Gary Merlino Construction and Stoneway Concrete were the first to emphasize to their drivers the importance of keeping their vehicles on the truck routes and off of the residential streets. King County has also made it a point to no longer drive their big trucks through, and Kenworth has emailed the truck route maps to all of their distributors. Thanks to all of these companies for making this a priority!

So you might be wondering "What could I possibly complain about?". The most popular complaints involve litter-trash-garbage left on property or alleyways, and junk-vehicles left on the streets. Overgrown shrubs and non-compliant fences, as well as illegal signs are also common as well. To process your own complaint please call or email the REACT team. Let's get our neighborhood looking great!

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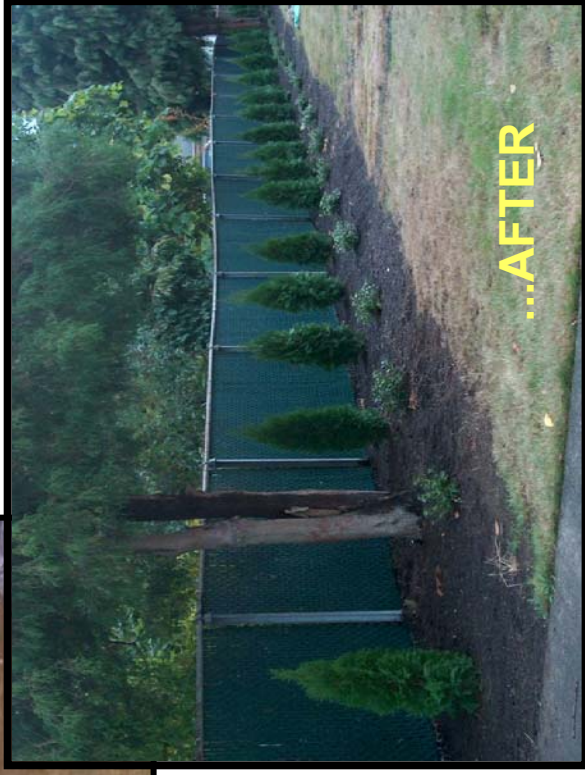
(425) 430-7373, or codecompliance@ci.renton.wa.us



Beautifying Sartori!

As you can see in these photos the volunteer project at Sartori is achieving outstanding results.

Kudus to Angie Laulainen and Jennifer Knickerbocker for spearheading, coordinating, and organizing this effort. And also for just plain doing a lot of the backbreaking work! Great job!



Special Thanks To These Volunteers

- The Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints
- Jay Leviton
- Heath Knickerbocker
- Peter and Kaye Schoonmaker
- And **everyone** that participated in a work party. It couldn't have been done without your help!



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