

KHA News

Spring 2017

Kimberlea Homeowners Association

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UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

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KHA EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Cancelled This Year Due to Park Renovations

Buckhorn Park renovations are scheduled through May 2017

We look forward to resuming the KHA Easter Egg Scramble event in 2018!

KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE

Saturday, May 20th – 8AM to 3PM

Please Request Your Yard Sale Permit from Melissa DeMonic Dorosh by May 13th

You Must Have a City Permit to Participate in the KHA Yard Sale!

KHA DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

The KHA Directory is a benefit for KHA members and can be accessed with a username and password at www.kimberleahome.com. Members who are current with their dues are marked with an (**) by their name. Names without (**) lists the last known contact information.

Please contact Libby Perry (lperry3325@verizon.net) or Chris Heaton (chris@chrisheaton.com) if you need the username/password, if you would like to update your contact information or if you would like to request a paper copy of the KHA Directory.

KHA 2016 HOLIDAY LIGHT WINNERS

Congratulations to our Holiday Light Winners Gerald and Dolores Kotara at 3720 Whispering Circle! The Kotara's have won a year of free KHA dues and the honor of hosting the 2017 Holiday Light Judging Party. A picture of the Kotara's beautifully decorated home is shown below.



SANTA VISITS KIMBERLEA

Santa made a special stop by Kimberlea in December – thank you Kevin Reagan and Jerri Hyland for opening your home to Santa and the children of Kimberlea! A few pictures from Santa's visit are below with more available at <http://kimberleahome.com/santa-visit-2016-gallery/index.html>.





KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE **Saturday, May 20th – 8:00AM to 3:00PM**

Kimberlea will host a Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, May 20th, 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 DeMonic Dorosh will register each participating home and will distribute all permits.
3. Your details will be listed as a “Neighborhood Sale” on the Plano City site for anyone searching Yard Sales.
4. KHA will post on Craig’s List, naming all participating addresses.
5. Each participating home will receive maps listing all yard sale locations to hand out to our patrons.
6. 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. Last year we were able to put out 25 directional signs.
 - b) Try to park cars at all visible entrances with signage.

Please contact Melissa DeMonic Dorosh by May 13th, with your name, address, phone number and a small list of items for sale (e.g. baby clothes, furniture, tools, toys - anything that will draw attention to your home). Melissa will register your home with the city and will distribute permits to participating KHA homeowners. In the event you sign up for the yard sale but then need to cancel, cancellation notices must also be received by May 13th.

Please find the following Yard Sale Rules per the City of Plano:

1. The sale must be in your front yard, hence Yard Sale, not Garage Sale.
2. Each participating home must have a permit; contact Melissa by May 13th via e-mail at sunshine_honeybee2004@yahoo.com.
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 May 13th, and drag out your stuff on May 20th!
Melissa DeMonic Dorosh, sunshine_honeybee2004@yahoo.com

KHA VICE-PRESIDENT NEEDED!

The Kimberlea Executive Committee is currently looking for a Vice-President to join our team of volunteers. Primary responsibilities would be assisting the President with newsletter distribution and event coordination. Interested parties should contact Chris Heaton at chris@chrisheaton.com. Thank you for supporting KHA!

PLANO CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Plano City Council Elections will take place on May 6, 2017. Our own Kimberlea resident Ed Acklin will be running for election at that time. Ed's campaign is underway and he has provided the following for your kind consideration. Please help support our neighbor Ed with your vote on May 6th!

My wife, Myrna and I have lived in our home on Candelaria Drive for 18 years. I have been a staunch Conservative all of my adult life, been active in politics, but this is my first time to run for an elected office. I entered volunteer service in September 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. That led me to serve with Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief until 2015.

I got involved with Plano politics in 2015, during the petition drive to have the Equal Rights Ordinance put on the ballot so that the voters would have a voice. I saw that petition, which was signed by 8,000 Plano citizens, thrown out by the City.

Within a few short months, the City pushed through the Plano Tomorrow Plan in the face of overwhelming citizen opposition. Again the Plano citizens petitioned the City to put the ordinance on the ballot with over 4,000 signatures. Once again, the city threw out the petition claiming that the citizens had no right to petition because it was a zoning matter.

That was in the Fall of 2015. I looked around to see who was going to get involved and do something. The only one I found was that guy in my mirror. I decided to run, starting very early.

We have two good councilmen on the Council presently. Tom Harrison and Ron Kelley. They need help. Since the Fall of 2015, I have attended all but 5-6

council meetings educating myself. I have spent hours with Tom and Ron, learning the in's and out's of the Council issues and workings. I am now better prepared than any other candidate in this race.

I have three key issues. The Plano Tomorrow Plan has to be at the top of the list. That is being used as the model to bring all of the apartments to Plano. Apartments are being built without regard to the long term effect they will have on our city. The street traffic is only being made worse by the influx of the high-density apartments. Read the Plan... it will shock you.

Next is my concern about the total lack of transparency in our City Government. It is very difficult to find out what the issues are on the City Website. You have to know where to look to find what is on the Council Agenda. But worst of all, it is almost impossible to find out how any particular council-member votes on any given issue. That has got to change.

