

# KHA News

## Winter 2016-2017

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### UPCOMING KHA DATES TO REMEMBER

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#### **SANTA VISITS KIMBERLEA**

**Kevin Reagan and Jerri Hyland's Home, 3708 Sandia Drive**

**RSVP Requested: [chris@chrisheaton.com](mailto:chris@chrisheaton.com)**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

#### **HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING**

**Ted and Pat Kubick's Home, 3428 Mission Ridge Road**

**RSVP Requested: [chris@chrisheaton.com](mailto:chris@chrisheaton.com)**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm**

### **UPDATED KHA DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW (ONLINE)**

Our KHA online directory is updated twice a year. The winter updates, including names, addresses and phone numbers have been completed. Members who are current with their 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.

The Directory is a benefit for KHA members and can be accessed with a username and password at [www.kimberleahome.com](http://www.kimberleahome.com). If your dues are current you and need the username and password, contact Libby Perry, [lperry3325@verizon.net](mailto:lperry3325@verizon.net) or Chris Heaton, [chris@chrisheaton.com](mailto:chris@chrisheaton.com). Paper copies of the directories are available; contact Libby Perry.

## KHA 2016 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](http://www.kimberleahome.com/photogallery).





**SANTA VISITS KIMBERLEA**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**3708 Sandia Drive**  
**RSVP Requested**

Ho Ho Ho! Santa is coming to town and making a special stop in our Kimberlea neighborhood! Please join us at Kevin Reagan and Jerri Hyland’s home 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!** Remember, KHA activities are provided for all residents that are current with their annual dues! Please RSVP to Chris Heaton at [chris@chrisheaton.com](mailto:chris@chrisheaton.com) or 214-473-6793.



**KIMBERLEA HOLIDAY LIGHT JUDGING CONTEST**



**Saturday, December 10, 2016      6:45pm      3428 Mission Ridge Road      RSVP requested**

The KHA Holiday Light judging will be held on Saturday evening, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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, Ted and Pat Kubick, are hosting the event at their home, 3428 Mission Ridge Road. 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. Please RSVP to Chris Heaton at [chris@chrisheaton.com](mailto:chris@chrisheaton.com) or 214-473-6793.

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

Light and decorate your house and yard for the holidays by Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. **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 next year and will have the honor of hosting next year’s judging party.



**HOLIDAY FUN IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS**

**Lions Club: Plano’s Annual Christmas Parade**

[christmas.planolions.org](http://christmas.planolions.org)

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM

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

# CRIME WATCH: HOLIDAY SAFETY AND SECURITY

The holidays are here upon us, again! I'm sure all the turkeys are clucking "Eat more beef!" I grew up in Los Angeles. For us, a winter's day was highs in the high 60s and lows in the high 40s. I saw frost a number of times but never snow during my twenty years in the City of the Angels. I think it's easier to get in the holiday mood when the temperatures are cooler.

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled, in cooperation with the LAPD Crime Prevention Section, to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

## Driving

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

## Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a police station, mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

## Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.

- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

## Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

## At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- **Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.**

## Strangers at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- **Donate to a recognized charitable organization.**

## Hosting a Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.

- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

## Attending a Party

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.
- Never drink and drive.

## THIS SHOULD BE AN EYE-OPENER FOR YOU:

*By Kyle Iboshi, KGW News, Portland, Ore.*

Do you ever wonder whether your home security system or “Beware of Dog” sign actually keeps burglars away?

We did too. So KGW's investigative team sent letters to 86 inmates currently serving time for burglary in the Oregon Department of Corrections. The inmates were asked to respond anonymously to 17 questions detailing how they broke in, when the crime occurred and what they were looking for.

What we learned could help you keep your home safe from burglaries.

Below is a summary of the answers we received.

### 1. **How did you typically break into a home or apartment?**

Most inmates broke in through an unlocked door or window. Several burglars kicked the door open.

“I would kick in the door rather than break glass. Loud bangs are better than loud glass breaking, plus you run the risk of getting cut,” said one inmate.

