

KHA News

Fall 2012

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

www.kimberleahome.com

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| Men's Movie Night | Pat Patterson | 972-612-3469 |

KHA ELECTIONS

Vice President and Crimewatch Coordinator Openings

The KHA board has an opening for **Vice President and Crimewatch Coordinator**. If you are interested in serving on the board or have questions about the position's responsibilities, please contact Carrie Beard carriebeard2007@gmail.com. *Thank you to all our board members who serve our association.*

UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

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OKTOBERFEST

Saturday - October 20th, 2:00-6:00pm, Stagecoach Trail

KHA Address and Phone Directory Online Access

The 2012 KHA Directory, including names, addresses and phone numbers can be found on our Kimberlea website. Traditionally updates are made quarterly, however, we anticipate many new members during Oktoberfest, which is around the corner, so the next KHA Directory update will follow Oktoberfest.

The Directory is a benefit for paid members and can be accessed with a user name and password at www.kimberleahome.com. If you paid your 2012 dues and need the user name and password, please contact Libby Perry, lperry3325@verizon.net, 972.612.3595 or Carrie Beard, carriebeard2007@gmail.com, 214.202.2547. Paid members, who do not have internet access, and would like a paper copy of the Directory, please contact Libby Perry.

To protect everyone's privacy, we discourage paid members from sharing the user name and password with others. The Directory is not only a perk for members, but an incentive to encourage more families to join KHA.

KHA ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

Come out and join your neighbors Saturday, October 20th from 2:00 to 6:00 for KHA's Annual Oktoberfest! Stagecoach Trail (off of Canoncita) will be blocked off for this amazing event. Great food, entertainment, company and fun for all KHA member families and their guests. Don't forget your chairs!

FOOD

There will be plenty of brauts, sauerkraut, German potatoes, chips, cookies, beer, water and soft drinks!

ENTERTAINMENT

The live band "Cindy Renee and Company" will play great songs (oldies, country, classic rock, pop) not to mention the chicken dance, limbo and other fun songs for all ages! Children will enjoy the Bounce House from Jump City. And don't miss the Face Painting table.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The Plano Fire and Rescue team will attend for questions and tours of the Fire Truck, barring any emergencies that afternoon. The Plano Police Department has also been invited to participate.

KHA OPPORTUNITIES

This is Kimberlea's largest event of the year; it is a great chance to meet and visit with your neighbors. There will be sign-up sheets for all KHA activities, including Supper Club, Bunko, Men's Movie Night, Wine Tastings and more!

2013 DUES and GUESTS

This is your opportunity to meet your KHA Executive Committee and pay your 2013 dues. Annual dues are \$35 per family and allow you to enjoy activities throughout the year, such as Oktoberfest, Easter Egg Scramble, Santa Claus Visit, and more! We accept checks or cash. You may bring guests to Oktoberfest; it is \$7.00 per guest.

2011 OKTOBERFEST PHOTOS and MORE

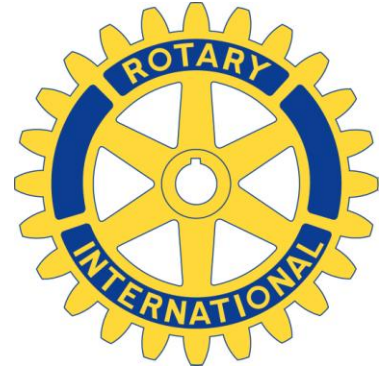
For more pictures from last year's Oktoberfest go to: www.kimberleahome.com /Photo Gallery/2011 OKTOBERFEST. Watch for reminder signs around the neighborhood the week prior to the event. See you there!



Remember ... KHA activities above are provided for all residents that pay their annual dues. Be sure to pay your dues now or at Oktoberfest to enjoy the remaining events of the year! See the last page of the newsletter to submit dues.

