

# KPHOA PULSE

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*Hello Neighbors!*



KELLY PLANTATION

Would you like to contribute to the neighborhood newsletter? Tell us what you would like to see in future issues. Would you like to contribute an article? Would you like to pass on helpful information or tips of the trade to your neighbors? Send an email to [kphoanews@gmail.com](mailto:kphoanews@gmail.com)!

Hello to all New Residents!

Do you know who your HOA board members are and how to contact them? Are you on our KP HOA Facebook site? Do you have access to the KP HOA website? Don't fret, just turn to the Kelly Plantation Resources & Links page in this newsletter, it is printable so you can put it on the fridge for easy access.

### Resident ALERT– High Pedestrian Traffic- Sat, 19 May 2018

Please be aware of the 2018 Global 6K for Water event that will occur in our neighborhood. One of our families, The Armstead's, are sponsoring the event that will take place in Kelly Plantation on **Saturday, May 19, 2018 starting @ 9AM.**

The 6K will start and end at the Circle on Kelly Ridge Blvd. During this walk/run, please ask the **drivers** in your family to **be alert and aware** of our participants throughout the neighborhood and **please slow down.** If you would like more information on this event click here:

<https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=9783>

### MEMORIES: KPHOA Easter Egg Hunt



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

♦ **June 2— POOL Opening Celebration @ 5pm. Dinner to be served. Check your email soon for RSVP information!**

\*For more information on the pool and the repairs, see page 3.

Ideas are always welcome and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please contact Dawn Irons ([dawnirons75@gmail.com](mailto:dawnirons75@gmail.com)) if you would like to participate on the Event Committee!\*\*

### REMINDERS:

Next Bulk Pick up Dates:

11 June

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## *Ouch— Fire Ants! By Susan Bish*



The red imported fire ant has proven to be a very difficult-to-control pest. Let me say this now; fire ants will most likely never be eradicated, only managed.

Red fire ants were accidentally introduced to the U.S. in Mobile in the 1930's. The fire ants have spread north to Tennessee, Kansas, and Colorado; west to New Mexico (although some have been found in California); and east to South Carolina. Presently, they have been reported in all of Alabama's 67 counties. Fire ant mounds can reach 2 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide. In mowed lawns, mounds are usually only a few inches tall, but still may be 1-3 feet wide. A mature colony will have 400,000 workers and a single queen. The worker ants are extremely aggressive and inflict painful stings. Fire ant stings have killed humans, livestock, and other animals.

Now that I've scared your pants off, let's take a look at managing fire ants. The queen is the secret to fire ant management. In order to kill a mound, the queen must be destroyed. An insecticide poured over the mound will not kill the queen. As soon as the mound is disturbed, the workers protect the queen. She will move, if necessary, to establish another mound. That's why new mounds pop up around the area where a mound has been treated. Furthermore, when a mound is disturbed, the fire ant colony may split and you will end up with several new mounds.

If a fire ant mound is in an area where it causes an immediate hazard, such as playground area, the mound should be drenched with an insecticide. This will at least move it out of that area. Otherwise, the best and safest way to manage fire ants is to use fire ant bait.

For a complete list and further information regarding fire ant baits, go to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System's website at [www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0175-A/ANR-0175-A.pdf](http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-0175-A/ANR-0175-A.pdf). These baits are effective because the worker ants take the bait directly to the queen. Results are sometimes slow, but it is worth the wait. I have found that a product named Over 'N Out works great. It can be purchased at Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot and most big box stores.

It is important to apply these baits correctly. Application directions are on the labels of the products, but for the most part, baits should be applied around the fire ant mound and not on it. During application, be sure not to disturb the mound.

### What Fire Ants Eat

Fire ants are not picky eaters. They will eat almost any plant or animal material, including other insects, ground-nesting animals, mice, turtles, snakes, young trees, seedlings, plant bulbs, saplings, fruit and grass. When searching for food, the oldest of the colony's workers explore within 50 - 100 feet of the nest in a looping pattern.

Even though worker fire ants can chew and cut with their jaw, they can only swallow liquids. When they encounter liquid food in the field, they swallow it to one of their two stomachs. One stomach saves food to share with the colony (isn't that nice of them) and the other one is to digest food for themselves. Solid food is cut to carrying size and brought back to the colony. Fire ants prefer protein foods (that is, insects and meats) but will feed on almost anything and everything.

By regurgitating their food from the one stomach, fire ant workers are able to share it with the nest. This food sharing is why slow-acting poison baits can be used to destroy the nests.