My third issue is City Taxes. It became obvious with the 2016-17 City Budget deliberations last Fall that the City bases our tax rate on what they can grab from the Property Owners, instead of what the City actually needs to operate. For a complete explanation of this, please visit my website www.EdAcklinCampaign.com and look for the article titled Tax Shell Game.

In addition to myself, there are three other good conservative candidates:

- Lily Bao is a brilliant lady that has legally immigrated from mainland China - she opposes the Mayor for Place 6;
- Anthony Ricciardelli is a brilliant young attorney and a native of Plano - Place 2;
- Rick Smith is a Plano small business owner for many years challenging the incumbent for Place 8;

And I round out the team as your neighbor.

Please vote for ACKLIN-BAO-SMITH and the guy with the long name RICCIARDELLI.

Ed Acklin- info@EdAcklinCampaign.com www.EdAcklinCampaign.com

CRIME WATCH: SPRING SAFETY AND SECURITY

Spring is just around the corner although it feels like summer in Plano as I write this. My grass still thinks its winter, however. The key areas to think about during this season involve spring cleanups, yard safety, and of course, the sometimes volatile weather in North Texas. A little preparation now may smooth some of the drama later.

BBQ Safety

Everyone is getting that grill going! While you're cooking up some delicious meals, make sure your grill has sufficient space on all sides, away from your home, to prevent a possible house fire.

Cleaning Safety

Out with the old, in with the new! The spring cleaning bug doesn't usually leave us thinking about safety, but there are a few things to keep in mind when dusting off the cobwebs. Using a ladder to wash those windows? Getting items down from a stowaway area? Make sure you're using caution, and have someone hold the ladder steady for extra balance. Wear sturdy, proper shoes, and be sure the ladder rungs are not slippery or wet before climbing.

Yard Safety

Whipping that yard into shape can be a satisfying feat. Spring gardening and landscaping are very popular activities, so make sure when operating yard equipment, you wear safety glasses, safety gear, and use caution when filling and starting your mower.

Weather Safety

Spring is the time for thunderstorms. Keep a close eye on severe weather and heed weather warnings, sirens, and safety tips during a storm or tornado.

Home Safety

The change of season is always a good reminder to do some periodical check-ups on your home. Like getting a physical or a check-up at the doctor, it's important to check in periodically and fix any wear and tear damages to maintain a happy home.

- Check all your smoke detectors for low batteries. They are no good if they can't go off!
- Sign up for a P.O. box and send important mail there to prevent identity theft.
- Make sure all your door locks are working and install deadbolts on all doors with outside access.
- Install motion sensitive outdoor lights – not only makes for safety for you but deters criminals from breaking in.
- Trim your shrubs around the home where burglars can hide when breaking into your home.
- Go through old files – shred unnecessary paperwork and file away important documents in a fireproof safe.
- No more putting this one-off, if you don't have a security system this is the single most important thing you can do to secure your house from fire, flooding and crime.

Spring Break Travel

Traveling for Spring Break? While you are packing up your bags and preparing for a week off, don't forget the home is an easy target for criminals while you are away. In addition to the usual making sure the neighbors check your mail for you, and locking the doors before you go, here are some extra tips to send you on your way to your stress-free vacation!

- Resist the urge to broadcast your whereabouts to the world on social media – you're basically telling burglars you are out-of-town.
- Going abroad? Call your banks ahead of time to let them know and to find out what if any extra fees you will incur.
- Turn the thermostat down to around 55 degrees – it will help save on energy and utilities.
- Don't leave anything of value out in plain sight, especially near windows.
- Give a spare key to a reliable and nearby friend, neighbor or family member (or all three). They can periodically go by your house to check on things if need be while you are gone.
- Check travel advisories before you go and get to know the customs and requirements before you go.

Spring weather can be unpredictable. Reduce injury risk and plan ahead.

Spring is the time of year when many things change—including the weather. Temperatures can swing back and forth between balmy and frigid. Sunny days may be followed by a week of stormy weather. Sometimes extreme weather changes can occur even within the same day. Mark Twain once said, "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."

Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They can bring lightning, tornadoes, and flooding. Whenever warm, moist air collides with cool, dry air, thunderstorms can occur. For much of the world, this happens in spring and summer.

Because spring weather is so unpredictable, you may be unprepared when severe weather hits—particularly if you live in a region that does not often experience thunderstorms, tornadoes, or flooding. And when severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases. So planning ahead makes sense; prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

Often by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have little if any time to prepare for it. Advance planning for thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, and floods requires specific safety precautions. You can follow many of the same steps that you would for all extreme weather events. Keep an emergency kit on hand. Some items to include are:

- A battery-operated flashlight, a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries for both
- An emergency evacuation or shelter plan, including a map of your home and, for every type of severe weather emergency, routes to safety from each room
- A list of important personal information, including:
 - telephone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends
 - insurance and property information
 - telephone numbers of utility companies
 - medical information
- According to the American Red Cross a first aid kit may include:
 - non-latex gloves
 - assortment of adhesive bandages
 - antibiotic ointment
 - sterile gauze pads in assorted sizes
 - absorbent compress dressings
 - tweezers
 - scissors
 - adhesive cloth tape
 - aspirin packets (81 mg each)
 - first aid instruction booklet (NOTE: Customize your first aid kit to meet your individual and family needs.)
- A 3–5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food
- Personal hygiene items
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- An emergency kit in your car

Prepare your family members for the possibility of severe weather. Tell them where to seek appropriate shelter as soon as they are aware of an approaching storm. Practice your emergency plan for every type of severe weather. Show family

members where the emergency supplies are stored, and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home.

