

KHA News

Summer 2013

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UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER



SNOW CONE AND BINGO SOCIAL, Buckhorn Park
Saturday, June 22, 11:30 - 1:30pm
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VIEW KHA NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

For those of you reading a paper copy of this newsletter, KHA newsletters on our Kimberlea website are in color; pictures will be more vibrant and the font size will appear larger for an easier reading experience. Visit www.kimberleahome.com and select "News" to view this and previous newsletters online.

UPDATED KHA DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW (ONLINE)

The summer updates to the KHA Directory, including names, addresses and phone numbers have been completed. The Directory is a benefit for KHA members and can be accessed with a username and password at www.kimberleahome.com. If you paid your 2013 dues and need the username and password, contact Libby Perry, lperry3325@verizon.net or Carrie Beaird, carriebeaird2007@gmail.com. Paper copies of the Directories are available; contact Libby Perry.

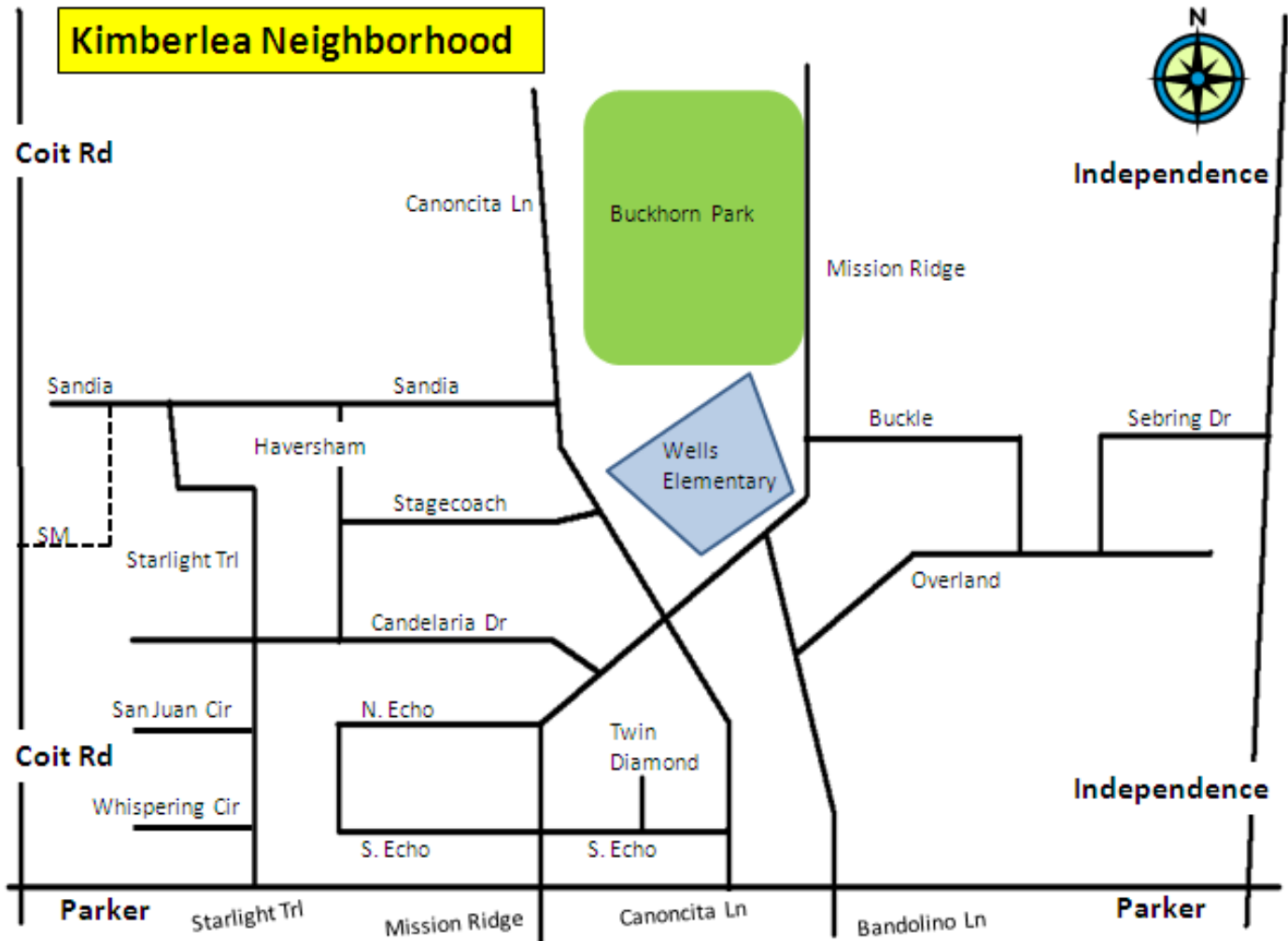
KHA ANNUAL YARD SALE

The weather was perfect for the KHA Annual Yard Sale. Thanks to everyone who participated and to our neighbors who shopped our sales. **Special thanks to Melissa DeMonic Derosh** for organizing this event again for KHA; we appreciate you! We plan to continue the tradition next spring and add many more homes to the event. We hope you will join us in 2014; start collecting your junk now to pass on as treasures later!

