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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF AMBERWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

CONGRATULATIONS: 2008 HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

The winners for the 2008 Halloween Decorating Contest are listed below. Each will receive a gift card from Home Depot. Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes and made our neighborhood a truly fun and spirited place! This was a fantastic year!



1st Place - \$100.00
165 Amber Ash
Gil & Sue Martinez



2nd Place - \$100.00
174 Amber Ash
Bonnie & Sheldon Northcut

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. <http://amberwoodhomeowners.org/classifieds/1> Kyle/ is a Community Classifieds site now available on the neighborhood website for residents to post items such as things for sale, baby sitting, arts and crafts, etc. Check it out!
2. HOA Annual Assessments: At this time, every homeowner in Amberwood received their HOA annual assessment statement by mail. Make sure to send in your payment before the due-date to avoid penalties.
3. **Happy Birthday** to the following residents of the Amberwood Community:
 - On **February 11, 2009**, Danielle Tamayo, eldest daughter of Sonny and Evelyn Tamayo, will turn 15 years old.
 - On **February 13, 2009**, Sara Ricke, volunteer committee chair, will turn 35 years old.
4. Farewell: Sara Ricke has resigned as Chairperson of the Pool Committee and the Neighborhood Beautification Committee. Sara has successfully chaired these committees since 2006 and was involved in the decisions regarding having lifeguards at the pool, pool hours, Opening Day Pool Party, Yard of the Month, keeping the drainage easements mowed, and holiday decorating contests. Kay Rush has taken over the duties of chairing the NBC Committee. The position for the Pool Committee Chair is still vacant. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact one of the Board members. We hate to see Sara leave the neighborhood as she will be sadly missed, and wish her all the best.

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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. Kay Rush.....262-0527
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Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Sonny Tamayo.....262-7246
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Pool Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Kay Rush.....262-0527
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Safety Committee

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 Co-Chair: Mr. Richard Vasquez.....426-4248

Social Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Sandra Bryant.....925-3747
sandra32@austin.rr.com
 Co-Chair: Ms. Linda Freeman

Website Committee

Webmaster: Mr. Chris Villanueva.....484-5133
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 Co-Chair: Ms. Peggy Farrell

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DON'T FORGET ABOUT THOSE WEEDS!

Attention Homeowners:

Weeds have taken off in your area, and with recent rains, they will quickly spread. Please take steps to remove and control these weeds around your property, including your driveway, sidewalk and curbs in front and behind your home. PLEASE, do not allow them to spread to your neighbors!

The easiest way to stop weeds from invading your lawn and garden is preventing them in the first place. Here are some helpful tips to achieve a beautiful, weed-free lawn and garden:

- Avoid light, frequent waterings or overwatering. Plants that receive deep, infrequent watering, generate extensive root systems. Strong roots foster thick, hearty plants and lawns that withstand stress, preventing invasions from pests, weeds and disease.
- Fertilize your lawns and gardens on a regular basis.
- Always cut lawns at the proper mowing height. Never cut off more than 1/3 of the grass blade at one time. Keep mower blades sharp to avoid tearing plant leaves. Scalping or mowing too closely will stress your lawn, while weeds thrive under these conditions.
- Stop weeds before they can seed or develop extensive root structures. Remove existing weeds by pulling or hoeing them, or use an all-purpose weed killer of your choice. Then, apply a pre-emergent control to prevent new weeds from germinating.

Your assistance in maintaining your yard and controlling these noxious weeds is greatly appreciated.

BROWN SANTA!



KYLE POLICE REPORT FOR AMBERWOOD COMMUNITY

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2008

Compiled by Craig Wiseman and Mike Rubsam - Amberwood Safety Committee

- 44 incidents of non-specific police investigations.
- 24 incidents of animal disturbances.
- 5 incidents of domestic disturbances.
- 6 incidents of criminal property mischief.
- 4 incidents of disorderly conduct.
- 13 incidents of vehicle stops.
- 2 incidents of traffic control.
- 4 incidents of burglary of vehicle.
- 2 incidents of theft.
- 7 incidents of suspicious person or vehicle.
- 1 incident of trespassing.
- 2 incidents of assault.
- 12 violations of city ordinance.
- 1 misdemeanor arrest.
- 3 vehicle accidents.
- 1 runaway juvenile.
- 4 incidents of identity fraud.

