

KHA News

Spring 2014

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

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UPCOMING KHA DATE TO REMEMBER

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KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE

Sat, April 26th, 8:00-3:00

Request city required Yard Sale permit from Melissa DeMonic Dorosh no later than Fri, April 19th.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY DATES TO REMEMBER

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WELLS ELEMENTARY KINGERGARTEN "INFO MEETING"

Thursday, March 20th
6:00pm – 6:45pm

WELLS ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN "REGISTRATION"

Friday, March 28th
9:00 – 11:00am and 1:00 – 3:00pm

KHA 2014 DUES AND INVOICES

The new year is settling in and your Kimberlea Executive Committee has started their Spring cleaning, including assessing the 2014 dues collection. We traditionally collect dues for the upcoming year at Oktoberfest, thank you to everyone who attended and paid their dues at Oktoberfest 2013. We also want to thank those who have sent their payment directly to our Treasurer; we appreciate your commitment and membership.

KHA annual dues are \$35 per home. Although dues are voluntary, we hope you agree \$35 annually is a reasonable amount to help your neighborhood association continue to thrive, provide wonderful activities and to keep our neighborhood beautiful. We hope you find this information helpful and decide to become a member.

As a member you will receive a quarterly newsletter with neighborhood updates, and although we encourage everyone to register for the newsletter online, paper copies are made available. Member dues support KHA hosted annual neighborhood events for you and your family to enjoy, including our Spring Yard Sale, Oktoberfest and Santa's Visit. The following KHA activities are not funded by dues, but as a member you can join us for: Supper Club, Lady's Bunko, Men's Poker Night, Holiday Light Contest, and Wine/Beer Tastings. Learn more about these events and activities at www.kimberleahome.com. Dues are also applied to the city's required annual maintenance for all five Kimberlea entrances and for occasional one-time expenses to keep Kimberlea a wonderful place to live. **Please support your association.**

KHA 2013 HOLIDAY LIGHT WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our Holiday Light Winners! Justin Jones and Sarah Rains at 3523 South Echo, were awarded first place, winning a free year of dues and the honor of hosting the 2014 Holiday Light Judging party. The house and yard were very festive with reindeer, red and white lights and Christmas music. Well done Sarah and Justin!

1st Place, Justin and Sarah on South Echo



2nd Place, Perry on Canoncita



3rd Place, McKenzie on Overland



Honorable Mentions – Holiday Light Judging

Dorosh on Canoncita



Locklin on Canoncita



Wood on North Echo



James on Canoncita



Gilbert on Sandia



THE PARTY



A special thank you to Denny and Lisa Alvarez for hosting the 2013 Holiday Light Judging contest. Everyone had a wonderful time. You are gracious hosts!

SANTA'S 2013 VISIT TO KIMBERLEA

About three short months ago Santa Claus came to town ... a wonderful time was had by all. A special thank you to David, Tracee and Audrey Alters for opening their home for Santa and all of his little KHA friends to come visit, give a list, eat treats and make crafts. What a fun and festive day!



Ho Ho Ho!

More pictures from the KHA 2013 holiday season can be found at www.kimberleahome.com/gallery

KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE

Sat - April 26, 2014 8:00am - 3:00pm Participating Homes/City Permit Required

Kimberlea will host a Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, April 26th, 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) 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
- 6) Each participating home will receive maps listing all yard sale locations 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 Friday, April 19th 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 Friday, April 19th
- 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 Friday, April 19th and drag out your stuff on April 26th!
Melissa DeMonic Dorosh, sunshine_honeybee2004@yahoo.com, 972.867.6851

EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PLANO AREA

The past few years our small Kimberlea group has joined Wiffletree’s larger Easter Egg Scramble the Sunday before Easter at Buckhorn Park. It is unclear at this time if Wiffletree will proceed with their event. KHA currently does not have a scramble planned solely for our neighborhood. If Wiffletree moves forward with their original plans and reaches out to include Kimberlea, we will send an updated notice to all KHA members.

