

KHA News

Fall 2013

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

www.kimberleahome.com

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UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

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OKTOBERFEST

Saturday - October 19th, 2:00-6:00pm, Stagecoach Trail

KHA SUPPER CLUB, WOMEN'S BUNKO and MEN'S POKER

Summer break is over and our KHA Clubs are staring up again. If you are interested in joining Supper Club, Women's Bunko or Men's Poker, please contact the Coordinator for each group listed at the top of this page. For more details visit www.kimberleahome.com/Activities.

GOING GREEN IN 2013

Go green and help make a difference in our KHA expenditures (regarding paper copies of newsletters) by registering to receive your quarterly newsletter and crime alerts online. Visit www.kimberleahome.com and follow the easy steps under "News" today. **217 out of 330 Homes To Go ... Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green in 2013!**

CALLING ALL GARDENERS (Vegetable and Fruit)

Do you have a green thumb, or would you like to? Cynthia Stewart, your KHA neighbor on Canoncita, is interested in learning more about gardening vegetables and fruits. Maybe you are interested to learn, or equally important, interested in sharing your expertise. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Cynthia at cyn55cyn@msn.com. Who knows, this could be the start of a KHA Gardening Club!

2013 KHA SNOW CONE AND BINGO SOCIAL

Our Snow Cone and Bingo Social was a success. We saw new faces and of course enjoyed the company of our seasoned KHA members. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope you had a great time that day, and enjoyed using your winnings (over \$450 worth of prizes) this summer.

KHA could not host these events if not for our awesome volunteers. Special thanks to our fabulous Bingo caller Melissa DeMonic Dorosh for making the day fun for everyone. Thank you to the Brown's, Hailey's, Damle's, Kirk's, Moore's and Perry's for helping with our set-up/clean-up and working the registration table. KHA events are always extra special with the face painting talents of Rachael Winger and friends. Thank you Deb O'Connor and Amanda Johnson for helping collect donations for prizes. The Alvarez family loaned their Bingo machine and microphone/amp; the day would not have been possible without everyone's generosity.



View more photos online at www.kimberleahome.com/photogallery

Our Bingo prizes (\$450 worth) were made possible by donations from these local businesses. Please visit these locations and show KHA's community support!



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1151 W Parker Rd



6100 Coit Rd 972.758.5410

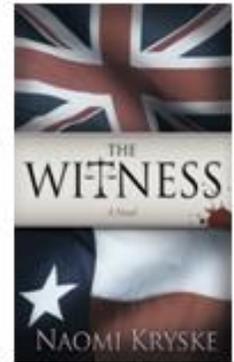


3100 Independence Pkwy 972.599.1717



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701 W Parker 214.501.4258



3800 Dallas Pkwy 972.473.2289

KHA ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

Come out and join your neighbors Saturday, October 19th 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

Live German music from a local quartet. 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, Women's Bunko, Men's Poker Night, Wine Tastings and more!

2014 DUES and GUESTS

This is your opportunity to meet your KHA Executive Committee and pay your 2014 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.

VOLUNTEER

After many, many, many years of Libby Perry organizing this awesome event, she is handing over the reins. I hope to have veteran volunteers help show me the way, but we are always interested in additional new helpers. If you can help with set up/clean up, cooking a dish, working the registration table or manning the bounce house, please contact Carrie Beard at carriebeard2007@gmail.com. The more volunteers, the less will be expected from each, so everyone can enjoy the day. Thanks so much and thank you Libby for all the great OktoberFest's thus far!



Remember ... KHA activities 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!

CRIME WATCH

Suspicious Minds by Larry Kryske

Life is not exactly like the lyrics of Elvis Presley's popular song, "Suspicious Minds." We are not caught in a trap if we act prudently when we experience suspicious persons. By following a few simple steps, we can do much to enhance the personal safety and security for our families and ourselves.

One of the most common scenarios I have discerned from the crime watch reports I receive from the Plano Police Department involves what I call the "knock at the door." A suspicious person knocks at your front door. He then rings the doorbell repeatedly. Typically this happens in the midmorning or early afternoon. But it could happen any time, day or night. If no one answers, a short while later, the person enters through the back gate, goes to your back door, and kicks in the door. A burglary is now in progress.

