



The Kensington Park Civic Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 14th -- Real estate talk with Scotty Ledford and Mary Jo Pribe. Meeting to learn more about the Kensington Park newsletter, facebook group & website.

Monday, November 9th -- Nominations for 2015 board members. Deputy Riva will be present.

Monday, December 14th -- Election of officers for 2016 following will be our annual holiday party

All meetings take place at CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH 3308 17th St., from 7am to 8:30pm with social time from 6:45 until 7pm. Light refreshments served.

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The board members wish to express a big thank you to Ben Harrison for volunteering and greatly contributing to the board for the last two years. He will be stepping down as 2nd VP. Ben was largely responsible for reviving the Information Directory. We will miss you Ben.

For the most recent announcements and information about our lovely neighborhood, be sure to visit KensingtonParkSRQ.com

You can also like our page on Facebook: *Kensington Park Civic Association* as well as join your friends and neighbors in Kensington Park at Nextdoor.com

The Kensington Park Civic Association extends thanks to the Cornerstone Baptist Church on 17th Street for welcoming our group to meet at their location.

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"Lantern Life"
by Robin Ann Wren
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BITS AND PIECES

Keep in mind elections are coming up soon. Now is the time to think about being a leader in the neighborhood working as a team with other Board members.

Let's all help in maintaining a cleaner Kensington Park. Carry bags in your car for picking up litter. Focusing on the entrances would be a great way to help.

We're glad many of us are having garage sales. Please be considerate and remove your signs after the sale.

The speed limit is 25 MPH in the entire subdivision. Let's respect the families with children playing outside.

Our new INFORMATION DIRECTORIES have arrived and are being delivered. You should be receiving one with your September newsletter. This handy booklet is a great source of county and Kensington Park information. Keep them on hand when you need an important number to call.

We're looking for a neighborhood motto. In a name, word or phrase that describes Kensington Park. A slogan that says who we are. Send responses to: Charlesmangofl@gmail.com

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Trick or Treating

SafeTy Tips

Trick or Treating can be a really exciting activity for children, parents and for those passing out candy. Here are some tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters.



COSTUMES

- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see trick or treaters and those accompanying them.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.



- Wear well-fitting costumes and masks to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Make sure you and your children wear comfortable,

well-fitting shoes. Girls in dresses should avoid heels, and all shoelaces should be double-tied to avoid tripping.

- Costumes that drag the ground can be dangerous, especially at night. After purchasing your child's costume, make sure it's an appropriate length, and hem anything that's too long to avoid tripping.

- Masks can make it difficult for your child to see or breathe. If possible, skip the mask and use make-up to complete the costume instead.

- Try to avoid weapons as accessories. But if your child's costume won't be complete without a weapon, make sure it is rubber or plastic. Choose a prop that won't cause injury to your child or their friends.

- With the thought of comfort, pick costumes that are bathroom-friendly. On this same subject, parents should pre-plan a bathroom stop along the way (a friend's house will do and is a good time for a water break as well), or at a public facility if driving.

MAKE SURE TREATS ARE SAFE

- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats your child eats.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- When sorting through candy at the end of the night, be sure to throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper, or looks as though it has been opened.

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Always WALK don't run from house to house.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- Only walk on sidewalks, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Trick-or-treating could take you several streets away from your house, which can cause sore legs and a bit of frustration. Map out a route before leaving the house. Stick to paths that you and your child are familiar with to avoid getting lost.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

- Residents who do not wish to be bothered by trick or treaters often leave off their lights as a sign; respect their preference by only going to houses that are lit.

Have fun trick or treating. Be safe out there!



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Let's Talk Palm Trees

Kensington Park is full of wonderful palm tree species. Several of which have been established for a very long time and are very nice specimens. Did you know that a palm tree is actually a tree? Palm trees are mono cots which make them more similar to grasses than a tree. They do not contain a cambium layer like broad leaf and coniferous trees therefore will not grow a thicker trunk over time. The trunk thickness however can be altered with improper pruning as the palm ages and grows taller. "Hurricane cuts" and the "11:00 to 1:00" cut will have negative effects on your palm as it grows because the palm needs its fronds to grow out fully to maintain its trunk thickness. The hurricane and 11 to 1 cuts will end up "penciling" your palm creating thin weak area in the trunk as palm grows taller which can snap easier in high winds from storm or hurricanes. For total health of the palm, fronds should not be cut off until they are fully brown because during the yellowing stage the palm is actually using the potassium from the old fronds to grow new fronds out of the crown. Yellowing fronds indicate poor nutrition nine times out of ten. Palms need a lot of potassium, magnesium, manganese, iron, and other micro-nutrients. They do not favor high nitrogen as other plants do. A 8-2-1 palm blend granular is recommended. Fertilize your palm according to the fertilizer instructions for your size tree every 3 months if it is already healthy. Once every four to six weeks if it is nutrient deficient. Already yellow fronds will not turn green again. It can take a year or longer to recover a starving palm to full, optimal color. If your new frond shoots are growing out and staying green longer, you are on the right track. Research what kind of palm you have for its watering and environmental needs. Some palms desire dryer conditions while others desire wetter conditions. If you have any questions about palms feel free to contact me at osuopietaylor@gmail.com.

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Happy Gardening! by Jon Betts

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Membership Dues—2015

As a voluntary Civic Association there are no mandatory Home Owners Association Fees in Kensington Park. Voluntary member dues help with upkeep of the neighborhood. Your support will be used effectively to fulfill our financial responsibilities and help to improve our property values. Most importantly, you must feel good about and love living in Kensington Park. With that thought, our main goals and objectives are a clean, quiet neighborhood; responding to problems as they occur; and becoming a neighborhood we can all be proud of. I honestly believe we are an up and coming neighborhood with much to offer. If you feel the same way contributing now will mean much more than you think.

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