I'M THE MAP, I'M THE MAP ... "I'M THE MAP"

My apologies for the Dora the Explorer reference in the title, but this news is worth singing about, and did I mention I have a three year old? Kimberlea has published an official map of our neighborhood.

There are 330 homes in the our 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. Below is a smaller version of the map, or you may visit www.kimberleahome.com on the "Association and Dues" page to view or print an 8 ½ x 11 map.



NEWSLETTER: THANK YOU and DISTRIBUTERS WANTED

We have a wonderful group of volunteers that deliver the KHA newsletter to 217 homes each quarter. I would like to thank **Jim Fox, Amanda Johnson, Laurie Kneeland, Pat Moore, Deb O'Connor, Ronda Taylor, Marie Winger, and Susan Wood** for their dedication to KHA. We recently had two helpers move out of state so we are searching to fill their spots. If you are interested in helping KHA in this simple yet very important role, please contact Carrie Beard at carriebeard2007@gmail.com or 214.202.2547.

2013 KHA EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE SUCCESS

Hope you like your scrambled eggs cold ... it was chilly this year! Regardless, we still had a great turn out and the kids had a lot of fun hunting the eggs, dancing to the dj's music and playing with friends.

Special thanks to Carolyn McCrossan and Claire Mayorga for helping Kimberlea with this event. They coordinated efforts with Wiffletree and made sure the Easter Bunny found the party with baskets full of stuffed eggs ready to go! Our sister neighborhood, Wiffletree, does the lion's share of organizing this event, so as always, we appreciate them! We hope to see more little scramblers next year!

EGG-TRA SPECIAL PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



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

KHA SNOW CONE AND BINGO SOCIAL



WHEN: Saturday, June 22 from 11:30 – 1:30
WHERE: Buckhorn Park Pavilion
WHO: 2013 KHA Members
WHAT: Snow Cones and Bingo
WINNERS: Over \$350 worth of prizes donated from local businesses



Something for Everyone:

SNOW CONES ---- BINGO ---- PLAYGROUND ---- MUSIC ---- FUN ---- RAFFLE (12:30pm)

KHA's first Snow Cone and Bingo Social is our mid-year "thank you" celebration for 2013 KHA members who have paid their dues and/or contributed their time and talents to Kimberlea. We also hope to meet individuals or families new to Kimberlea that are looking to join our wonderful homeowner's association.

We have reserved the pavilion at Buckhorn Park from 11:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday, June 22. This event is exclusive for 2013 KHA members and their families. **Please register at the registration table for your raffle tickets and to have your hand stamped.**

SNOW CONES

"Miss Snow Cone" will be at the pavilion serving snow cones only to guests with a stamped hand. To be sure our guests are accommodated, park patrons will be turned away that are not accompanied by a KHA member.

FACE PAINTING, GAMES and FUN

There will be face painting, bubbles, balls, hula hoops, the playground(s) and more for children to enjoy.

VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the event (registration table, bingo assistance, minimal set up/clean up) please contact Carrie Beard at carribeard2007@gmail.com or 214.204.2547.

BINGO and RAFFLE

KHA has collected over \$350 worth of donated prizes for bingo and raffle winners. Bingo will begin at 11:30 and continue until the prizes run out. The raffle will be held at 12:30 and you must be present to win.

We have great prizes including: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 gift cards plus services such as free lawn mowing and pool cleaning! **The bingo and raffle prizes have been made possible by several local businesses and a few generous friends of Kimberlea.** Join us in saying thank you for supporting our KHA summer event ...

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Thank You!



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See you at the Social ... Saturday, June 22nd!

CRIME WATCH

Open Eyes Save Lives by Larry Kryske

In World War II, it was said, “Loose lips sink ships.” Today in America, **open eyes save lives**. From domestic or foreign inspired terrorism to criminal activity in our neighborhoods, each of us needs to keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity. The key to safety in our neighborhoods is defined by our willingness to take an active rather than a passive role.