Often by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have little if any time to prepare for it. But we do know that when spring arrives, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods are real possibilities. So why not take the surprise factor out of severe weather and prepare yourself, your family, and your home? If thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods do occur, you'll be ready for them.

Let me share a short personal story about storms. My wife and I used to live in Pascagoula on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We always kept our eyes on the weather especially during hurricane season (1 June-30 November). We boarded up and evacuated several times during our twelve years on the Gulf Coast. On the last occasion, the storm got the better of any preps we could have done. Hurricane Katrina destroyed our home and we evacuated, and stayed, in North Texas. What most people don't know is that recovering from a devastating storm is like having both PTSD and grief—both of which are long lasting.

My wife was determined to make something positive come out of the storm. She wrote a series of crime/suspense novels (*The Witness* in 2012 and *The Mission* in 2015) having a young Texas protagonist in London suffer a calamity and recovery that mirrored the storm recovery process. These books give a realistic and sensitive portrayal of what the long, non-linear journey from trauma to recovery looks like. The bottom line is that preparations can sometimes help and mitigate some of the effects of terrible storms.

Finally, let's review the basic year-round crime prevention attitudes:

- **Lock your car when you're not in it (both on the street and in your garage).**
- **Don't leave your automatic garage door opener in your car—take it with you.**
- **Don't leave your garage door open when you're not in the garage.**
- **Lock the door between your garage and your home.**
- **Lock your back gate.**
- **Be situationally aware wherever you are; home, school, supermarket, mall, etc.**
- **Report to the police in a timely manner (as soon as practicable) suspicious people in neighborhood—get full license plate numbers and accurate descriptions of the suspicious persons.**
- **Don't let your house convey the “not home” look—use lights on timers, make arrangements for mail and newspapers, etc.**
- **If a stranger knocks on your front door or rings the doorbell, don't open the door. Instead in a loud, forceful voice say, “Who is it? What do you want.” (The stranger will probably make some lame excuse and then walk away. If he/she hears nothing from inside the house, stand by. In 5 to 15 minutes someone will be in your back yard and trying to kick in your back door!)**

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions or suggestions. May we together work to make Kimberlea an even better place to live and raise our families.

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

HELP KHA GO GREEN!

Help KHA protect the environment and save on expenses! Start receiving the quarterly newsletter, crime alerts and important updates via email by visiting and following the easy steps under "News" at www.kimberleahome.com.

Thanks for supporting KHA Go Green!

KIMBERLEA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND DUES What does \$50 annually mean to you?

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2017 KHA Homeowners Association Dues! We have received dues from an additional 43 families since the KHA Winter Newsletter. This brings our total of 2017 dues paying families to 107. While this is great progress, we still have 224 families who have yet to pay their 2017 dues!

Please keep in mind that many other neighborhoods in the Dallas area require a mandatory homeowners association fee of well over \$50 per month. While Kimberlea dues are voluntary, we hope you agree \$50 annually is a reasonable amount to help your neighborhood association continue to thrive, provide such wonderful activities and to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Member dues support KHA hosted annual neighborhood events for you and your family to enjoy, including an Easter Egg Scramble, 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 and the Holiday Light Contest. 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.

KHA dues are \$50 per home annually. Traditionally we collect dues at Oktoberfest and subsequently provide a reminder in January to collect from any outstanding homes. We will accept payment anytime during the year.

There are 331 homes in the Kimberlea neighborhood including the following streets: Bandolino, Buckle, Candelaria, Canoncita, Haversham, Mission Ridge, North Echo, Overland, San Juan Circle, Sandia, Sebring, South Echo, Stagecoach, Starlight, Twin Diamond and Whispering Circle. A KHA Treasurer's Report is provided in quarterly in the KHA newsletter.

**Your paid dues help keep Kimberlea a desirable place to live!
Thank you for supporting your homeowner's association!**

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT
February 21, 2017

Previous balance as November 6, 2016	\$3,975.69
Credits:	
Membership dues	\$ 2,240.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 2,240.00
Debits	
Entryway maintenance 3 months	\$ 675.00
Newsletter and invoice printing	\$ 169.75
TOTAL DEBITS	(\$844.75)
Balance as of February 21, 2017	\$5,370.94

107 families have paid their 2017 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. Please see "Help KHA Go Green" in this newsletter for online registration details.

KHA membership dues are \$50 annually.

Please send your check payable to:

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