The third quarter of 2008 has been comparatively quiet for Amberwood and we offer our congratulations to Kyle Chief of Police Mike Blake and his officers for their responsiveness and commitment to protecting our neighborhood.

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



HOW TO PREVENT VEHICLE BREAK-INS

Recently in our subdivision, a series of vehicles break-ins were reported to increase. Car theft/break-in is a serious, but very common crime that many unfortunate people become victim to. Nearly 2.5 million car break-ins are reported every year, which averages out to 281 break-ins every hour.

Unfortunately, there is no sure way to prevent your car from being broken into, but there are ways to decrease your risk significantly. There are many precautions you can take, some more expensive than others. Of course, the more money you spend to protect your vehicle, the safer it will be. However, you can keep your car relatively safe without spending any extra money.

Basic, Low-Cost Methods

1. Park in well-lit areas. The best option is to turn on all outside lights to your house including: the front door, garage and back yard. This will deter possible break-ins.
2. Before leaving your car, make sure there is nothing valuable sitting in plain sight. It is best not to keep expensive items in your car, but for some things (like a stereo), there is no alternative.
3. Roll all of the windows up all the way and lock all the doors.

Taking these precautions is certainly no guarantee that your vehicle will be safe, but it leaves you in the least risky situation possible without spending money on your car's security systems.

Initial Purchase Considerations

1. Before purchasing a vehicle, do some research on the cars you have in mind. Certain makes and models of vehicles are more frequently/easily broken into than others.
2. If you purchase a custom stereo, try to get one with a detachable faceplate so you can take that with you when you leave the car. This may seem like a hassle, but it's worth it.
3. If you install a sound system or any auxiliary video equipment in your car, try to make it as inconspicuous as possible. If someone can look into your windows and see expensive custom systems, they will want to smash those windows.

Residents are encouraged to call the Kyle Police at (512)268-3232 or 911 if they see any suspicious movement or incidents in the neighborhood.

Amberwood is a deed restricted subdivision. If any homeowner requires a copy of the Bylaws/Deed Restrictions, please contact RealManage. RealManage also asks that all homeowners update their contact information and mailing addresses by contacting RealManage (contact information listed on page 2).

RECIPE CORNER

Vegetable Lasagna (Serves 6)

Ingredients:

- 1 package (10 oz) frozen spinach
- 2 cans (8 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 can (6 oz) tomato paste
- 1 can (4 oz) sliced mushrooms
- 1 zucchini squash, sliced
- 1 yellow squash, sliced
- ¼ cup chopped onions
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 1 teaspoon basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ package (16 oz) lasagna noodles (cooked)
- 2 cups small-curd cottage cheese
- 2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

Preparation:

1. Cook spinach according to directions and drain well.
2. Mix together tomato sauce, tomato paste, mushrooms, onion, oregano, basil, garlic powder and salt.
3. Spread a half cup of mixture over the bottom of a 12-inch x 8-inch x 2-inch or equivalent dish.
4. Layer half of the cooked lasagna noodles over sauce, followed by half of the remaining spinach, zucchini, yellow squash slices, cottage cheese, mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce mixture.
5. Repeat layers.
6. Cover well and freeze.
7. When ready to bake, remove from freezer and preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
8. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until hot and bubbly.



Persimmon Brownies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups persimmon pulp
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Cream butter and sugar.
3. Add persimmon, buttermilk and eggs; mix well.
4. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg; stir well.
5. Pour into lightly greased 10 x 12 inch or equivalent size dish.
6. Bake for 45 minutes.
7. To prepare the icing, cream together the cream cheese and butter. Add vanilla and cream; mix well. Add sugar.
8. Spread icing over cooled brownies and sprinkle with nuts.

Cream Cheese Icing

Ingredients:

- 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 pound confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoon cream



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