

BRECKIN' NEWS

The Knolls at Breckinridge Homeowners Association Newsletter



BOARD ELECTIONS & ANNUAL HOA MEETING

OCTOBER 2,
7:00 P.M.

The board and the committee leaders are asking that we

increase the size of the board from three members to five. We need your approval to change the size of the board AND we need volunteers and nominations for the Board. We have two members from our current board who have announced that they may not run again for re-election.

The annual HOA meeting and Board Elections are currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. We need full attendance in order to have Board re-elections. Proxies may be distributed to those who cannot attend so look for more information on www.the-knolls.net.



Have you thought about becoming involved in a committee or joining the Board? Contact committee chairs to join a committee or

submit your name or the name of your board nomination to nomination@the-knolls.net and look for additional announcements on the Knolls website.

CRIME WATCH NEWS.

Everyone mark your calendars for the first annual Knolls' *National Night Out for Crime* Neighborhood Party to be held on **August 6th from 6-9 pm** at the pool and common area.

This is an important event for ALL residents to attend, as this is the kick-off event in our effort to qualify with the city of Richardson as a neighborhood crime watch unit. In order to participate in the Richardson Police Department program and be designated as an official Crime Watch Neighborhood, we must have at least 60% of our residents participating in the program. Come join the party for fun and entertainment, and to learn more about what you can do to help prevent crime in our area. *National Night Out*, a nationwide awareness program sponsored by the US Department of Justice and the National Town Watch organization, is celebrating its 19th year. Please plan to be a part of this exciting and important event.

(*The crime watch committee has been working hard planning this event, which will include fun activities for children and adults alike – visit the Crime Committees page on our web site for an overview of the activities they are planning for AUGUST 6)

According to the Richardson Police



Department, one of the most common forms of residential burglary is theft from open garages. Please make an effort to keep your garage door closed whenever you are not present, in order to avoid

becoming a statistic.

Crime Watch – continued

We are still in need of volunteers to act as block captains for Breckinridge Court and for Angel Fire Drive. If you are interested in helping out with this most worthwhile effort, please contact Stephani Franck at 972-705-9055 or crime.watch@the-knolls.net.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Since our last newsletter the social committee has sponsored a Park Clean Up, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Morning Coffees, Schools Out Splash Day, and a 4th of July Parade. A big THANK YOU to all the committee members for organizing these events. We had a great turn out for the parade on the 4th and everyone seemed to enjoy the parade, food and best of all the social gathering. We are looking forward to more get-togethers. Make sure you check our web site Social Calendar to pencil in upcoming events like the Back-to-School Party, future coffees and other gatherings.

Homeowners Directory and E-mail Addresses

Each newsletter we have asked residents to submit their homeowner information for our Homeowners directory and we've had a great response. Thank you for keeping our directory information current. We are still missing some homeowners and ask that you at least submit your email address so that we can send out reminders and important alerts about issues in our community. Please be advised that this directory is for our neighborhood only. Your e-mail address and other information will not be published on the web site and only our Webmaster is permitted to send out communication material. No other resident can gain access to our e-mail list. We would like to distribute, in October, a directory to all homeowners. The directory will include Homeowners first/last name, address, and phone number (if submitted) If

you want your information included in this directory please make sure you update your information via our web site.

Info On New Middle School

Will the Knolls Children go There?

In June the PISD committee voted to have Stinson elementary school feed into the new Murphy Middle School. Dr. Otto agreed with this recommendation. Through the grapevine we have heard that parents from Dooley elementary have banded together to petition the committee to change the feeder group to include their school thus possibly eliminating the recommendation that Stinson feed into the new school. The committee will meet again in August and then a final decision will be made sometime in September. The communications committee will try and keep you abreast of the events and during the public meeting in September we may ask residents to attend the meeting in an effort to show our support of the original recommendation, allowing Stinson to attend the new middle school. Please continue to visit our web site for more developments and announcements on the public hearing. (Remember, we were able to stop the apartments at Sharps Farm by voicing our opinions...your voice can be heard)

“Name the Newsletter”

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Congratulations to Jerry White for submitting the winning entry “BRECKIN NEWS” for the “Name the Newsletter” Contest. Jerry received a \$40.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Barbara Dietrick received a consolation price of \$20.00 for submitting the name “The Breckin News.”

WEB- SITE HAS UPDATED INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS' USE

Do you know where to request your updated security alarm permit; review neighborhood police crime reports, and find a local restaurant phone number or City of Richardson information telephone number? If not, visit our web site and link on to all the latest information. Our Web Master Dan James, has done a terrific job keeping The Knolls Residents "in touch" with the local merchants. Also, if you missed one of our social events or attended an event you can look at event pictures and maybe even spot your smiling face. You can also read the latest minutes of committee meetings and Board meetings to keep abreast of what may be developing in our neighborhood. While visiting our web site don't forget to update your address information and vote on the Yard of the Month or your favorite restaurant.



**SEE YOU AT
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 6, 2002**

PROXIES TO BE MAILED FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

REQUIRED TO NOMINATE & ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CMA will be mailing proxies to all voting homeowners the first week of September. If you are unable to attend the annual HOA meeting in October, it is **imperative** that you complete and return your proxy.

During our annual meeting we are required to nominate new Board Members. Please consider running for these important positions. We are looking forward to a productive and social year for our HOA. With the formation of several committees and the continued hard work from our committee volunteers, it is our hope that the Board member positions will not be as time consuming as the past year. So, if you haven't volunteered and want to be an active and integral part of our community, please consider running for a Board Position. Look to our web site for more information.

**As always, we welcome your input into future newsletter communication and updates on our web site.

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