### What to do if bitten by a fire ant

If you have been stung by a fire ant, you should softly wash the skin with a mixture of soap and water. This will get rid of the venom on the surface. You also should use rubbing alcohol to disinfect the area of the bites. It is a good idea to put some ice in a washcloth and hold it next to the bites for about 15-20 minutes. That will help keep down swelling and make it a little less irritating the next day.

Fire ant stings are also accompanied by intense itching. It is very important not to scratch the bitten area as this could lead to secondary skin infections. Taking some Benadryl can help alleviate some of the initial reactions to the stings.

If you have any kind of allergies to either fire ants or to any other stinging insect (bees, wasps, etc.), it is wise to always call a physician in the event of fire ant sting. If the victim experiences shortness of breath or dizziness, seek emergency medical attention immediately.

### **GARDEN SECRET:**

**SNAG ANTS WITH PETROLEUM JELLY.** Ants like the sweet nectar you put in your hummingbird feeder, but they do not like petroleum jelly. Keep them out of your feeder by smearing the wire holding it with petroleum jelly. You can also keep plants ant-free with a ring of petroleum jelly around the base of their stems. They will not try to cross the sticky stuff.

*If you have any questions regarding any type of gardening, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Bish @ [msbish14@gmail.com](mailto:msbish14@gmail.com). She would be happy to answer any questions you may have.*

## *Pool Re-Opens Memorial Day Weekend*

Summertime is right around the corner and your HOA board has worked hard this year prepping for the pool opening. In fact, the board began prepping at the end of last year's pool season due to reported concerns regarding the algae that was growing on the pool walls. The issue had been a constant battle for our pool guy throughout the 2017 season. According to the pool contractors, black algae is notoriously hard to fight in a pool like ours.



Kelly Plantation has a gunite pool. As the pool ages, the plaster becomes porous, and it allows the algae to take hold. It is very challenging to get at the algae to kill it. In the fall of 2017, your board evaluated the best path forward to remediate the black algae issues that appeared last summer. Additionally, there were significant signs of aging such as cracks in the plaster, coping separation, and inoperable pool lights. The expectation was this would be a significant expense, but luckily with the reserve account in place, the funding was available. After a full survey to understand the real issues and concerns, the board requested three estimates for repairs beginning in January 2018. In February, a contract was signed to replace all the coping, resurface the interior with a blue quartz plaster, replace pool lights with low wattage LED lights, and installed new "no diving" tiles in the deck.

***Come out Memorial Day Weekend! Check out the renovations & enjoy your summer by the pool!***

### **Reminders**

#### **Pool Access Cards:**

The pool areas have electronic key cards to be able to access the area. These access cards are for residents use only. Residents are issued one card per home. However, one additional card may be purchased for \$20. Lost/stolen cards should be reported immediately to the KPHOA Board and replacement cards will be issued for \$20 each. This card operates the pool gates, entrance into the restrooms at the pool, and the tennis courts. To request a pool card, please see the Kelly Plantation Resources and Links page in this issue of the newsletter.

#### **Pool Key Notes:**

The Pool Hours are from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm. The Pool is for the use of Kelly Plantation Residents and guests only. Guests, two per resident household, must be with Kelly Plantation residents. There is NOT a lifeguard on duty. No one under the age of 14 can swim without adult supervision.

Remove all belongings, trash, and return umbrellas to closed position when you leave. Be certain that the doors/gates to the restrooms and pool area are closed and locked.

## ***KELLY PLANTATION Pool Rules***

**ATTENTION:** There will be **NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY** at any time so children must be watched carefully at all times. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times - NO EXCEPTIONS.

All use of the pool and pool areas are at **YOUR OWN RISK!!!**

### POOL AREA

#### DO'S

- ☺ Clean up after yourself
- ☺ Place all trash in Green trash receptacles
- ☺ Remove all your belongings
- ☺ Return umbrellas to closed position
- ☺ Have a clean swim diaper on children
- ☺ Keep the gate closed
- ☺ Respect other residents

#### DONT'S

- ⇒ Bring your pets to the pool area
- ⇒ No Gum
- ⇒ No Glass Containers
- ⇒ No Smoking
- ⇒ No Alcohol
- ⇒ No Skates, Skateboards or Hoverboards
- ⇒ NO DIVING
- ⇒ No Running
- ⇒ Use profane language
- ⇒ Play loud music
- ⇒ No inappropriate behavior
- ⇒ No Dirty Diapers in green trash can or in clubhouse
- ⇒ Do not prop open the gate

- ◇ Pool hours are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. The hours of 6:00 am to 8:00 am (daily) are reserved for adult only swim.
- ◇ The pool adjacent to the Kelly Plantation Community clubhouse is for use by Kelly Plantation residents and their guests only. Guests are limited to two (2) persons at a time and **MUST** be accompanied by a Kelly Plantation resident at all times.
- ◇ Resident must have possession of their access card at all times and cannot loan out their card to pool guests.
- ◇ The pool may not be reserved nor may it be used as an adjunct to a scheduled clubhouse activity or party.
- ◇ In order to maintain pool privileges, residents must be in "good standing" with the KPHOA and not delinquent with homeowner association dues.