AMERICAN FLAGS FOR KIMBERLEA ON PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS

Wouldn't it be nice if we could have flags flying around our neighborhood on the major patriotic holidays without having to worry about putting the flags up ourselves? Plano Metro Rotary Club is rolling out a flag program to do just that. Rotary will put a flag in front of each house that subscribes a few days before the holiday and pick it up a few days after for seven major patriotic holidays during the year – Veterans, Presidents, Memorial, Flag, Independence, and Labor/Patriots Day. The 3' x 5' flag is on a 10 foot pole and sits in a socket of PVC pipe installed by a Rotary member.



Bob Ganson, your neighbor on Mission Ridge, has been a KHA member since 1976 and is our neighborhood Rotary Club member contact for this patriotic opportunity. There is an enrollment form. **You may email Bob at bobgan@verizon.net for the form, or there will be printed forms for enrollment at Oktoberfest.** The cost is \$40 per year but is prorated if you start in the middle of the year. The subscriber will be billed \$40 in January for the ensuing year. Organizations supported by your subscription are: City House, Collin County Children's Advocacy, CASA, PISD Head Start Program, CPS's Adoption Picnic, Boy and Girls Club of Plano, and Polio Plus, College Scholarships.

CRIMEWATCH

Kimberlea needs a Crimewatch Coordinator

Below is a brief description of the **Crimewatch Coordinator** role for KHA:

- Required by the city to attend the two Crimewatch meetings (Spring and Fall) each year (at City Hall)
- Provide a Crimewatch article quarterly for the Kimberlea Newsletter
- Receive City Crimewatch bulletins (via email), and determine if the bulletins should be sent to the board for approval and then on to the neighborhood
- Liaison to the Plano Police Department and follow up on major criminal activity in Kimberlea

If you are interested in becoming KHA's Crimewatch Coordinator, or want to know more about the responsibilities, please contact Carrie Beard carriebeard2007@gmail.com or Gregg Wise Ga.wise1@verizon.net.

VIEW KHA NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

For those of you reading a paper copy of this newsletter, KHA newsletters on our Kimberlea website are in color and the font size will appear larger for an easier reading experience. Visit www.kimberleahome.com and select "News" (on the left hand side of the home page) to view this and previous newsletters online.

HELP KHA GO GREEN RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER and IMPORTANT UPDATES ON-LINE

We encourage you to register for the newsletter and updates online. Not only will you join 109 other families in **Going Green**, but registering will allow us to email you a reminder the week of our events so you will not miss out!

Please follow these simple and specific steps to sign up for online news today:

- 1) Visit www.kimberleahome.com website
- 2) Click the "News" link (on the left side of the screen)
 - a. KHA Newsletter Via Email, is the first option on the News page - "Click Here"
 - b. Complete your name, street and email address
 - c. Choose "Submit"
- 3) IMPORTANT: You will receive a confirmation e-mail from the Kimberlea newsletter list that you must reply to in order to be added to the list. **If you do not click the "Acceptance link" in the confirmation e-mail** then you will not be added to the list. This is a spam prevention measure set up by the server.

We will not inundate your inbox with messages, but in addition to receiving the newsletter via email, you will also receive important updates about the neighborhood that require attention between newsletters.

222 Homes To Go ... Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green!

KHA ANNUAL DUES

Thank you to our 170 KHA members for supporting the neighborhood. Your contribution allows the committee to fulfill our promises of providing the quarterly newsletters, maintain our entry-ways, implement new and sustain established neighborhood activities.

We will accept payment anytime during the year, but as mentioned earlier, **Oktoberfest is an excellent opportunity to pay your dues, while meeting others and enjoying Kimberlea's largest annual event.** The KHA dues are \$35 for the year; more details about what activities KHA has to offer can be found at www.kimberleahome.com. See the last page of the newsletter for payment details. **Please support your association.**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUR KIMBERLEA CONTACT

Recently individuals have reached out and asked the Kimberlea Executive Committee to list them as a contact and share information about the Community Programs in which their children participate. KHA is happy to deliver the news for such well known Community Programs so our young families in the neighborhood can be informed and get involved. As a parent, if you are willing to be a contact for the Kimberlea neighborhood for your child's reputable Community Program, please contact Carrie Beaird at carriebeaird2007@gmail.com.

