



The Kipling Villager

The Newsletter of the Kipling Villas Homeowner's Association

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Dedicated to Improving Our Community

\$1,270,000 IN IMPROVEMENTS !

Hard to believe but its true. The Foothills Park and Recreation District board of directors recently approved a citizen's committee recommendation to put an \$11.9 million bond question on the November 8 ballot. Of this amount Foothills has tentatively earmarked \$120,00 for improvements to Kipling Villas community parks and \$250,000 for improvements to our trails along the Greenbelt. Anyone who has ever used these trails knows they are in desperate need of repair. In addition to these direct improvements to the Kipling Villas, Foothills has also designated \$900,000 to remodel and add to the Lilley Gulch recreation center.

If approved by the citizens at the ballot box, it is estimated that the property taxes on a \$150,000 home would rise by only about \$12.64 a year (or about \$1 a month). The value of most homes in the Kipling Villas is slightly less than \$150,000 so our yearly increase would also be less.



Everyone wants the best for their children and we entrust the schools to provide the best to them in our absence. To ensure that they really are receiving the best take the extra step to meet your children's teachers and find out what he or she is really like. The teacher and the parent should go out of their way to meet each other as soon as school starts. Even if it's just a telephone conversation parents should make contact during the first week of school. Let them know you are not calling because of a problem, you're just interested in opening the lines of communication. This helps to deformalize the relationship and allows each of you to be seen as real people and not just a "parent" and a "teacher". This also increases the likelihood of productive teamwork between the two of you throughout the school year.

Teachers have an obligation to establish and maintain a trusting relationship with parents. They will be happy to show you their game plan. But don't arrive with your child first thing in the morning and anticipate any sort of serious attention from the teacher. That's a good way to start off on the wrong foot.

The next step is to spend some time in the classroom, either to

help the teacher with a particular project or class segment, or simply as a back-row observer. Try to spend the entire day in the classroom if you can. Some of the questions you might ask yourself while in the classroom are:

- * Is there a sense of community, comfort and support in the classroom?
- * Are all of the children engaged in the learning process or just the same few?
- * Are the children's art and writing projects on display?



When it's time for your school's official parent-teacher conference, your child's teacher should no longer be a stranger. You will help your child the most if you can find a way to be

a partner with the teacher. Begin with a cooperative attitude and let the teacher talk first. She should offer specifics about your child and about how the year is going in the classroom at large. Communicate clearly that your main concern is your child's well-being and feel free to ask questions, particularly those that will further draw out the teachers insights into your child's abilities and behavior. All but the least well-equipped teacher will be responsive and helpful.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



LOUD/SILENT AUCTION

Be on the lookout for information concerning Colorow Elementary School's Loud/Silent Auction. It's guaranteed to be an exciting opportunity to meet your neighbors, purchase one of the many wonderful donated items, and to help our children all at the same time. Mark October 18th on your calendars! For questions or to make a donation, please contact Kellie Koch at 972-3832 or Elaine Miller at 932-8349.

PLANTINGS AT THE ENTRANCES

Within the past several weeks Foothills has planted additional trees and shrubs at both entrances into the Kipling Villas. Check it out.

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13 years old. Certified, references available. 973-9626.

Kyle Middleton

12 1/2 years old. 973-9624.

Heather Hartmen

11 years old. 972-1515

If you would like to be added to or deleted from this babysitter list please send your name, age, and phone number to:

Ken Schauer
KV Editor
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WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS

If you are having problems with weeds and tall grass on common land that needs to be cut call the WEED HOTLINE at 271-8729.



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PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST CRIME

Although looking at the FBI numbers for crime nation-wide it appears that violence is on the rise (one murder every 22 minutes, one forcible rape every five minutes, one robbery every 47 seconds, one theft every four seconds, and one property crime every three seconds), statistics show otherwise. Over the past two decades, crime, overall, has been on the decline. The major wrinkle in this picture, though, has been an increase in teenage crime.

Even if every statistic in the world, however, indicates that it is a little safer today, if you're afraid, you're afraid. So what is there to be afraid of in 1995 and what can you do to protect yourself and your family?

The five most common crimes today include larceny-theft, burglary, assault, rape, and car theft. "Criminals haven't changed. They still look for easy targets, don't be one of them," says Jean O'Neil, of the National Crime Prevention Council in Washington, D.C.

Larceny, or simple theft, makes up more than half of all crime. In simple-theft cases, criminals don't confront their victims. Instead, a pickpocket slinks off with your wallet, or a lap-top computer disappears from your desk. Some 33 million simple-theft cases occurred last year alone.

Burglary accounts for more than 25 percent of all crime. Last year alone, the FBI

reported some 2 million home break-ins in the U.S.

Some simple suggestions for your home:

- * Always lock your garage door at home. Unlocked garage doors provide easy entries for crooks who want to get inside your house. They also invite thieves to steal your bikes, power tools and other garage items.
- * Lock all door, high and low windows, and attic vents. Thieves often bring ladders.
- * The best lock is a single dead-bolt on your front door.
- * Call your local crime-prevention unit and ask them to stop by your house for a checkup. It's usually free.
- * T r i m

bushes and shrubs so burglars can't hide.

- * Invest in bright outdoor lights. Dusk-to-dawn adapters turn your lights on and off when you're away.
- * If you go on vacation, tell the police and a trusted neighbor. Invest in light timers, and leave a radio on. The object is to convince burglars that you are home.
- * Keep your house keys separate from your wallet or checkbook.

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A group of concerned citizens recently joined together to form the non-profit Jefferson Suburban Land Conservancy (JSLC). They are an outgrowth of the group Concerned Citizens Against Chanson Plaza. JSLC's mission is "to promote and facilitate the preservation of open land in suburban and urban areas of south Jefferson County for the benefit and enjoyment of the public through contact with peaceful, natural areas." Their goals are to:

- * Work to preserve the land scheduled for development as "Chanson Plaza" as a natural addition to Clement Park.
- * Solicit community input on future candidate areas for preservation (such as the land east of Colorow Elementary School and

the property south of the Swedish Health Park).

- * Acquire additional funds to support the goals and operation of the JSLC.

How can you help?

- * Become a member of the JSLC. The annual fee of \$10 entitles you to:

- announcements regarding suburban land development issues
- opportunities to learn more about public issues affecting open spaces
- participation in regular membership and board meetings
- the personal satisfaction of knowing you have helped to

preserve suburban open space for your children and grandchildren.

- * Volunteer to:

- distribute petitions
- help with fund raising events
- coordinate letter writing campaigns
- participate in a "telephone tree"
- help with photocopying

It is the belief of the founders of this Conservancy that suburban and urban natural places offer important psychological, health, environmental, and property value benefits to the members of the communities they serve and to society at large.

JEFFERSON SUBURBAN LAND CONSERVANCY VOLUNTEER & MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Area of interest:

- Fund Raising
 Petition Drive

- Public Speaking
 Letter Campaign

- Special Events
 Operational Support

- Yes, I would like to become an annual member of Jefferson Suburban Land Conservancy. Enclosed is my \$10 check for my annual membership dues.
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