



Kensington Downs Newsletter
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Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Neighbors may shop the night before!

President's Letter

Here's my annual reminder. As the weather warms up, doors start to open. Please remember to close unattended doors and close the garage door while you're around back. Don't invite trouble! In addition, don't leave valuables in your cars parked on the street. We have had some problems with break-ins lately. We have a very nice neighborhood, but some extra attention to safety will help prevent problems.

Another reminder: please drive safely and watch for walkers and bikers! Also, please remind young drivers to watch their speed on Welshire Boulevard and Kerrigan's Way. Every year, as the weather warms up, there are complaints about cars going fast on those long streets at the end of the school day.

Final reminder: Use phone number 748-8651 to leave messages for the Board. That number will always be checked, even when individual Board members may be away on vacation.

Enjoy the summer!

Meet Your Directors

Danny Springer and his wife, Karen, moved into Kensington Downs in August of 1995. Danny says he wants to help our homeowners association be the best it can be. He and Karen have four grown children and ten grandkids. The grandkids help keep grandpa and grandma busy with sports, etc.!

Joe Squadrito is a first generation American who witnessed his Sicilian parents become American citizens. Joe and his wife Rita moved into KD in October, 1994. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. Their extended family, including cats Tater Tot, Joe E. Bear and Harmony, gets together at least a couple of times each week. Joe also enjoys cabinet making and working with Indiana Policy Review as a Senior Scholar. When asked why he wanted to serve on the Board of Directors, he replied, "Temporary Insanity!"

Meet your Neighbors

Our first new resident comes all the way from China. Vivian Shan Yu is the 11-month-old addition to the John and Sue Skees family on Greymoor Drive. I met her this week for the first time, and she's a doll!

Also living on Greymoor Drive at 7631 is Ryan and Katie Stauffer and their three children – Brandon, Kayla, and Jacob. Ryan works for Water Furnace International as Commercial Sales Development Administrator. Katie is a stay-at-home mom. Based on my engaging conversation with Brandon, I'd say she is doing a great job! (Yeah, I'm sure Ryan helps with that, too!)

At 7731 Welshire, I was met at the door by Chief, a handsome Boxer. Joining him at that address are Jeff Waitke and Dan Marks. Jeff is a Business Representative with Frontier, and Dan works at Lawns Plus Landscaping. They moved in last November. Sorry about taking so long to visit you, guys. I'm such a wimp in winter!

Welcome to Kensington Downs, everyone!

Architectural Control

Jim Martin, chairman of the Architectural Control Committee, reminds all homeowners to check the KD website before building fences, etc. this spring. All forms necessary for obtaining approval to build can be found there. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jim at 749-9058.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering on the Architectural Control Committee, please call Jim at the same number. Currently, there is one opening on the Committee.

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Our own KD website includes lots of information about our neighborhood that you and a prospective home buyer would be interested in. However, things like annual meeting and board meeting minutes plus financial reports are limited to current residents. To access member registration, go to the home page. Read the instructions and then click the "add yourself" button under "Our Neighbors" on the right side of the page. You will be asked for a valid name and e-mail address. Enter a user name and password of your choice, check the boxes at the bottom, and click the "sign up now" button. Carl Wheeler, our website administrator, will then send you a confirmation, usually within 24 hours or less. Questions? Call Carl at 749-1009 or e-mail him at whee_c@earthlink.net.

Bits and Pieces

The Board of Directors' schedule of meetings is as follows: June 8, August 9, October 12, and November 16 at the Fire Station on Lahmeyer Road. The annual Association meeting will be on November 10 at the Georgetown Library.

Three of our Kensington Downs' residents have passed away since the January newsletter. We extend our condolences to the families of Carolyn Bahler, Marion Schnell, and Tom Toscos.

Many thanks to all who deliver our newsletter to your home. They may be assisted by kids or spouses, but nevertheless I appreciate all the following: Julie Goodwin, Jerry Hoover, The Skees family, Amanda Freed, Deana Asbury, the Simon family, Kevin Holle, Pat Plazek, and Nancy Louraine. Nancy also helps me stuff newsletters into the bags. Thanks, Nancy!

If you are interested in the Street Trees Program for 2011, contact the Arbor Division at the City of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department before July 1. Call 427-6000 or 427-6480.

In addition, Fort Wayne's Rain Garden Incentive Program offers workshops between April 20 and May 24. To sign up call 427-1381 or go to www.catchingrainfw.org