In Jane Jacobs’ celebrated 1961 book, *The Death and Life of the Great American Cities*, she writes that the safety of a neighborhood is directly related to the number of eyes of residents watching what is transpiring on the streets, alleys, and parks. Criminals typically do not prefer an audience witnessing their transgressions. Residents who care about the safety of their neighborhood observe what is going on outside.

Let us also make a critical distinction illuminated by Sherlock Holmes. He often said that people see but do not observe. We might notice an apparent stranger walking down the street, but could we describe the person’s size, hair color, or dress? Was he wearing a hoodie or long jacket on a warm day? Did he appear lost, out of place, or overly cautious? Was there a car nearby with another person driving? What was the car’s license plate, make, and color? It is not too hard to tell if a stranger in the neighborhood lives there or has some other appropriate reason for being there.

However, observing what is happening in our neighborhood is only the first part of a resident’s responsibilities. The second part is notifying the proper authorities. I am happy to have you share your observations with me but you must **first** contact the Plano Police Department. I suggest calling their non-emergency telephone number **972-424-5678** for suspicious activities. Call **911** if you see criminal activity in progress. Timely reporting is also important. Don’t sleep on what you saw and report it the next day. And if possible have some solid information for the police: descriptions of the suspicious strangers, description of their car, license number, where the events occurred. Remember, if something is suspicious, creepy, or just doesn’t feel right, follow your instincts because something isn’t right!

I also wanted to share some safety tips to protect our children in our neighborhoods, since school will be ending for summer. The National Crime Prevention Council has a good series of articles dealing with crime and safety. <http://www.ncpc.org/topics>. I encourage parents to read and study the article below and then visit with their children.

What to Teach Your Kids About Strangers

“Kids see strangers every day in stores, in the park, and in their neighborhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from dangerous strangers by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behavior, and by taking a few precautions of their own.

Who is a stranger?

“A stranger is anyone that your family doesn’t know well. It’s common for children to think that “bad strangers” look scary, like the villains in cartoons. This is not only not true, but it’s dangerous for children to think this way. Pretty strangers can be just as dangerous as the not-so-pretty ones. When you talk to your children about strangers, explain that no one can tell if strangers are nice or not nice just by looking at them and that they should be careful around all strangers.

“But don’t make it seem like all strangers are bad. If children need help--whether they’re lost, being threatened by a bully, or being followed by a stranger--the safest thing for them to do in many cases is to ask a stranger for help. You can make this easier for them by showing them which strangers are okay to trust.

Who are safe strangers?

“Safe strangers are people children can ask for help when they need it. Police officers and firefighters are two examples of very recognizable safe strangers. Teachers, principals, and librarians are adults children can trust too, and they are easy to recognize when they’re at work. But make sure that you emphasize that whenever possible, children should go to a public place to ask for help.

“You can help your children recognize safe strangers by pointing them out when you’re out in your town. Also show your children places they can go if they need help, such as local stores and restaurants and the homes of family friends in your neighborhood.

Recognizing and Handling Dangerous Situations

“Perhaps the most important way parents can protect their children is to teach them to be wary of potentially dangerous situations – this will help them when dealing with strangers as well as with known adults who may not have good intentions. Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behavior, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way. Also tell your children that an adult should never ask a child for help, and if one does ask for their help, teach them to find a trusted adult right away to tell what happened.

“You should also talk to your children about how they should handle dangerous situations. One way is to teach them **“No, Go, Yell, Tell.”** If, in a dangerous situation, kids should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep themselves safe, even if they are indoors. It’s good to practice this in different situations so that your children will feel confident in knowing what to do. Here are a few possible scenarios:

- A nice-looking stranger approaches your child in the park and asks for help finding the stranger's lost dog.
- A woman who lives in your neighborhood but that the child has never spoken to invites your child into her house for a snack.
- A stranger asks if your child wants a ride home from school.
- Your child thinks he or she is being followed.
- An adult your child knows says or does something that makes him or her feel bad or uncomfortable.
- While your child is walking home from a friend’s house, a car pulls over and a stranger asks for directions.

What Else Parents Can Do

“In addition to teaching children how to recognize and handle dangerous situations and strangers, there are a few more things parents can do to help their children stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

- **Know where your children are at all times.** Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and cell phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.
- **Point out safe places.** Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there’s trouble.
- **Teach children to trust their instincts.** Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult. Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened. Reassure children that you will help them when they need it.
- **Teach your children to be assertive.** Make sure they know that it’s okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.
- **Encourage your children to play with others.** There’s safety in numbers!”

The stark reality is that even the best-trained children can be deceived by a purposeful adult. But we can enhance our children’s safety by following the guidance above as well as keeping our eyes open, observing important details, and reporting suspicious activity. Let’s play it safe and make KHA an even better place to live.

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

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!