### 2. **Once inside, what was the first thing you looked to steal?**

Jewelry, electronics, cash and credit cards are all attractive to burglars. Inmates also added collectibles and guns.

“NRA sticker on car bumper = Lots of guns to steal,” wrote one burglar.

### 3. **Where did you look for hidden valuables?**

Most burglars started by searching the master bedroom for valuables, then moved through the rest of the house.

“Everywhere! From the stove and freezer, to the fish tank and toilet tank, book shelves and in boxes of cereal,” said an inmate.

### 4. **What time of the day did you prefer to break in?**

Burglars prefer breaking in early morning or afternoon.

“Between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Anyone that was home for lunch should be gone by then and most kids should all still be in school,” wrote a convicted burglar.

### 5. **Did home protection or security signs posted outside the home deter you?**

Burglars had mixed opinions about home security signs. Some burglars said it didn't faze them. Others said they knew how to disable alarms or avoid setting them off.

### 6. **Did pets in the home, like a dog, make you think twice?**

If a homeowner had a big, loud dog most burglars would stay away. Smaller dogs don't seem to bother them.

“Dogs are a deal breaker for me,” said one inmate. “Big breeds, home protectors are the best to keep people out.”

### 7. **Did you typically knock on the front door before breaking into a home?**

Yes. All of the inmates who responded said they would knock on the front door before breaking in.

**8. If someone answered the door, what would you do or say?**

“Act like I was lost or looking for a friend.”

“I would approach the resident as though they had posted an ad on Craigslist.”

“Say wrong house, sorry and thank you.”

“Ask if they’d seen my dog and leave.”

“Sometimes I would wear nice clothing and print a questionnaire off the Internet and carry a clipboard and see if they could spare a moment for an anonymous survey.”

**9. If a home alarm system went off, what would you do?**

Most intruders said they would leave immediately if a security alarm went off.

“I would try and turn it off or get the hell out of there,” said one burglar.

**10. If there was a security camera visible, would it keep you from breaking in?**

Generally, burglars agreed security cameras were a deterrent. But some said it also likely signaled there were valuables inside the home.

**11. Did lights on in the home make you think twice?**

Responses were mixed regarding lights on in a home. Some said it was a deterrent. But one burglar said the combination of lights on and blinds closed created an attractive location.

“Would drive through upper class neighborhoods looking for many things, like porch light on with all window blinds closed,” wrote one inmate.

**12. If you heard a radio or TV on inside the home, would you still break in?**

Most burglars feared someone might be home if they heard a radio or TV. They wouldn’t break in.

“Absolutely not,” wrote a burglar.

**13. Would it make a difference if there was a vehicle in the driveway?**

As a homeowner, this is one of the best precautions you can take. Almost all of the burglars said they’d think twice if there was a car in the driveway.

“Most of the time that is a sure-fire sign of someone being home,” wrote an inmate.

**14. What was your ideal target for a burglary?**

Burglars don’t want to be seen. They looked for homes with big fences and overgrown trees or bushes.

“Home away from other homes, blind spots, older window frames, cheap wooden doors,” wrote a burglar.

“Large trees, bushes or shrubs around the home, or very reserved and conservative neighbors,” wrote another inmate.

“Nice home with nice car = A person with money,” another said.

**15. Did you ever do surveillance on your target?**

The responses were mixed. Some burglars did surveillance before a burglary, while others did not.

**16. If you did surveillance, what were you trying to figure out?**

Of those burglars who did surveillance, most agreed they were looking for the best opportunity to break-in.

“Who lives in the home, what are their weekday schedules (weekends are too unpredictable), what they drive, is there a dog, a hidden key,” wrote one inmate.

“What time the house would be empty and for how long,” wrote another.

**17. What is the one thing homeowners can do to avoid being burglarized?**

Burglars suggest homeowners make their property visible with good lighting and trimmed bushes and trees. You should get to know your neighbors and alert police if you see anything suspicious.

“In my opinion, I think homeowners should always leave a TV or radio on,” said one inmate.

“Get a camera and make it visible!” wrote another.

