

KHA News

Winter 2011-2012

Special Paper Edition – See Page 3 for Details

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

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

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SANTA CLAUS

Sat, December 10th, 10:00-11:30am

HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING

Sat, December 10th, 7:30pm

KHA ANNUAL DUES

It is time to show your association support by paying your 2012 dues. The KHA dues are again \$35 for the year.

Fun Fact: There are 330 homes in our beautiful Kimberlea neighborhood.

Not-So Fun Fact: Only 73 families have paid their dues for 2012.

DID YOU KNOW: Currently 90% of collected dues are applied to the, city required - annual maintenance of all five entrances to Kimberlea. A portion of the dues also pay for the Annual Oktoberfest, Santa's Visit to KHA and the Easter Egg Scramble. The following KHA activities are not funded by dues, but do allow you as a member to participate: Holiday Light Contest, Lady's Bunko, Supper Club, Men's Movie Night, Men's Poker Night, Annual Garage Sale and Wine Tastings. Learn more details about Lady's Bunko and Supper Club on page 6. So much fun for \$35 a year! See the annual KHA application form on the last page. **Please support your association.**

OKTOBERFEST 2011



This year's Oktoberfest was a big success! The weather was great, brauts were bountiful, the band a hit and most of all, the company spectacular. The kids had a fun time with the games, bounce house and face painting. Special thanks to the Plano Fire Department for bringing the Aerial Fire Truck for everyone to enjoy and for conducting the NEW Hands Only CPR session! It was a really fun day for all who attended.

A huge "thank you" to all the residents who worked so hard to make Oktoberfest a wonderful event.



2012 KHA INITIATIVES

New Year, new Officers, new Initiatives. We look forward in 2012 to implementing new and revamping old ideas.

- Help KHA Go Green – Receive the Newsletter and other updates on-line
- Update the Kimberlea signage at neighborhood entrances
- www.KimbeleaHome.com Website Updates: Information and Photos
- Add KHA Phone and Address Directory to the website, password protected for paid-member access
- KHA Annual Garage Sale - reimplementation in the Spring
- Rejuvenate both, Men's Movie Night and Poker Night

SPECIAL EDITION ARTICLE

HELP KHA GO GREEN

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER and IMPORTANT UPDATES ON-LINE

KHA's first initiative for 2012 is to Go Green! We sense our email distribution list needs an overhaul, so we are taking this opportunity to reach everyone in the neighborhood. Currently 109 emails are registered to receive the newsletter online, but we were only able to identify 75 families (due to their specific email address characters). These 75 families will receive this Winter Newsletter online only – thanks for being Green!

If you receive this Winter Newsletter twice, **via email and a paper copy in your mailbox**, you are part of the 26 emails we were not able to match to a name and street address. Please do not re-register for the newsletter; you will continue to receive the newsletter via email. However, to avoid receiving a paper version in the future, please email carriebeaird2007@gmail.com and provide your email, name and street address. We apologize for this glitch, and appreciate your effort in helping us clarify and verify our current list. All future registrations via the website will capture all details (name, street and email addresses) for KHA records.

If you do not receive this Winter Newsletter via email by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, that means you are not successfully registered. Please follow these simple and specific steps to sign up for online news today:

- 1) Visit 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.

255 Homes To Go ...
Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green!

SANTA CLAUS VISITS KHA

December 10, 2011 10:00-11:30am 3500 Canoncita Lane RSVP required

Ready for Santa, but dread holiday parking at the mall, followed by standing in line with restless kids and cranky parents to “pay” for a picture that may be less than perfect

Lucky for you, Santa Claus is coming to Town – Kimberlea Town, that is!

Come see him, Saturday December 10th, from 10:00 to 11:30am at 3500 Canoncita Lane, the home of Fiona and Mark Fischer. Remember to bring your camera for all those Kodak moments. Light refreshments will be served.

Please call Fiona at (972) 398-1631 or email her at cfiona@tx.rr.com to RSVP for this event.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

December 10, 2011 7:30pm 3337 Buckle Lane RSVP required

The KHA Holiday Light judging will be held on Saturday evening, December 10th at 7:30. Last year’s winners, Mark and Karla Salvatore, are hosting the event at their home, 3337 Buckle Lane. This is an evening to enjoy with adults only. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and BYOB. Food will be served before the gathering moves out to judge and pick this year’s winner.

Only current KHA members will be eligible to win. The winner will display the “KHA Holiday Lights Winner” sign for the remainder of the holiday season, receive **free membership dues** for 2012 and will have the honor of hosting next year’s judging party.