If you receive our KHA newsletter and updates online, you received emails regarding these Community Programs in early August. Please read the first article of this page **"HELP KHA GO GREEN"** to learn how to receive important and timely updates via email between quarterly newsletters. We hope you find the details and Kimberlea contact information for Adventure Guides and Princesses, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts helpful.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ALERT

We hope all of our Kimberlea neighbors had a wonderful summer. School is back in session. Let's keep the children in our neighborhood of Wells Elementary and other Plano schools safe by reviewing this School Zone Safety Alert!

Monday, August 27, 2012 was the first day of school for the Plano Independent School District and Plano Police Officers will be strictly enforcing school zones, crosswalks, and speed limits to assure a safe commute to school this year. Please assist us in this endeavor as we strive to remind and educate the drivers traveling through our city. Please review the attached safety guidelines to help each of us remember that school is in session, crossing guards are in the intersections, and children may be in the intersections and crossing the street at numerous locations:

SAFE MOTORING NEAR SCHOOL CROSSING LOCATIONS

- **Drive 20 MPH** in designated zones. These zones were created to alert motorists that there is a very high POSSIBILITY that a pedestrian student may appear suddenly in these areas. Watching your speedometer won't give you the time you need to react; peripheral awareness is paramount. A collision with a child at only 20 MPH can be deadly.
- **Don't Text and Drive** – The use of a wireless communication device by an operator of a motor vehicle in a school zone is prohibited. This means texting, talking, emailing, and any other action in which the wireless communication device is used. Distractions inside the vehicle could be deadly.
- Motorists trying to commute around areas of high school traffic might choose another route to avoid frustration. The delays for non-school commuters can be substantial between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Choosing a longer route out of a neighborhood to avoid the school traffic will save time in the end. Frustrated motorists put pedestrian children at great risk because they are the most likely to do something unexpected to get out of a jam and avoid being late for work.
- Watch for clearly marked pedestrian crossings at locations where Crossing Guards are not on duty. It is the law that motorists must stop and allow for the safe passage of all pedestrians at marked locations, not just locations that have guards in attendance. Please do not 'wave' a child on from your vehicle. Your 'wave' could cause a fatal accident. Just because YOU see them and plan to wait for them to cross, doesn't mean that the motorists around you are aware of the instructions you have given.
- If you deliver children to and from school each day, know how long it takes to navigate the carpool process. When parents 'drop' children at random points along the way to save time, they are putting their children at risk, as children tend to dart in and out of traffic in order to not be late for school. Stopping in carpool traffic to unload children creates delays and may cause injury to your own child. Please take your students through the carpool lanes and deliver them to the safety of the school's entrance, or park your vehicle at a reasonable distance from the school and escort your kids to the crossing guard for safe passage.
- Take a moment to thank the crossing guards at your school. Parental support means a great deal to these dedicated City Employees. They are providing a vital service to our community's families of elementary students, are rarely thanked, and sometimes treated with disrespect.
- Please lead by example though exercising patience, observing traffic laws and driving the speed posted for the protection of children.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The Heaton Family (<10 years residents)

Chris, Lucy, Megan, Christopher, and Jacob Heaton live at 3302 Buckle Lane. The Heaton family has lived in Kimberlea since the summer of 2004. Chris is a native Texan who grew up in Austin and who works in the telecommunications industry. Lucy is also a native Texan and she grew up in Brownsville. Lucy is in the real estate business and has helped many local families with their real estate needs. Megan recently started her college career at Mississippi State University located in Starkville, Mississippi, where she is studying biomedical engineering. Christopher and Jacob are both attending Haggard Middle School this year with Christopher in 8th grade and Jacob in 6th grade. Both Christopher and Jacob are in band and both enjoy online gaming and sports. Outside of Texas, we have lived in Munich, Germany, and London, England, but we consider Plano home!

