



Keswick-Stornaway Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood News

Spring 2007

Quarterly Meeting February 15th, 7PM

Join us for a fun night of information and fellowship at Balmoral Baptist Church, @ the corner of Kirby Parkway and Stout Rd.

Our guest speaker will be Camille McMullen who will lead a discussion of "**Confronting the Crime of Identity Theft**". Ms. McMullen is the Coordinator of the Fraudulent Identification Strike Team (FIST) and the Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee.

Topics to include:

- Top 5 things a person should do to prevent a victim of identity theft
- How to determine if you are being scammed
- The most common identity thefts in Memphis
- What to do if your identity is stolen
- Who to contact if you become a victim of identity theft
- Q&A session

This meeting is OPEN FOR ALL, invite friends and neighbors inside and outside of our neighborhood.

JURY DUTY SCAM

Verified on Snopes.com and by the FBI (links listed below).

Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced.

Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS. In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity was just stolen.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Minnesota, Oklahoma, Illinois and Colorado. This (scam) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

Check it out here:

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>

<http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel05/092805.htm>



Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 15 - Quarterly Meeting 7PM
March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt
April 21 – Spring Clean-up
May 5 – Spring Yard Sale
May 17 – Quarterly Meeting 7PM
August 7 – Neighbors Night Out
Citizen's Academy - Date to be announced.



It's All About the Numbers.

Could the Fire or Police Department find your house in an emergency? A tragedy can be averted with just a few numbers visible from the street. We're starting a campaign to make sure that all homes in our neighborhood have easily viewable addresses for our first responders to see from the street. We'll discuss this more at the February 15th meeting so please join us.

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Have something for the Keswick Stornaway Newsletter? We're published 4 times a year and would love to include your news, questions or comments. You can email them to mark@whiteinksolutions.com.

And the Survey Says....

Be on the lookout for a survey in your mailbox. We're planning big things and we want your thoughts and opinions!

Important Numbers

PACA – 795-3131 or paca@midssouth.rr.com

East Precinct – 795-3131

Mayor's Action Center – 576-6500

(Call MAC to report code violations)

Security One – 346-7746

Storm Drain Problem – 357-0100

Pothole Problem – 528-2911

To report littering motorists get the vehicle's license number and call Clean-Up! – 52 CLEAN (2-5326)

A Message from the President

Recently our Association was recognized as a very successful and active Association. Each Police Precinct Neighborhood Coordinator was asked to select one Association to represent their precinct. Keswick-Stornaway was honored to represent the Mt. Moriah precinct. Our association was selected from 140 Neighborhood Associations to participate. Dot Ronney, Mt Moriah Neighborhood Coordinator and I appeared on the police program "The Thin Blue Line". We were interviewed by Sgt. Vince Higgins. The program will air on Comcast Public Access Channel 17 on Mondays and Thursdays at 11AM through the month of February. Sgt. Higgins focused the program around how our neighborhood interacts with the Police department and how we can support each other. The key to a successful community is to know your neighbors and who belongs and who does not. One of the key ways that has helped us maintain such a good neighborhood is the various activities and programs we provide throughout the year.

This fall we will celebrate our Association's eighth anniversary. I appreciate the active participation of all of our neighbors and look forward to celebrating our continued success.

Sincerely,

Patsy Smith

We're soon be publishing a Keswick Stornaway website to facilitate open two-way communication. Stay tuned for more details.