Plano Parks and Recreation is planning two special Easter events that require registration online with the city of Plano. The Eggspllosion of Light Egg Hunt, (\$9), on Friday, April 11, 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Liberty Recreation Center; the eggstraordinary glow in the dark egg hunt, is an adventurous twist on this traditional holiday! The Easter Egg Hound Hunt, (\$5), on Sat. April 19, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; dogs and their owners will have fun finding Easter eggs at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve. If your family is interested in either of these events please go to www.plano.gov and search “egg” for more details and registration.

RECYCLE AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Wells Elementary PTA has joined in a new fundraising and recycling program through the World Wear Project. All you have to do is place any used shoes or clothing (plus other items listed below) in the blue bin located in the first parking space in the Wells' side parking lot. The Wells PTA is given 15 cents per pound donated!

Items World Wear Accepts: Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Purses, Wallets, Hats, Caps, Backpacks, Hard Toys, Stuffed Animals, Pots and Pans. Items World Wear Does Not Accept: Furniture of any kind, Knives, Kitchen Appliances, Appliances with Cords, Items Made of Glass.

This is an excellent way to clean out your closets, recycle without having to go far, and help earn funds to support our students. Thank you so much for your help!

WELLS ELEMENTARY – KINDERGARTEN INFO MEETING & REGISTRATION DATES



TOP TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KINDERGARTEN



Please mark your calendars for an informational meeting about kindergarten at Wells! While you learn about our 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 2014-2015 school year

When: Thursday, March 20 2014 from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Where: Wells Elementary Kindergarten Area

Kindergarten Registration

Friday, March 28, 2014

9:00-10:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

2014-2015 Kindergarten parents only, please

CRIME WATCH

A New Year to Be Even Safer

The Christmas holidays are over but criminals are not taking a holiday. So we all need to play it safe and remain alert. We must be aware of our surroundings both at home and when we're out and about.

Crime continues to plague our area. Some examples: Last Wednesday at 4:20 pm on Whiffletree--The juvenile male was walking home from school in the 3800 block of Whiffletree Court when he walked by the three suspects. Suspects #1 and 3 were in a Honda sedan; Suspect #2 was on a mountain bike. One of the suspects asked the juvenile male if he wanted to

purchase the bike. The male stated he did not want to and walked away. The three suspects then began to follow him, asking if he wanted a ride. The victim eluded them on foot and ran to his house where he told his parents of the incident.

Also last Wednesday on Independence Parkway at 3:20 am (not really a safe time to be out walking)--The victim was walking in the 3700 block of Independence Pwky when the vehicle being driven by suspect #1 pulled up to him. Both suspects exited the vehicle; the driver produced a weapon and robbed the victim. The suspects then entered the vehicle and were last seen traveling northbound on Independence Pkwy.

Early January on Jupiter Road at 12:25 pm--Victim was inside her vehicle when the suspects opened her door and demanded money. Both suspects produced weapons and one of the suspects took the victim's money out of her wallet. The suspects got away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Mid-January on Seminar Drive at 6:15 pm--The witness/resident observed her motion-sensor light go on near the front of her residence. Upon investigating the witness observed a male subject with dark hair on her front porch. The resident asked the male subject what he wanted. The male subject stated he wanted to ask her some questions. The resident advised that she was not interested and the male subject left in a 4-door vehicle. The resident did an excellent job of not opening the door to an unknown person, and instead spoke to the subject through the locked door.

Three of these four events took place in daylight! My purpose in presenting a snapshot of recent criminal activity is not to frighten you. Rather, I want you to be aware of what's possible in our neighborhood so you can be situationally aware and exercise more care when you are away from home. This will take some courage on your part, but you can do it! As my wife Naomi has one of the Scotland Yard detectives saying in her book, *The Witness: A Novel*, "Fear is what you feel. Courage is what you do."

