

KHA News

Winter 2013-2014

Kimberlea Homeowners' Association

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UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

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SANTA VISITS KIMBERLEA

The Alter's House, 3709 Candelaria – RSVP Required

Sunday, Dec 8th, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING

The Alvarez's, 3716 Starlight Trail – RSVP Required

Friday, December 13th at 6:45pm

GOING GREEN IN 2013

Only a few more weeks left this year to help KHA Go Green in 2013! 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. **217 out of 330 Homes To Go...Thanks for supporting KHA Going Green in 2013!**

UPDATED KHA DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW (ONLINE)

Our KHA online directory is updated twice a year. The winter 2013/2014 updates, including names, addresses and phone numbers have been completed. Members who have paid their 2014 dues are marked with an (**) by their name. Names without (**) lists contact information for the corresponding address from the last time we received dues at that address – some as current as 2013, others may be 10 years old.

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 2014 dues and need the username and password, contact Libby Perry, lperry3325@verizon.net or Carrie Beard, carriebeard2007@gmail.com. Paper copies of the directories are available; contact Libby Perry.

KHA 2013 OKTOBERFEST

Thanks for joining us at KHA's Annual Oktoberfest. It was a perfect day filled with live German music, food, fun and fantastic company. We would especially like to thank our neighbors on Stagecoach for letting us take over their street and yards for the afternoon. In addition, we are grateful to everyone who volunteered their time to shop, cook, help set up/tear down, paint faces, work at the check-in table and supervise the bounce house. The day would not have been a success without everyone generously donating their time and talents.

Did we snap your picture at Oktoberfest? See more photos at www.kimberleahome.com/photogallery.





SANTA VISITS KIMBERLEA

**Sunday, December 8, 2013
1:30pm -3:00pm
3709 Candelaria Drive
RSVP Required**

Ho Ho Ho! Santa is coming to town and making a special stop in our neighborhood at the home of David and Tracee Alters. Please join us to have your picture taken in this special, crowd free visit with Santa. Enjoy some holiday crafts including classic reindeer food for Christmas Eve! Light refreshments will be served. **Don't forget your camera and your holiday spirit!** RSVP Required. Please contact Tracee Alters at: 972-985-7871 or talters@gmail.com.



KIMBERLEA HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING CONTEST



Fri, December 13, 2013 6:45pm 3716 Starlight Trail RSVP required

The KHA Holiday Light judging will be held on Friday evening, December 13th at 6:45pm. All KHA members are welcome to join this fun crowd for a night of lights, lawns and laughter! Last year's winners, Denny and Lisa Alvarez, are hosting the event at their home, 3716 Starlight Trail. 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. RSVP to the Alvarez's at lisalvarez@yahoo.com or 972-769-0933.

TIME TO DECORATE ... WILL YOUR HOME WIN BEST IN SHOW?

Light and decorate your house and yard for the holidays by Friday, December 13th. 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 2014 and will have the honor of hosting next year's judging party.



Remember ... KHA activities are provided for all residents that pay their annual dues. Be sure to pay your dues to enjoy the remaining events of the year; details on page 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

HOLIDAY FUN IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS



Lions Club: Plano's Annual Christmas Parade

parades.planolions.org

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 9:00AM

PARADE ROUTE: The parade starts in the parking lot of the Plano ISD administration building. It will travel west on 15th St., then north on Independence. Then east on Parkhaven ending in the parking lot of Plano Senior High.

CRIME WATCH

Deck the Halls with Preparation by Larry Kryske

Crime has plagued every city in America. Just five decades ago, President Kennedy's life was cut short, and people across our city, nation, and the world mourned his loss. The shock, violence, and history making consequences of that senseless act in downtown Dallas still disturb us.

In our own neighborhoods, we are seeing a surge in criminal activity involving weapons. A woman walking her dog at Parker and Preston at 6 am was held up. A woman entered her garage near Independence and McDermott at 7:53 pm was robbed by two men, one of whom had a pistol. A boy walking to school at 8:30 am near 15th St and Ave K was robbed by a pistol-toting criminal. A man was walking near West Plano Parkway and Coit at 5:15 pm when a car stopped, two men got out and robbed the walker at gunpoint.

The approaching holidays are another opportunity when crime seems to descend upon our neighborhoods. I want to share some good home security guidance from Chris McGoey, a security consultant and private investigator.

Home Security Over the Christmas Holidays by Chris E. McGoey

“Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us.

“Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewelry, and easily sold valuables.

“Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.”

- “Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so they are easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.
- Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.
- Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window, preventing the window from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.
- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on your house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, “You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message.” Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.

- Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.”

While Dallas remembers the tragedy that occurred on its streets fifty years ago, next year on 28 June will be the beginning of the centennial remembrance of World War I. The war started when another assassin’s bullet set a train of events in motion that led to a conflict that lasted four years, spanned the entire globe, and resulted in over 10 million deaths, 20 million wounded, and 8 million missing. The major European powers mobilized and went to war in August, 1914. The initial movement of great armies became stalemated, and both sides took up positions in trenches that stretched from the English Channel in Belgium to the Swiss border. Barbed wire, artillery barrages, and machinegun fire dominated the desolate landscape.

As the first Christmas approached in 1914, a series of widespread unofficial ceasefires surprisingly occurred all along the Western Front. On Christmas Eve and Day, British and German soldiers sang carols, exchanged gifts of food and souvenirs, and played games of soccer. This Christmas Truce never occurred again during the remainder of the war.

As the holiday season approaches our comfortable and serene neighborhood, we cannot expect the criminals to participate in a truce. Please incorporate Chris McGoey’s suggestions and enjoy a safe and secure time with your families and friends.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to meeting each of you as we together work to make Kimberlea an even better place to live and raise our families.

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

KIMBERLEA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND 2014 DUES

What does \$35 annually mean to you?

Thank you for your interest in the Kimberlea Homeowners Association (KHA). 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 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, 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.

KHA dues are \$35 per home annually. **Traditionally we collect dues at Oktoberfest and subsequently provide an invoice in January to collect from any outstanding homes.** We will accept payment anytime during the year. Although dues are voluntary, we hope you agree \$35 annually is a reasonable amount to help your neighborhood association continue to thrive, provide such wonderful activities and to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

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 “Treasury Report” is provided each quarter in the KHA newsletter. **Please support your association.**

KHA TREASURER'S REPORT

November 23, 2013

Previous balance as September 3, 2013 \$5,484.40

Credits:

Membership Dues \$2,136.00
Oktoberfest guests \$ 437.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$2,573.00

Debits

Entryway maintenance 3 months \$ 540.00
Web Hosting and Name Domain Registration \$ 154.41
Newsletter Printing & Postage \$ 94.13
Oktoberfest \$1,665.58

TOTAL DEBITS (\$2,454.12)

Balance as of November 23, 2013 \$5,603.28

68 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 1 "**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

3325 Canoncita Lane

Plano, TX 75023