

# KHA News

Spring 2012

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

[www.kimberleahome.com](http://www.kimberleahome.com)

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## KHA ELECTIONS

*Thank you to all our board members who serve our association.* The KHA board has an opening for Vice President. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the above officers.

## UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

-- See page 6 & 7 for details --

**EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE – Buckhorn Park**

**Sun, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2pm - pg. 6**

**KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE (YS)**

**Sat, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 3pm**

**Request city required YS permit - Melissa DeMonic Dorosh by:**

**Sat, April 21<sup>st</sup> - pg. 7**

**2012-13 WELLS KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**

**Dates/Info/Registration - pg. 7**

## 2012 KHA INITIATIVES

We have already achieved two of our 2012 Initiatives and look forward to accomplishing more!

- Help KHA Go Green – Receive the Newsletter and other updates on-line: 229 Homes To Go!
- Update the Kimberlea signage at neighborhood entrances
- [www.kimberleahome.com](http://www.kimberleahome.com) Website Updates: Information and Photos
- **KHA Phone and Address Directory on our website for paid members (see page 2 for details)**
- **KHA Annual Yard Sale - reimplementation in the Spring - April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-3:00pm**
- Rejuvenate both, Men's Movie Night and Poker Night

## KHA Address and Phone Directory Online Access

We are excited to announce the completion of one of this year's Initiatives. The 2012 KHA Directory, including names, addresses and phone numbers has been added to the Kimberlea website. **The Directory is a benefit for paid members** and can be accessed with a user name and password at [www.kimberleahome.com](http://www.kimberleahome.com). The contact information for Libby Perry or Carrie Beard is at the end of this article. The scenarios for Directory access are:

- 1) If you paid your 2012 dues and are registered for the online newsletter, the user name and password will be emailed to you
- 2) If you paid your 2012 dues, but are not registered for the online newsletter, please contact Libby Perry or Carrie Beard for the user name and password
- 3) Paid members, who do not have internet access, and would like a paper copy of the Directory, please contact Libby Perry
- 4) If you are not currently a member and would like access to the Directory, please send your dues to Libby Perry and the user name and password will be made available to you

The last KHA Directory, paper copy, was distributed in 2008. Special thanks to Libby Perry, our Treasurer, who has kept the Directory up to date over the years. There are two printable listings online, one sorted by name and one by address. On both lists current paid members are marked with an \*\*; their information should be correct as of this year. Entries not asterisked reflect data captured the last time dues were received from the corresponding address. If you have edits for the Directory, please provide them to Libby Perry. Online updates will be made on a quarterly basis.

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. Thank you for your support!

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## KHA ANNUAL DUES

Since the Fall Newsletter 63 more families have joined KHA, almost doubling our number of members this year! Thanks to everyone, including those who responded to the KHA invoice/letter distributed in January, for supporting the neighborhood. Your contribution allows the committee to fulfill our promises of providing the quarterly newsletters, new signage at the neighborhood entrances, plus implementing new and sustaining old programs.

We hope the remaining 194 households will see and appreciate the committee's commitment in 2012 and decide to join. We will accept payment anytime during the year. The KHA dues are \$35 for the year, and as always, more details about what activities KHA has to offer can be found at [www.kimberleahome.com](http://www.kimberleahome.com). See the last page of the newsletter for payment details. **Please support your association.**

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

Unfortunate news: The City will no longer allow our custom made signs on the Crimewatch poles to remind members about KHA events (Easter Egg Scramble, Yard Sale, Oktoberfest, etc.). We encourage you to register for the newsletter and updates online. Not only will you join 101 other families in **Going Green**, but **registering will allow KHA 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](http://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.

**229 Homes To Go ... Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green!**

### CRIMEWATCH

Plano ISD Spring Break is March 12-16 so anticipate children out and about. Be diligent and watch for them. Also, now is the time to start thinking about protecting your home. Many neighbors will be traveling this Spring Break so we need to keep a good watch on our neighborhood.

- Make sure the outside doors to your home have strong deadbolt locks.
- Inform your neighbors when you travel so they can watch for suspicious vehicles.
- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor and not under mats, planters, ledges or the mailbox.
- Keep your garage door closed and the garage door to your house locked.
- Keep your fence gates locked.
- Keep your bushes and hedges trimmed and illuminate any hiding places around your home.
- Set timers on your inside lights to make it appear someone's home.
- Never confront a burglar.
- Please continue to report all suspicious persons, cars and activity within our neighborhood.
- Don't think about it.....Call 911 and let the police decide.

