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FOURTH QUARTER 2008

# AMBERWOOD

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF AMBERWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

## DECORATE YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



The 4th Annual Amberwood Holiday decorating contest is on again! So get busy putting up your lights and decorations! On the evenings of December 18th and 19th (Thursday & Friday) from 6 PM to 9 PM Judging will take place so be sure to have your lights on!

The Judges:  
Each Homeowner (only one vote per household)  
Even if you don't decorate, you can still vote.

Drop off your ballot at 231 Amber Ash Drive no later than noon on Sunday, December 21st in the box by the front door!

Winners will be announced on the website and in the newsletter.



- 1st Place - \$100.00 Home Depot Gift Certificate
- 2nd Place - \$75.00 Home Depot Gift Certificate
- 3rd Place - \$25.00 Home Depot Gift Certificate

Official Ballot

Our home address is: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are voting for address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules: You cannot vote for your own house!  
Have fun decorating!**



## Welcome to the new HOA Board Members

It seems it was just yesterday when the residents took control over the Board for the Amberwood Homeowners Association on October 24, 2007. A new set of Board Committee members are serving the association for the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 after the residents voted on October 15, 2008 for a one-year term. We welcome the new HOA Board Chairs and give a big thanks to the previous Chairs – Ray Bryant, Mike Rubsam and Heather Gool, who rendered great service to the community.





## Association Manager:

**Jodie Walker**

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### KEY CONTACTS

**Ray Bryant**  
President

**Heather Gool**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Mike Rubsam**  
Vice President

Want to get involved?

### Join a COMMITTEE?

Contact the chairperson below to join or just stop in at the next scheduled meeting!

#### Covenant Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Vicki Rubsam.....295-4304  
.....therubsams@earthlink.net

#### Beautification Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Sara Ricke.....262-0212  
.....sara\_ricke@hotmail.com

#### Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Sonny Tamayo.....262-7246  
.....jay2fair@msn.com

#### Pool Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Sara Ricke.....262-0212  
.....sara\_ricke@hotmail.com  
Co-chair: Mr. Joel Smith.....beinsured@hotmail.com

#### Safety Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Duane Ammerman.....789-2493  
.....durango446@hotmail.com  
Co-Chair: Mr. Richard Vasquez.....426-4248

#### Social Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Sandra Bryant.....925-3747  
.....sandra32@austin.rr.com

#### Website Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Chris Villanueva.....784-5133  
.....chrisv@texas.net

#### RealManage Property Management

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# Amberwood Social Committee

**CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Social Committee will be collecting CANNED GOODS, TOYS AND NEW/USED BOOKS UNTIL December 6th, BENEFITING:

**"HAYS COUNTY BROWN SANTA"**

YOU CAN DROP YOUR DONATIONS OFF AT THESE LOCATIONS:

- 118 Pecanwood North - Sandra Bryant: 925-3747
- 100 Pecanwood South - Linda Freeman: 262-7872
- OR bring them to the NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
- Email A Social Committee Member (Belinda Auditore - [bauditore@hotmail.com](mailto:bauditore@hotmail.com), Linda Freeman - [LFREEMAN2@AUSTIN.RR.COM](mailto:LFREEMAN2@AUSTIN.RR.COM), Gary Rush - [kgsagebrush@aol.com](mailto:kgsagebrush@aol.com) and Sandra Bryant - [sandra32@austin.rr.com](mailto:sandra32@austin.rr.com))
- Set them on the curb on Saturday, December 6th from 7AM to 9AM

You can come by the pool on December 6th to take a FREE PICTURE with Santa, pick up some candy canes and check out the fire truck.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



### WHO KNEW?

Amberwood has a bulletin board at the pool to post information about neighborhood-community events and lost pets.



For more information, please contact Sandra Bryant at 925-3747.



# KYLE POLICE REPORT FOR AMBERWOOD COMMUNITY

JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2008

Compiled by Craig Wiseman and Mike Rubsam - Amberwood Safety Committee

- 84 incidents of non-specific police investigations.
- 46 incidents of animal disturbances.
- 1 incident of domestic disturbance.
- 8 incidents of criminal property mischief.
- 11 incidents of disorderly conduct.
- 27 incidents of vehicle stops.
- 9 incidents of traffic control.
- 9 incidents of burglary of vehicle.
- 1 incident of burglary of a building.
- 26 incidents of suspicious person or vehicle.
- 7 incidents of trespassing.
- 1 incident of assault.
- 1 violation of city ordinance.
- 4 misdemeanor arrests.
- 3 vehicle accidents.
- 3 runaway juveniles.
- 3 incidents of identity fraud.

The first half of 2008 has brought an increase of vehicle burglaries to Amberwood and our residents are reminded never to leave expensive equipment in plain view inside your vehicle. Always park your vehicle in a well lit location and lock it. We have also had an increase in suspicious person or vehicle, and trespassing reports which is an indication that Amberwood residents are paying attention to what is happening around them and getting involved by contacting the police department. Our Chief of Police, Mike Blake, has encouraged us to be aware of suspicious activity in our neighborhood and to quickly notify the police of such activity. Vigilance is the first step in crime prevention.

**Kyle Animal Control** 268-8800

**Kyle Police Department** 268-3232

If any Amberwood resident has a safety concern they may contact one of the Safety Committee Co-Chairmen listed below:

Duane Ammerman 225 Amber Ash Dr. 789-2493

Richard Vasquez 133 Amber Ash Dr. 426-4248

By February 2009, analog TV sets will need a converter box to receive a digital signal on an analog box. The converter box can cost from \$50.00 to \$70.00 but you can knock down the price by presenting a government-issued \$40.00 gift type coupon when buying the converter box. Each household can receive two (2) coupons but can only use one per converter box. These coupons will expire 90 days after issue and are available until March 2009, while supplies last.

To apply for coupons, go to [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) and download the form or call the toll free line, 24-hour hotline at 888-DTV-2009 (888-388-2009).

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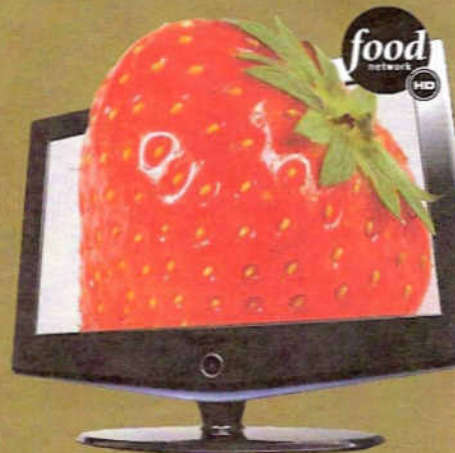
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# Yard of the Month Winners

The following "Yard of the Month" winners will receive \$50 Home Depot gift certificates. **Congratulations!**

## July 2008



## August 2008



**Robert Martinez**  
1508 Amberwood Loop



**Linda Freeman**  
100 Pecanwood South

# PREPARING FOR HIGH NATURAL GAS BILLS

Just a reminder, even though you may have already received a notice from CenterPoint Energy, gas bills will increase by as much as 45 percent (%) or higher this winter.

Energy-saving tips:

- Lowering water heater temperature to 120 degrees from 140 degrees and wrapping water heater pipes.
- Check your furnace filter monthly and replace them when dirty.
- Seal and caulk windows and doors.
- Only run your washing machine, dish washer and gas dryer when you have full loads.

For more information visit the CenterPoint Energy website at [www.CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter).



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