WHO ARE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The Vance Family (1-10 years residents)

Mike and Tina have lived at 3405 Canoncita Lane since June 2007. Mike, is a Dallas native, and Tina was born in Detroit, Michigan, but has been in Texas since she was 5 years old. Together, they have been married for over 17 years and have two boys, Whistler and Weston. Mike is the Director of Client Services for Anderson Merchandisers, a company that he has been with for over 20 years. Tina is a busy stay-at home mom that enjoys taking Whistler & Weston to school and their extracurricular activities, and can be found most days at the gym where she trains doing CrossFit & Olympic Weightlifting or at the kids' elementary school volunteering. Whistler and Weston will be in grades fourth and kindergarten respectively, this fall at Wells Elementary. Whistler loves playing guitar and video games, especially Minecraft. Weston enjoys gymnastics, basketball and art. Together as a family, they look forward to their annual ski & snowboard vacations in Whistler, B.C. Canada (Whistler's namesake) and New Mexico. The Vance's also enjoy attending church and bible studies at LifePoint Church in Plano. Buddy, a dachshund pekingese mix canine is the most recent addition to the Vance family. He will be sure to greet you with lots of barking when you walk by their home.

The Fischer Family (10-20 years residents)

Mark, Fiona, William and Karen live at 3509 Canoncita Ln. They loved our neighborhood so much they moved across the street last summer. They were married in 2003 and moved to our neighborhood shortly after. Mark grew up in San Antonio, TX and moved here in 1987 for work. Fiona is a native Dallasite, a stay at home mom and a PRN Speech-Language Pathologist at a hospital in Dallas. William will be in third grade this fall at Wells. He loves everything Lego, airplanes, cars and being outdoors. Karen also attends Wells and will be starting first grade in the fall. She loves cheerleading, music, art and playing outside. They are active members at their church, love to swim in the summer and play pool baseball together. The newest member of the family is, Beau, an Australian Shepherd mix they rescued last September. Beau is well known by anyone that walks past their home.

The Damle Family (20-40 years residents)

Tom and Rita Damle live at 3817 Sandia Drive. Both were born and raised in India. Tom immigrated to the US in 1974 and Rita joined him, after they were married, in 1978. They have been Texas residents since then and moved to Plano in 1988, 25 short years ago! Tom is an Engineer and Rita is a Geophysicist. After working for various companies they started their own Manufacturing plant - ARCUBE, located in the Richardson Telecom corridor, in 2000. The Damles have two sons who were raised in our neighborhood and graduated from UT Austin. Ratheen (works in the family business) is married to Ashwini (works at Dell) and lives in Plano. Angad lives in uptown and is in Medical Sales. Tom and Rita love to travel and have seen most of the world except Russia and Africa which they hope to visit soon! They also enjoy many activities in Kimberlea, participating in Supper Club, Poker Club and Bunco.

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.

STAGE 3

2013 WATERING RESTRICTIONS CALENDAR



STAGE 3 WATERING RESTRICTIONS BEGIN SATURDAY JUNE 1. ONLY ONCE PER WEEK WATERING WILL BE ALLOWED.

For this program even/odd are based upon the last digit of the service address. Addresses ending in zero are considered even.

Odd Addresses:
Tuesdays beginning June 4

Even Addresses:
Thursdays beginning June 6

THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO STAGE 3 OUTDOOR WATER USE:

- > Watering with sprinklers between 10am and 8pm is prohibited.
- > Excessive water runoff and watering during a rain event is prohibited.
- > Foundations, first year plantings of shrubs and trees may be watered within a 10-foot radius of their trunks for up to two hours any day by a hand-held hose or a soaker hose.
- > Hydro-seeding, hydro-mulching or sprigging are prohibited. Planting cool season grasses (such as rye) is also prohibited.
- > Low flow drip irrigation systems are not restricted. City of Plano is offering classes throughout the summer on converting to drip irrigation and quick fixes for irrigation systems. Registration is required online at livegreeninplano.obsres.com.

REMINDER: The most up to date information on the drought stages is available online at plano.gov/water or by calling the Water Conservation Information Hotline at 972.789.4338.

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During Stage 3, no variances for new landscaping will be granted.

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

May 17, 2013

Previous balance as February 7, 2013	\$5,712.83
Credits:	
Membership Dues	\$1,715.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,715.00
Debits	
Entryway maintenance 3 months	\$ 540.00
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$ 138.87
Easter Egg Scramble	\$ 107.93
TOTAL DEBITS	(\$786.80)
Balance as of May 17, 2013	\$6,641.03

131 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 7 "**HELP KHA GO GREEN**" of this newsletter for registering details.

KHA membership dues are \$ 35 annually.

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