Every year the Plano Police department has burglaries that go unsolved because the police cannot link the recovered stolen property back to the victims. Take a few minutes to write down the serial numbers to your valuable items and place this list in a safe place. It can be the difference between a person going to jail for breaking into your house or being released to continue their crimes. Your friendly burglary detectives thank you.

Gregg Wise -- Crimewatch Coordinator -- 972-599-9719

## SANTA'S VISIT TO KHA

Christmas was just three months ago ... how soon we move on! However, we know the children that sat on Santa's lap, ate cookies and made magic reindeer food will not soon forget. Here are a few memories to share!



**A huge "thank you" to Mark and Fiona Fischer for hosting Santa's Visit.  
And of course to Santa for taking time to visit Kimberlea!**

## HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING

Congratulations to all of our Holiday Light Winners! Libby and Dave Perry, 3325 Canoncita, were awarded first place, winning a free year of dues and the honor of hosting the 2012 Holiday Light Judging Party.



1<sup>st</sup> – Perry – 3325 Canoncita



2<sup>nd</sup> – Hart – 3716 Sandia



3<sup>rd</sup> – Bradshaw – 3705 Candelaria



## Honorable Mentions – Holiday Lights



Alvarez – 3716 Starlight



Carroll – 3305 Twin Diamond



Dorosh – 3317 Canoncita



Fleury – 3404 Canoncita



Lindemeier – 3613 Candelaria



Siegel – 3708 Candelaria

What a fun gathering for the judges. Hope you will consider joining this fun crowd this holiday season!



Mark, Karla and Libby



Gregg and Tom



Dave and Rodney



Rita, Gregg and Paty



Freezing Judges



Libby, Felicie, Mark and Eric

**A huge “thank you” to Mark and Karla Salvatore for hosting the Holiday Light Judging Party.**

## WILL YOU HELP US PROMOTE KHA EVENTS?

Do you live on a cross street or at a heavy traffic area in our neighborhood? We need your help ... the participation of our KHA year round activities depends on it.

We have recently learned the City will no longer allow our custom made signs to be hung on the Crimewatch poles in the neighborhood. For years these signs have been our main way of reminding our members of upcoming KHA events. **We need permission from a handful of homes in heavy traffic areas to allow us to display custom made signs in their yard the week of our events.** The KHA Committee will display the professionally made signs in your yard the week prior to the event and remove them the day the event ends. Current events include: Easter Egg Scramble, Annual Yard Sale, Oktoberfest, Holiday Light Judging Contest and Santa's Visit.

If you are willing to allow KHA to utilize the corner of your yard five times a year for this very important KHA endeavor, please contact Carrie Beard, [carriebeard2007@gmail.com](mailto:carriebeard2007@gmail.com), 214.202.2547.

**Remember ...**

**KHA activities below are provided for all residents that paid their 2012 dues.  
Be sure to pay your 2012 dues now to enjoy the remaining events of the year!**

### EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

**Sun - April 1, 2012      2:00pm      Buckhorn Park      Check-in at Registration Table**

We heard through the grapevine the Easter Bunny is busy stuffing **1,700 EGGS** for the Easter Egg Scramble. Kimberlea is joining with Wiffletree again this year for this fun Spring event. It will be Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00pm at Buckhorn Park. **KHA members 12 and under are welcome to participate.** The Scramble begins at 2:15 and is divided into four groups according to age (3 and under, 4-6, 7-9, and 10 and up).

When you first arrive, please check in at the registration table. This is important as we do share the expense with Wiffletree, which is divided based on participation. It also helps us plan for next year. Did we mention there is a drawing for all registered participants at the end? The winner receives a "Dinner Cruise" on Lake Lewisville – donated by Peter Krause of Wiffletree.

There will be approximately 20 prizes, divided by group and won by finding an egg with the "Prize" tag in it. Prizes include Easter baskets valued at \$25, Chocolate Easter Bunnies and more! There will be hot dogs, chips, and drinks also provided by Peter Krause's company. Last but not least, the Easter Bunny will be there for pictures, so parents, don't forget your camera!

The Easter Bunny, like Kimberlea, has **Gone Green**, thus we will reuse his 1,700 plastic eggs at next year's Scramble. Before you head home, please empty your eggs and place them in the appointed trash cans. Thanks!