“Put bars on your windows and doors, get an alarm, keep an extra car in the driveway, keep lights, TVs and radios on when you leave your home,” read one questionnaire.

“Home alarm, know your neighbor so they can report suspicious people around the neighborhood,” said a burglar.

Many of those inmates who responded were remorseful. They don’t want homeowners to be victimized.

“Thank you for giving me the chance to help and give back something that will actually help people,” wrote one inmate.

"I'll never be able to give back the sense of security I destroyed but I can help prevent others from losing theirs," said another convicted burglar.

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.

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HEALTHY LIVING

# 10 easy tips that could save you

Survival about being ready for anything, retired Navy SEAL says



Clint Emerson

which doesn't freeze the site of the injury," he says.

**4 Become "crisis proof."** Emerson says it's essential to stop staring at your cellphone and "look outside the 3-foot bubble" whenever you leave your house.

**5 Outwit a purse-snatcher.** Wear black, nondescript purses or bags, or one with a short strap that can be worn across your chest.

**6 Fortify your home security.** The first step to keeping out burglars and potentially violent intruders is making sure your doors are secure, Emerson says. And if somebody does get into your house at night, call 911 but don't turn on the lights.

**7 Build a tactical nightstand.** You don't necessarily need to own a gun to scare off an intruder, he says. "Wasp spray is an awesome tool," Emerson says.

**8 Use a flashlight as a tactical tool.**

**9 Prepare a personal survival kit.** Emerson advocates keeping two personal survival bags — one in your home, another in your car trunk — full of essentials that you'll need after a natural disaster.

**10 Navigate your environment.** "GPS is great, but you need an actual paper map and a compass as a backup, and you need to know the Boy Scout primitive way of how to orient the map and use the sun or the stars to find your way back," he says.

**T**urn on the TV news and the message you hear night after night is that the world is a deadly place. Statistics argue otherwise. But retired Navy SEAL Clint Emerson says that we should be ready on the off chance that something bad does happen to us. "I'm not a fearmonger," says Emerson, the Frisco-based author of *100 Deadly Skills: Survival Edition* (Touchstone), which was released Tuesday. "But we do need to be prepared." We talked to Emerson about 10 of his survival and safety skills ranging from the mundane to the extreme.

**1 Escape a stadium or theater shooter.** Emerson offers two key suggestions for not getting shot in a contained public space: Stay low and avoid the choke points. "A choke point is anywhere where paths cross and people congregate, like an exit or the bottom of a stair. It's where you end up being a sitting duck," he says. Last, never hide in a bathroom.

**2 Stop the bleeding.** "It all boils down to pressure," Emerson says. "People forget you're supposed to put direct pressure on the wound and also above the wound to slow down the bleeding."

**3 Treat minor burns.** Instead of ice, "use cold water,

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## 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](http://www.kimberleahome.com).

**Thanks for supporting KHA Go Green!**

## KIMBERLEA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND DUES

### What does \$50 annually mean to you?

Kimberlea residents will recognize that we have raised our annual association dues from \$35 to \$50. This increase in dues is necessary for two primary reasons. One, just about all expenses for association funded activities have increased substantially over the last several years while dues have not increased in almost 20 years. Two, the number of Kimberlea families paying dues has dropped from roughly 150 to 110 over the last several years. This has created a situation where the association is currently operating at a deficit and where additional funds are required. By comparison, 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.

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 and the Holiday Light Contest. Learn more about these events and activities at [www.kimberleahome.com](http://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 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 \$50 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 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**  
**November 6, 2016**

Previous balance as August 24, 2016 \$3,684.57

Credits:

Membership dues \$ 2,860.00  
Oktoberfest guests \$ 15.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 2,875.00

Debits

Entryway maintenance 3 months \$ 675.00  
Plant replacement \$ 43.26  
Newsletter printing \$ 334.19  
Oktoberfest \$ 1,531.43  
TOTAL DEBITS (\$2,583.88)

Balance as of November 6, 2016 \$3,975.69

64 families have paid their 2017 dues.

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**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

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