Speaking of home, I found a good article about hiding your valuables in your home. **Hiding Valuables in Your Home From Burglars and Looters** By SNO Man on 14 January 2014 in [Survival Tips](#)

Looting is a nearly ubiquitous feature of natural and political disasters, and burglary is an everyday risk, especially in metro areas, so protecting your goods is an integral part of your preparedness plan. Burglars usually have limited time and must operate undetected, which makes it more difficult for them to find your stuff. Finally, we're not discussing deep concealment like burying money in a concrete floor because I want you to be able to access easily your valuables when needed.

Learn and apply these principles to make your hiding places more effective — concealment, camouflage, and distraction.

Concealment

When you conceal something, you take something in plain view and place it where it can't be seen. That's straightforward, but the trick is learning how to make it hard to find. You must place it in a location that is not usually associated with that object.

For example, money is usually found in a wallet or a safe. If you're hiding it, you might stick it in a dresser drawer, a shoe, or a coffee can in the pantry, but those are common hiding places, and a burglar will look there first. Be imaginative; remember that because a burglar has limited time, he won't be able to search every location. Therefore, he'll look in "likely" places first. Here are some unlikely possibilities for hiding money or jewelry:

1. Curtain rods. Roll up some bills and stick them in the curtain rods.
2. Floor or desk lamp. Not taped under the base, mind you, but inside the lamp itself.
3. Inside a light fixture.
4. Above ceiling tiles.
5. Inside a door or window frame. Remove a piece of door trim, hide your stuff, replace the trim.

6. Taped in the back of your clothes drier.
7. Empty can of PVC cement in your workshop.

The possibilities really are endless. Just make sure you don't hide everything in the same place, and either make a record of where your stuff is hidden, or share the knowledge with one or more trusted people so you improve the chances of remembering all your hiding places.

Camouflage

When you camouflage an object, you leave it in plain view but make its form indistinct by blending it into its surroundings. For example, a tent that is brown and two shades of green will be more difficult to spot in the woods than a tent that is hot pink. This principle of hiding things doesn't really apply to hiding money in your home, but you might apply it when hiding a small shed on the outskirts of your property. There you could hide a small food stock or some extra fuel.

Distraction

If you can draw a burglar's attention away from your valuables, he will be less likely to find them. One way to distract him is to draw his attention **to** something less valuable; this is a decoy. For example, leave a wallet in plain view with a moderate amount of money. If he finds this and takes it, he might be satisfied and move on to your computer and television, and never find the big stash of cash.

I hope 2014 will be a productive, memorable, healthy, and safe year for you and your family. Together we can make our neighborhood a safer place if we remain vigilant, watch out for each other and each other's property, and timely report suspicious activity to the Plano Police.

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

GOING GREEN IN 2014

We encourage all Kimberlea residents to receive the newsletter, crime alerts and special updates online. The newsletter is available to all Kimberlea residents (330 homes) not just KHA members. We currently print 212 newsletters each quarter using KHA funds. Help make a difference in our KHA expenditures and go online to follow these simple and specific steps to sign up for online quarterly news and crime alerts:

- 1) Visit www.kimberleahome.com website
- 2) Click the "News" link (on the left side of the screen)
 - a. KHA Newsletter and Crime Alerts 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 email from Kimberlea that you must reply to in order to be added to the list. **If you do not click the "Acceptance link" in the confirmation email** then you will not be added to the list. This is a spam prevention measure set up by the server.

212 out of 330 Homes To Go ... Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green in 2014!

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

March 3, 2014

Previous balance as November 23, 2013	\$5,603.28
Credits:	
Membership Dues	\$ 600.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 600.00
Debits	
Entryway maintenance 2 months	\$ 360.00
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 78.66
TOTAL DEBITS	(\$438.66)
Balance as of March 3, 2014	\$5,764.62

86 families have paid their 2014 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 8 "**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

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