Let's analyze each step of this break in. The suspicious person may be acting alone or have additional thugs in a near by car. When he knocks on the door and rings the bell, if someone answers, then he might ask for directions somewhere or want to know if you need your windows replaced. If no one answers, he may assume no one is home. He and his cohorts then proceed to the weakest point of your home security, your back door. They enter through your unlocked gate and can easily gain entry into your home without much trouble.

If your gate is locked and your opulent-looking home appears like it contains some good stuff, he could use bolt cutters to cut the gate lock. But usually a locked gate is a sufficient deterrent, and the thief will look for a weaker target.

So how should a homeowner respond to a knock at the front door by an unknown person? For starters, do not open your door. In today's crazy world, this is the safest option. Plano PD Officer Mark Dawson suggests you first look through the peephole and evaluate the threat. Is it your neighbor's daughter selling Girl Scout cookies? Or is it someone you do not recognize—a suspicious person? To do nothing means the perps may be encouraged to return via your back door thinking you are not home. This definitely has upped the danger index. Officer Dawson recommends that you keep your door closed and locked. Then mustering your deepest, loudest, most confident voice say, "Who is it? What do you want?" That will tell the bad guys you are home and that they need to go elsewhere to find a softer target.

I realize this is scary! However, not responding to a knock at the door or a ring of the doorbell will invite even greater danger. You must be brave. In my wife Naomi's recent crime/suspense novel, *The Witness*, New Scotland Yard Detective Chief Inspector Colin Sinclair tells the American protagonist, Jenny, about the relationship between fear and courage. He says, "Fear is what you feel. Courage is what you do." Fear is a feeling but courage is an action. The courageous person acts even though fear may still be present. For more on courage, please see: <http://www.naomikryske.com/the-witness-quotation-1/#more-634>

Hopefully after you forcefully respond from behind your closed door, the suspicious person will mumble some lame excuse and move off. But you're not done! Go to your window and get a better description of the suspicious person. Is there a suspicious car in your driveway or on the street? Can you get the make, color, and license plate? Can you describe other occupants in the car? Then pick up your phone, dial 911, and report everything to the Plano PD. Do **not** pour yourself a cup of coffee and go back to watching "The Chew." We need to get these perps off the streets. Call 911 right away while the lead is still hot and report the incident.

In the past quarter I have received some dozen-and-a-half similar crime reports in Plano: someone ringing the front door, the homeowner although home does not answer, and a break in takes place a while later at the back door.

Let me share again three-and-a-half simple, practical things you can do to enhance your personal security at home. These will make a potential burglar's job much more difficult.

- Keep your garage door closed when you are not in the garage. (Also lock your car.)
- Lock your back gate.
- Lock the door from your house to the garage.

There are many other security measures you can take which I will discuss in future issues. Officer Mark Dawson of the Plano Police Department will on appointment come to your home and do a security walkthrough. Mark is extremely helpful and especially appreciates a cup of fresh coffee. Check out his tips for making your home a more secure place: http://www.briarmeadowplano.com/burglary_tips.htm.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to meeting each of you as we together work to make Kimberlea an even better place to live and raise our families.

Commander Larry Kryske, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Kimberlea Crime Watch Coordinator, homeporter@gmail.com, 469-693-9242

WHO ARE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We would love to continue the tradition of highlighting KHA families in the quarterly newsletter. Each article includes three families who have lived in Kimberlea less than 10 years, 11 to 20 years, and over 20 years.

How exciting to have such diversity in Kimberlea. If you are interested in sharing your family story with the neighborhood in a future newsletter, contact Carrie Beard at carriebeard2007@gmail.com. We hope to have three highlighted families in our winter newsletter.

KIMBERLEA: DEAR FRIENDS - DARN FUN

Some of our KHA members had a fun night out painting the town, so to speak, at Carefree Colors. We have wonderful individuals and families in our neighborhood. We encourage everyone to get out and meet their neighbor and make new friends that will last a lifetime.



Carefree Colors, 1301 W. Parker Road, Ste. 110, 214.315.5026

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

September 3, 2013

Previous balance as May 17, 2013 \$6,641.03

Credits:

Membership Dues \$ 175.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 175.00

Debits

Entryway maintenance 3 months \$ 540.00

Mulch for entries \$ 297.00

Newsletter Printing & Postage \$ 138.88

Summer Snow cone Social \$ 355.75

TOTAL DEBITS (\$1331.63)

Balance as of September 3, 2013 \$5,484.40

136 families have paid their 2013 dues.

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 1 "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