**Special thanks to Rachael Winger**, Kimberlea's Coordinator for this event. She coordinates our efforts with Wiffletree and makes sure the Easter Bunny finds the party with baskets full of stuffed eggs ready to go! If you are interested in working at the Registration Table, alongside your KHA President (wink), please contact Carrie Beard, [carriebeard2007@gmail.com](mailto:carriebeard2007@gmail.com) or 214.202.2547.

**HOP TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE

**Sat - April 28, 2012      8:00am - 3:00pm      Participating Homes/City Permit Required**

Another 2012 Initiative coming to life! Kimberlea will host a Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 3:00pm. **As a paid member of KHA**, please join us for this hassle-free experience! If you were thinking of doing a yard sale this year, then check out the advantages of joining with KHA:

- 1) Obviously, the more homes participating, the more traffic we will receive
- 2) Melissa will register each participating home and hold all permits (details below)
- 3) Your details will be listed as a “Neighborhood Sale” on the Plano City site for anyone searching Yard Sales
- 4) KHA will run an ad in the Dallas Morning Newspaper
- 5) KHA will post on Craig’s List, naming all participating addresses, with pictures of big ticket items
- 6) Each Sale will be provided with marked maps of participating homes to hand our patrons
- 7) The city has many rules against signage; therefore KHA will do the following:
  - a. Request permission from homes on visible corners to place and remove custom made signs
  - b. Try to park cars at all visible entrances with signage

**Please contact Melissa DeMonic Dorosh by Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** with your name, address and a small list of items for sale (baby clothes, furniture, tools, toys - anything that will draw attention to your home). Melissa will register your home with the city and keep all permits on file for the day of the Sale.

Below we have included Yard Sale Rules per the City of Plano:

- 1) The sale must be in your front yard, hence Yard Sale (not Garage)
- 2) Each participating home must have a permit; contact Melissa by Saturday, April 21
- 3) No more than 3 sales shall be conducted at the same address in any calendar year
- 4) Signage (no bigger than 8sq. ft., no medians, public streets or corners of public streets, nor on the grass next to the curb of public street, nor adjacent to a screening wall, nor subdivision entrance)

Only Two Hassle-Free Things to do: contact Melissa by Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and drag out your stuff on April 28<sup>th</sup>!  
**Melissa DeMonic Dorosh, [sunshine\\_honeybee2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshine_honeybee2004@yahoo.com), 972.867.6851**

## **TOP TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KINDERGARTEN** **An invitation from Wells Elementary for 2012-13 Kindergarten parents**

Please mark your calendars for an informational meeting about kindergarten at Wells! While you learn about the school’s kindergarten top ten list, your child will get to listen to a story and make a fun craft!

**Who:** All parents and new kindergarten students for the 2012—2013 school year

**When:** Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 6:00—6:45 p.m.

**Where:** Wells Elementary Kindergarten Area

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Friday, March 30th, 2012

9:00—11:00 a.m. and 1:00—3:00 p.m.

2012—2013 Kindergarten parents only, please



## WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



### **The Alvarez Family (>10 years residents)**

The Alvarez Family moved to Kimberlea three years ago. They live at 3716 Starlight Trail. Previously, they lived just south of Parker near Independence for nine years. Denny and Lisa were looking for a bigger house to accommodate their four children! Brett is 13 and attends Haggard. Luke is 9, and twins Chad and Ashley are 7. The younger kids go to Wells and love it! Denny is part owner of a mileage tracking company, Company Mileage. Lisa works part time for her parent's x-ray company and stays busy with the kids.

### **The Winger Family (10-20 years residents)**

Mike, Marie and Rachael live at 3304 Twin Diamond Court. Mike is from Longview Texas while Marie grew up in Richardson. Rachael was born in Dallas in 1997, and the family moved to their current home in 1998. Mike is a software developer with CSC and enjoys riding his bike whenever possible, so please don't run him over. Marie is a CPA with Intercity Investments and enjoys Yoga and reading. Rachael is a Freshman at Vines High School and enjoys acting at the Arts Center Theatre, volunteering for her church, and helping organize the Kimberlea/Wiffletree Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Buckhorn Park. As a family they enjoy traveling, going to movies, and especially the Kimberlea Octoberfest. The two shortest members of their family are XRay and Picasso, two strange cats who live under the bed.