RSVP to the Salvatore’s at marnkar.salvatore@verizon.net or in the evening you can call 972-612-0144.

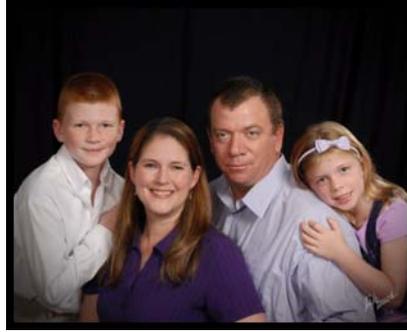
Remember ...

KHA activities previously announced are provided for all residents that paid their 2011 dues.

New members to KHA who have paid their 2012 dues are also welcome.

Be sure to pay your 2012 dues now, and plan to enjoy these events again next year!

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The Beard Family (>10 years residents)

Grant, Carrie and Lucy live at 3620 Candelaria Drive. Grant, from Montana, and Carrie, born and raised in the DFW metroplex, moved to Kimberlea in April 2008. Grant works in Plano at Bank of America and Carrie stays home with their 2 year old. Carrie joined Kimberlea's Bunko group in 2009 and the couple is starting their second year participating in the neighborhood Supper Club. As a family, they enjoy Oktoberfest each year and seeing Santa when he visits Kimberlea. Carrie is looking forward to being President of KHA 2012 and 2013 and hopes to encourage others to become involved in the various activities the neighborhood offers. We hope to meet you while on our walks or playing at Buckhorn Park. Please contact Carrie if you have any questions about KHA.

The Patterson Family (10-20 years residents)

Pat & Christie Patterson moved onto S. Echo Trail in 1998 when they were first married. They have been blessed to bring two children into their home since they arrived in Kimberlea. Benjamin is in 5th grade, 10 years old, and plays baseball like his life depends on it. Sarah is now 7 years old and is in 1st grade. She loves gymnastics, soccer and softball, but all come in second to tomatoes. Pat is an attorney, but is better known for being a huge Razorback fan and roadie to Benjamin's baseball "career". Christie started her own business, PCA Web Design, in Jan. 1999 and builds Web sites for small to medium size companies. She is also an avid gardener (fruit and veggies), scrapbooker, and loves to cook. The newest addition to the family is Mr. Bigglesworth, an 8 month old puppy adopted from the Plano Animal Shelter 2 weeks ago for Sarah's birthday. The Pattersons love living in Kimberlea, attend Supper Club and Oktoberfest, and enjoy the many other opportunities offered by the KHA.

The Fox Family (20-40 years residents)

Jim and Linda are some of the "oldest" residents in Kimberlea. They moved here from Bedford, NY and built their current home at 3636 Stagecoach Trail in late 1976 and early 1977. Jim and Linda raised their two children in Kimberlea. Now adults, their son, Tim lives and works in Washington DC while their daughter, Julie lives and works in Dallas. In March of 2011, Linda retired and is kept busy with Kimberlea activities and those of other organizations. Jim is semi-retired, working part-time from home on merger and acquisition projects. The Kimberlea Homeowners Association (KHA) has made this neighborhood very unique and special and they have always enjoyed meeting their neighbors and being part of the fun events. It was very active and vibrant in 1977 and remains active and vibrant in 2011. They watched Wells Elementary School being built and Coit Road enlarging to accommodate the growth north of us. Jim was one of Santa's helpers for many years and was the Easter Bunny at past KHA events for the children in the neighborhood. They believe they are among the few remaining "original settlers" of Kimberlea and encourage everyone to become a member of KHA, meet your neighbors and become involved in one of KHA's fun activities.

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.

CRIMEWATCH

The Holidays are just around the corner so now is the time to start thinking about protecting your home. Many neighbors will be traveling this holiday season 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.
- Call 911 to report **ANY** suspicious activity or persons.

Reports of minor criminal instances, such as petty theft and vandalism, help Police discover potential trends and locations. Non-emergency Police reports include violations, such as excessive noise, parking on the wrong side of the street, minor crimes after the suspect has left the scene and criminal mischief (examples: toilet papering and soaped windows). Help Police make your neighborhood more secure by filing a brief NON-EMERGENCY report by phone to the Plano Police Department at [\(972\) 424-5678](tel:972-424-5678).

Let's work together to make our Kimberlea neighborhood safe this Holiday season. Please keep me informed of any incidents so I can request additional police patrols if needed.

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

LADY'S BUNKO or SUPPER CLUB, ANYONE?