To view pool rules on the KP HOA website, go to :

**Website:** <http://kellyplantationhoa.net>

**NO DIVING PERMITTED AT ANY TIME!!**

  
*Neighborhood Watch News From Rachel Bolyard*

Hello from your neighborhood watch. During my patrols, I'm still encountering garage doors up without anyone present. In order to avoid petty crime, we must be vigilant about the easy things we can prevent. Always make sure to lock your cars and your property. During the springtime, it is always tempting to leave a window or screen door open. It's risky, however, to do so. We live in a military town, with many transient residents from all over the nation. We have multiple higher learning institutions, manufacturing, and many service related businesses too. Each demographic adds to potential risk of crime. As our area grows, the sheriff and other law enforcement agencies will be strained to hold the line. We have a responsibility to help them help us. A few tips to make your home less attractive to crime are listed below.

1. Get a dog. Dogs are difficult to defeat and generally make criminals consider a different residence. Even a small dog barking is enough to alert the homeowner of potential trouble. Your neighbors can hear the dog too, alerting them as well.
2. Vary your routine. If a criminal is interested in your belongings, they may surveil your activities. If you leave your house every day at 8am, they'll observe this, and plan accordingly. However, if you leave a half an hour early or late, it messes up their plans.
3. Have an alarm installed. Although alarm systems aren't the deterrent they once were, they're still quite effective when combined with other measures.
4. Install cameras. A camera covering the entrance(s) to your home will offer a deterrent to malcontents. There are many DIY camera systems available that don't require much knowledge to install. Every major store in the area, Home Depot, Lowe's, Best Buy and more all display prominently these systems. They'll send alerts to your phone, turn on lights, and can be integrated into home management systems.
5. Talk to your neighbors. This sounds obvious, but sometimes we live in isolation. Introduce yourselves, and say hello. Folks who know one another tend to take better care of one another.
6. Have your mail collected. If you're leaving on vacation, have someone pick up your mail, or stop delivery until you return. A full mailbox, or papers laying on the driveway signal others that you're not home.
7. Keep an eye open. If you notice a strange car parked somewhere you've not seen it before, make a mental note, or even better, snap a photo. If something happens, you've got a tip that may be useful to the sheriff. If you see strange chalk marks, or other markings, report it to the non emergency number at the sheriff's office. Many times, criminals will use marks on the sidewalk or curb to signal potential targets. Keep in mind that utility companies mark lines too so try not to waste the sheriff's time.
8. Install fencing. If you live up along one of the main roads, or the fields, having a fence forces a criminal to negotiate the obstacle.
9. Leave your blinds -open-. This one sounds counter intuitive, but if your blinds are closed when you're not home, no one can observe what's happening inside.

In general, we are living in a low crime area. Nevertheless, it is no consolation when something does happen. There are multiple large parking lots around our homes (the church and the high school for instance) that offer a place to park without drawing suspicion. There are also multiple roads that hit all of the major thoroughfares. Relax and breath, but don't be naive!



## *Kelly Plantation Resources & Links*

**Website:** <http://kellyplantationhoa.net>



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Sheriff's Office	To Report a Crime (Non-emergency)	Call: 256-722-7181 Online: <a href="http://sheriff.madisoncountyal.gov/report_activity.php">http://sheriff.madisoncountyal.gov/report_activity.php</a>

Tuesday– Weekly Recycle Pick up

Wednesday— Weekly Trask Pick up

2nd Week (Monday) - Monthly Bulk Pickup

# KELLY PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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*Kelly Plantation has been growing fast and is still undergoing many changes, but our goal is to create and maintain the integrity and value of our neighborhood for the safety, well-being and prosperity of our families and our children to enjoy. Kelly Plantation has a Homeowners Association Board of Directors comprised of residents that was established in 2008.*

*Please feel free to contact the President or anyone on the Board, if you have questions or need help. The Board President & the Board itself diligently tries to work closely with homeowners, developers & home builders in our community to maintain the attractiveness & integrity of this community. We strongly encourage you to attend the meetings & social functions, as they are planned throughout the year.*