### **The Taylor Family (20-40 years residents)**

Stan and Ronda Taylor and their three children, Stacy, Shay and Wyles, moved into Kimberlea on the last day of February, 1976. Stacy attended Haggard Middle School and Shay and Wyles went to Houston Elementary (Wells was still in the planning stage). That summer Stan started his own construction company and the family settled in until the next summer when their house burned and Wyles was badly burned in the fire. And, that was when the neighborhood came to the rescue. Yes, neighbors took care of the girls while Stan and Ronda were at Parkland with Wyles, neighbors opened their home for the family to stay until they found a place, neighbors gathered everything that could be laundered. One neighbor called a nearby nursery and asked them to dig up and take care of the front landscaping, another neighbor took all the photos to a framing store and had them dried, and during the fire neighbors pulled everything out of the house that they could reach to save for the Taylors. Wow! What a great place to live. The Taylors rebuilt while looking after Wyles and the girls and moved in on Christmas Eve to everyone's delight. Since then, they have gone on to live the normal life of Planoites. Ronda worked as an office manager for Siemens (formerly SMS) and Stan's business flourished. The children all graduated from Plano schools and remember Kimberlea as a good place to grow up. Ronda and Stan retired in 2005 and keep busy with four grandchildren's activities, snow skiing, traveling and going to the Indy 500 every year.

**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](mailto:carriebeard2007@gmail.com).**



## PLANO PARKS and RECREATION

Springtime in Texas will bring many beautiful days to enjoy and what better way to do so than to visit a local park. We are fortunate to have Buckhorn Park in our neighborhood: convenient, clean, spacious for playing sports, and provides several playgrounds to choose from, including a toddler area.

You may choose to venture out and visit a larger park; highlighted below are a few great options for your next excursion. Please visit [www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks](http://www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks) for an extensive list of parks in our community, as well as, site maps and park rules.

### **FAMILY FUN: Bob Woodruff Park**, 2601 San Gabriel Drive, Plano 75074

Bob Woodruff is a great park for family and friends. The park has two pavilions (for reservation), playground, restrooms, a fishing pier, sand volleyball court and hard surface trails. A unique and fun feature of this park is the pond of ducks, which you can feed. This is a nice and spacious park for picnicking and relaxation. Note, the website currently reads the restrooms will be winterized and closed through mid-March.

### **THE NATURE LOVER: Arbor Hills Nature Preserve**, 6701 W Parker Road, Plano 75093

Arbor Hills Nature Preserve is a 200-acre park featuring vast areas of natural beauty for walking, jogging, hiking, orienteering, and other outdoor activity. This location also provides a beautiful and natural backdrop for family photos. Amenities include: playground, restrooms, paved recreational trail (2.3 miles), natural unpaved trails for pedestrians only, designated off-road cycling trail (approx. 2 miles), and observation tower. Park hours are 5am – 11pm and the gate is closed when the park is closed.

### **THE DOG LOVER: Dog Park at Jack Carter Park**, 2601 Pleasant Valley Drive, Plano 75023

Jack Carter Park is the only park to have an off-leash area designated for dogs by the Parks and Recreation Department. The dog park is a double-gated, fenced, 2-acre area along Bluebonnet Trail, near its intersection with Chisholm Trail. The park has benches, picnic tables, water stations for humans and animals, and waste pickup/disposal stations. When outside the dog park enclosure, all animals are required to be restrained on a maximum 6-foot leash at all times. Before visiting, we encourage you to read the specific “Doggie Do’s and Dont’s” for the park at [www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks/Pages/dog\\_park](http://www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks/Pages/dog_park).

## SPEAKING OF DOGS

A special word to our responsible pet owners:

**Thank you for cleaning up after your pet and doing your part to keep our neighborhood beautiful.**

All pet owners are encouraged to consistently pick up after their pet, not only to follow the city law, but as a courtesy to your neighbor and to help keep Kimberlea safe and beautiful for everyone.

Courtesy of the City of Plano website ...



# KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

February 15, 2012

Previous balance as November 9, 2011 \$5875.69

Credits:

Membership Dues \$1995.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$1995.00

Debits

Entryway maintenance 1 month \$540.00

Newsletter Printing & Postage \$134.06

Bank Service Charges \$ 5.00

Santa Visit \$ 4.33

TOTAL DEBITS (\$683.39)

Balance as of February 15, 2012 \$7187.30

**136 families have paid their 2012 dues.**

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## KHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Providing your email does not register you for online newsletters. See page 2 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