LADY'S BUNKO DETAILS

The Women's Bunko Group plays the first Wednesday of each month, with the exception of summer months (June-Aug). This is a wonderful evening of socializing and a great chance to get to know your neighbors better. Currently we have 16 regular players and approximately 10 alternates. Each player brings \$4 to the game. The host is responsible for providing light snacks, wine and other beverages. With current participation, each player hosts only once every 16 months! If you would be interested in becoming a member or for more information contact Julie Sinclair-Campbell at 972-596-0029.

SUPPER CLUB DETAILS

Supper Club focuses on a good time visiting with friends and neighbors. We meet the third Saturday of each month from August through May, except for October, as we attend Oktoberfest. We currently have 32 participants, divided into two groups. After hosting an evening, you rotate to the other group ... a great way to mix

SUPPER CLUB DETAILS, cont.

up the company each time. Three times a year all 32 members dine together; in August to kick off the Club's season, December for the holidays and in May, ending the season with a fantastic outdoor event with live music.

There is always plenty of food and drink, and no one has to host a group more than once in the Club's season. The preplanned spectacular menu and recipes are provided for the group. The average Supper Club dinner costs about \$35 per couple including beverages. Where else can two people eat a gourmet meal, from appetizers through dessert, including wine and beer, for around \$20-35??? Not to mention, the shenanigans with these folks are priceless. For more information contact Libby Perry, lperry3325@verizon.net.

Tempted to join Supper Club? Maybe these delicious recipes will push you over the edge, or at the least, please enjoy them with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season!

CHICKEN BREAST AND ALMOND SOUP – Supper Club September 2010



1/2 cup (125 ml) blanched almonds	Pinch of nutmeg
2 Tbls (30 ml) butter or margarine	1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cumin seed
1 medium onion, chopped	1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
2 skinless and boneless chicken breast halves	1/4 Cup (60 ml) dry sherry (optional)
8 Cups (2 L) chicken stock or canned chicken broth	1 Tbls (15 ml) chopped parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste	

Cook the chicken breast halves by simmering them in the chicken stock for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove them and set them aside. Sauté the almonds in the butter over moderate heat until golden. Place the almonds, onion, and one of the chicken breast halves in an electric blender or food processor, along with a little of the stock, and blend until pureed. Add this mixture to the remaining stock, along with the nutmeg, cumin, and cayenne. Add the second chicken breast half, cut into small pieces, and heat over moderate heat, stirring occasionally. Add the optional sherry just prior to serving. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Garnish with the chopped parsley and sliced almonds. Makes 6 servings.

ENGLISH TRIFLE – Supper Club February 2011

1 package (4-1/2 oz) vanilla pudding	2 Tablespoons red raspberry preserves
2 Cups light cream	1 (10 inch) round sponge cake
2 Tablespoons dark Rum	1/4 Cup brandy
2 1/4 Cups heavy cream	1/4 Cup dry sherry
3 Tablespoons sugar	30 whole strawberries



Combine pudding mix and light cream. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Add rum; chill. Whip 1 1/4 cups heavy cream and 1 tablespoon sugar until stiff. Fold into chilled pudding. Coat the inside of a deep 10-inch bowl with raspberry preserves to within 1-inch of the top. Slice cake horizontally into fourth. Place top slice, crust side up, in bottom of bowl, curving edges of cake upward. Combine brandy and sherry; sprinkle about a fourth of the mixture (about 2 Tablespoons) over the cake slice. Spread one third of chilled pudding mixture over cake slice. Repeat procedure two additional times. Arrange 15 strawberries on top layer of pudding. Cover with remaining cake layer, crust side down. Sprinkle with remaining brandy-sherry mixture. Whip remaining 1 Cup cream and 2 Tablespoons sugar until stiff. Place whipped cream in pastry bag with fluted tip. Use whipped cream and remaining strawberries to decorate the top. Chill at least 6 hours. To serve: spoon onto chilled dessert plates. Makes 12 servings.

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

November 9, 2011

Previous balance as September 21, 2011 \$5234.77

Credits:

Membership Dues \$2450.00
Oktoberfest Guests 146.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$2596.00

Debits:

Entryway maintenance 1 month \$180.00
Newsletter Printing & Postage \$ 49.92
Bank Service Charges \$ 5.00
Santa Visit \$ 0
PCA Web Hosting \$ 120.00
Oktoberfest \$ 1600.16

TOTAL DEBITS (\$1955.08)

Balance as of November 9, 2011 \$5875.69

KHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____

NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Note: Providing your email does not register you for online newsletters. See page 3 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