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In Memory: Marjorie "Marge" Richter 1926 – 2006

On April 9, 2006, our North Renton Neighborhood lost a great friend and advocate with the passing of Marjorie "Marge" Richter. Marge died peacefully at her home in the presence of loved ones. As founding member of the North Renton Neighborhood Association, Marge was given a lifetime membership in the NRNA last year.

Marjorie Jean Richter, known for her big heart, her strong will, and her public activism, was born in 1926 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She moved with her family to Washington in 1941. She married Willie Richter in 1951 and remained married for 55 years.

Marge will be remembered by her family as a loving wife, mother and

grandmother, but will be remembered by the community as a devoted advocate for Renton who was not afraid to speak out. She held volunteer positions as a Board Member of the Renton Historical Society, the City of Renton Park Board, the Renton Piazza Group, the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Airport Advisory Committee.

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Coming Up!

- **The Landing Presentation:**
Tuesday, May 30th,
6:00 pm at the Renton Senior Activity Center.
- **NRNA Annual Picnic:**
Thursday, June 8th,
5:30 pm at the Sartori Education Center.

From the President

By President Rich Zwicker

It's been a busy couple of months. We lost a great friend and neighbor, Marge Richter. We are cutting the ribbon on one of the largest neighborhood grants and city/neighborhood partnerships in the City's history. We have a new urban center coming soon and we may even *gulp* have the Sonics on their way! No matter how you feel about

these things, it's an exciting time to be in North Renton and this issue of The Chatter is full of interesting articles. I ask these things of you in the next month: Please keep Marge's family in your thoughts; plan on attending The Landing Presentation on May 30th; and join your friends, neighbors and City leaders at the com-

binced ribbon cutting and NRNA Annual Picnic on Thursday, June 8th at 5:30 at the Sartori Education Center. Have a great summer and hope to see you at these events!!

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

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 and City of Renton website

Auto Theft Prevention Program

Combined with locking your car doors, rolling up your windows, and removing all personal belongings from your vehicle, a steering wheel locking device (such as The Club) can be an effective auto theft deterrent. An auto thief can easily see The Club, even before they break out a window or begin prying on your door locks. The device is difficult to remove and makes it more difficult for a thief to steal your car.

The Renton Police Department is pleased to offer this steering wheel locking device for \$10.88 (checks only, made out to the City of Renton). This security device normally sells for about \$38 in retail stores. Citizens can

purchase one directly from the Crime Prevention Unit at the Renton Police Department, 1055 S Grady Way, 2nd Floor, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.. Purchase will be limited to 5 locks per person. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (425) 430-7521 or 430-7520 if you have any questions.

3 Days, 3 Ways

Are you ready for a disaster? 3 Days, 3 Ways to be prepared! is a public motivation campaign developed through a joint effort between emergency management agencies throughout King County to raise awareness of citizens to get prepared for a major event in our area. The campaign is designed to be easy to learn the steps to preparedness. Visit the www.3days3ways.org website for additional information. The Renton Fire Department also offers free Disaster Preparedness classes, which include handouts, display kits, and an audio-visual presentation. Ready.gov is a national website that educates the public about how to be prepared in case of a national emergency.

Marjorie Richter (Continued)

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She was instrumental in the development of the Renton Veterans Memorial Park and devoted much of her time to the Renton Farmers Market. In 2003 her efforts were recognized by the City of Renton when she received the volunteer of the Year Award and in 2004 she was named an Outstanding Citizen.

Marge was a great influence on many. Our city and our neighborhood will miss her greatly. Memorials may be made to:

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or

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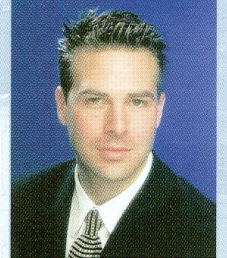
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The Landing is Coming! The Landing is Coming!

Here's your chance to learn more about the new project called The Landing that will be sharing our neighborhood soon. Bob Baker, CLS, a partner at the Harvest Partners, will be meeting with our neighborhood on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue North, 2nd

Floor, and all are welcome.

Don't miss your chance to learn more about this exciting development. For more information please contact Northrenton@msn.com or (206) 931-6536.

Upcoming Events

Stop & Swap

June 3, Saturday, 10:00am to 2:00pm
(parking lot of Renton Memorial Stadium)

Your trash may be someone's treasure. Before you take those usable, unwanted items to the dump, swing by the Reuse It! Renton Stop & Swap on June 3rd to drop them off. The City of Renton is holding this FREE one-day event to help you swap stuff with your neighbors. Almost anything in good working condition is accepted. No waste service is available. Please visit the City of Renton's website for more specifics on what is and isn't accepted, or call (425) 430-7397 for more information.

Renton Farmers Market

Tuesdays June 6 to September 19
3:00pm—7:00pm The Piazza

Downtown Renton comes alive with the tastes of summer at the Renton Farmers Market. The Piazza, located on S. 3rd St. between Burnett Ave. S. and Logan Ave. S., is filled with juicy berries, leafy lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, and a virtual cornucopia of other farm fresh produce. More than 50 vendors and farmers sell locally grown farm products, including organic fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, herbs and more! For more information call Traci at 425.679.1502 or visit www.gorenton.com/farmersmarket.htm.



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Sartori Beautification Project Ribbon Cutting June 8th, 2006 at 5:30 pm

Many of you participated in working on the neighborhood grant project entitled the Sartori Beautification Project. Even if you didn't participate, please be sure to plan to attend the ribbon cutting for the successful completion of the Sartori Beautification Project on Thursday, June 8th, 2006 starting promptly at 5:30 pm.

Join Renton City Council President Randy Corman and the North Renton Neighborhood Association at the Sartori Education Center, 315 Garden Avenue North, as we cut the ribbon and thank all of those that participated. We will also be giving a special thank you to coordinators Jennifer Knickerbocker and Angela Laulainen for all of their hard work on behalf of the neighborhood.

After the ribbon cutting please plan on attending the North Renton Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic immediately following. For more information, please contact Northrenton@msn.com or (206) 931-6356.

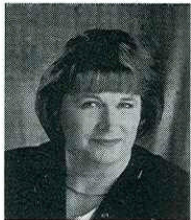


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Annual Picnic is June 8th!!!

This year the North Renton Neighborhood Association's annual picnic will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the Sartori Education Center, 315 Garden Avenue North. Our picnic will begin at 6:00 pm. As always, there will be friends, food, fun and games. Please be sure to stop by and visit with your neighbors and enjoy some expertly grilled snacks supplied to you by dedicated and hard-working city employees and dignitaries. Bring the family and a side-dish to share. For more information please contact Northrenton@msn.com or (206) 931-6356.