The Brown Family (10-20 years residents)

Dave and Felicie Brown have lived at 3612 Stagecoach Trail since July 1993. They moved here from New Orleans. Dave has retired from engineering and now works in tax support. Felicie teaches math at Plano West. The Browns are involved in Supper Club and Dave served as president of KHA for two years. Their son Alex is a project manager. Alex, his wife Shila, and son Grant (7) live in McKinney. Their daughter Erin is completing her residency at Johns Hopkins in anesthesiology and is serving as a chief resident this year. Erin, her husband Scott, and children Paige (4) and John (4 months) live in Columbia, Maryland. The Browns enjoy travelling and playing with their grandchildren.

The DeMonic-Dorosh Family (20-40 years residents)

Melissa, Mark, Nicole Rose & Teddy live at 3317 Canoncita Lane. Melissa was born in Pennsylvania and grew up on the east coast of Florida near Cape Canaveral. Melissa has a computer science background and worked for the same company as Mark does when it was DSC Communications in Plano as a computer software engineer and Project Manager. She currently stays at home and enjoys her hobbies which include calligraphy (if anyone needs Christmas, wedding or any occasion done with the personal touch of calligraphy contact Melissa), card making, crochet, digital photography, stamping and other crafts. She is a Designer for a company, Mark's Finest Papers, out of Jacksonville, Florida making stamped cards. In addition, she is a Stampin Up demonstrator; contact her for Stampin Up products. Melissa also coordinates the KHA Yard Sale. Mark was born in New Jersey. He served in the Air Force during Vietnam War. Mark is employed at Alcatel-Lucent in Plano as a computer software engineer. Mark has the green thumb in the family and built raised vegetable and fruit beds using cedar wood. Nicole Rose starts her junior year in college at Kansas City Art Institute in Kansas City, Missouri studying Art Animation. She has made the Dean's List with all As (yes we are very proud of her) each semester she has attended there. Her dream job is to work for Marvel Comics or Pixar. Teddy is our 12 year old mixed breed hound dog that thinks he is part cougar. He likes to chase squirrels, rabbits and even airplanes (he can hear the planes when all we see is the jet stream).



FROM YOUR KHA PRESIDENT / NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this page of the Newsletter. How exciting to have such diversity in Kimberlea. Truth be told, my pipeline of family stories is running low; how can that be with 170 KHA members and 331 homes in Kimberlea? **Please help us continue the "Who Are the People In Your Neighborhood" article and volunteer your family to be featured in the newsletter.** To share your family story and photo contact Carrie Beard at carriebeard2007@gmail.com.

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 27, 2012

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| Previous balance as May 3, 2012 | \$6,097.05 |
| Credits: | |
| Membership Dues | \$315.00 |
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| TOTAL CREDITS | \$315.00 |
| Debits | |
| Entryway maintenance 3 month | \$ 540.00 |
| Entry Fertilize and mulch | \$ 247.50 |
| Newsletter Printing & Postage | \$ 81.55 |
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| TOTAL DEBITS | (\$869.05) |
| Balance as of August 27, 2012 | \$5,543.00 |

170 families have paid their 2012 dues. Any dues now received will be credited to 2013.

KHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL_____ NEW_____

NAMES_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

EMAIL ADDRESS_____

Note: Providing your email does not register you for online newsletters and updates via email. See page 4 "HELP KHA GO GREEN" of this newsletter for registering details.

KHA membership dues are \$ 35 annually.

Please send your check payable to:

KHA c/o Libby Perry, Treasurer
3325 Canoncita Lane
Plano, TX 75023