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WE NEED EGG STUFFERS!!



We plan to stuff
15,000+ eggs for
this year's
Eggstravaganza,
so we need
volunteers to
help us! If you
would like to
help, please

contact Sandra Zwerg, zwergs@gmail.com.



President's Notes



Hello again,

Wow, the Holidays just flew by! I hope everyone enjoyed time with family, friends and loved ones. Now, it's 2018 and we're looking for exciting things this year. To start things off, we've had a little bit of a cold snap. Hopefully it'll pay dividends with reduced mosquito population this

summer. Well, I can hope anyway. Just a reminder though, keep an eye on those faucets, particularly on the north side of your homes and keep that water moving in the those swimming pools. It could definitely save you a headache later.

So, the beginning of the year is the best time to start thinking about getting involved in your HOA. We have had a couple of new volunteers this year, but there is always room to get more folks engaged and ready to step into a director role or volunteer slot. Before you run for your life, let me say...we appreciate anyone who wants to make Park Glen better. There is such a benefit from having a strong, active HOA. For those who serve on the board or help by volunteering, it can be quite rewarding.

I'll also admit that, sometimes it's a pain in the butt. But listen, and I can't stress this enough, Park Glen is only as good as WE want to make it and that takes US all! It's OUR neighborhood and we have great homeowners! But the truth is, for a neighborhood the size of Park Glen, it should be easy to find homeowners excited to jump in and carry on the work of the HOA. It's not just about enforcing deed restrictions via our management company, it's about developing the neighborhood we want to raise our families in. It's about engaging your neighbors and providing opportunities to socialize and helping those in need. It's about creating a Park Glen family.

So for the first challenge of the year, I am asking, even pleading...think about how you can make a difference. Jump in, help, get active. The future of Park Glen truly depends on it.

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The Park Glen Neighborhood Association exists to improve property values and promote the common benefit and enjoyment of Park Glen owners and occupants by:

- Representing, serving, and engaging homeowners & residents
- Pursuing adherence to restrictive covenants & community standards
- Planning & implementing beneficial events & programs
- Facilitating effective communication between homeowners, residents, and the Association.
- Collecting assessments & charges and making appropriate payments
 & disbursements



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK!



We had another great turnout for Holiday in the Park! Thank you to everyone who came out and a special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the day extra special!



















January is National Blood Donor, Soup, Egg, Candy, Hobby, Thank You, and Poverty in America Awareness Month

January 8th -War on Poverty Day

January 15th - Board of Director's Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center

January 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21st - National Hugging Day

January 25th - Opposite Day

January 27th - International Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

GET CONNECTED WITH PARK GLEN

CONTACT US / ASK A QUESTION

You may contact the PGNA Board or ask a question here: http://parkglen.org/contact-us-ask-a-question.html.

STAY UP TO DATE

Sign up at <u>ParkGlen.org/</u>
<u>sign-up.html</u> to receive e
-mailed news and alerts
about our community
and events.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Please like the HOA's official page for news of events and other important information: www.Facebook.com/

ww.facebook.com ParkGlenHOA.

Park Glen has several other social networking pages to allow residents to communicate with each other. Find descriptions and links at http://parkglen.org/connect-with-park-glen.html.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer some time to benefit your neighborhood at http://parkglen.org/ volunteer.html.

PARK GLEN "SHOUT OUTS"

We would like to recognize and give a "Shout Out" to these GREAT Park Glen Neighbors....

SHOUT OUT to all of the folks who had a part in putting together Holiday in the Park! It gets bigger and better each year!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to all of the Park Glen residents who did their part to make Park Glen a great neighborhood this past year! We are looking forward to having a great 2018 living in one of the best neighborhoods in Fort Worth!

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not deliver
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New Neighborhood Police Officer

Many thanks to Scott Cryer, who has faithfully and diligently served as the Neighborhood Police Officer for all of Park Glen except for "The Vistas at Park Glen" off of Teal south of Basswood. Scott is moving to a new neighborhood beat. Our new NPO is Derrick Simpson (817-988-1076, Derrick.Simpson@FortWorthTexas.gov).



POLAR EXPRESS HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

and enjoyed the special night with us!

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

We had a great night with all of our train riders!! Thank you to everyone who came out















The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo runs from January 12 to February 3. In addition to the livestock shows, auctions, and

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rodeos, there is a carnival / midway, educational & commercial exhibits, and much more. Get complete information at https://fwssr.com/.

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- . Marcos Pizza offers 50% off your order every 2nd Monday of the month.
- .Pickled Picasso offers 25% off to Park Glen residents.
- . Pizza Buzz offers 50% off of your order the **last Monday** of the month.
- . Aladdin Mediterranean Café offers 15% off regular menu items.



































COVENANT CORNER



Who is responsible for the fence I share with my neighbor?

The HOA has no guidelines or rules regarding responsibility for fences shared between two next-door neighbors. But research of the issue leads to the conclusion that a fence on a

property line is jointly-owned, regardless of such things as who has the pole side and who has the pretty side, whether it is on the left or right side of the lot, or even who built it or paid for it originally. To maintain or replace shared fences, homeowners should strive to work together and share responsibility or come to some other agreement (e.g. sharing the cost or one person paying for materials and the other person providing the labor)

Please keep the HOA's guidelines for property modifications in mind, which may be found on our website at http://parkglen.org/property-modification-acc.html. These guidelines state that approval of the Architectural Control Committee is necessary for fence repair or replacement unless the fence will be 6' or less in height, with no change in fence line, and there will be no application or reapplication of color. If all three of these are true in your case, you may proceed without prior approval. Otherwise, please complete and submit a property modification form that is available at the link above.

Whether ACC approval is required and sought or not, homeowners are still responsible for complying with the relevant Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions (CCR's or Deed Restrictions). The CCR's for your part of Park Glen and the bulletins that relate to the entire neighborhood may be found at http://parkglen.org/ccr-s-bylaws-policies.html. For example, poles may not be visible from the street, and fences that adjoin/intersect (whether parallel or perpendicular) must always do so at the same height, so a high fence must taper down over a 10' or greater distance to intersect/adjoin a shorter fence at the same height. In addition, approval of adjoining homeowners should always be obtained before raising the height of a shared fence, since that change would have a significant change on the neighbor's yard.

A property modification request is required prior to making improvements or modifications to your property. You can find the forms on our website.

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Game Day Recipes!



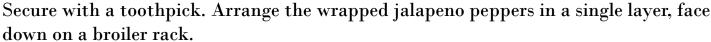
Stuffed Jalapeno Firecrackers

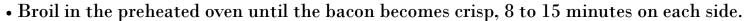
Ingredients

- 12 jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- Cajun seasoning, or to taste
- 12 slices jalapeno bacon, cut in half
- toothpicks

Directions

- Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source.
- Fill the jalapeno peppers with cream cheese. Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning on top, then wrap each stuffed jalapeno with a slice of bacon.







Warm Chicken Nacho Dip

<u>Ingredients</u>

- 1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers (such as RO*TEL(R)), drained
- 1 pound loaf of processed cheese food (such as Velveeta(R)), cubed
- 2 large cooked skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, shredded
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup diced green onion
- 1 1/2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix
- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno pepper, or to taste (optional)
- 1 cup black beans, rinsed and drained

Directions

Place the diced tomatoes, processed cheese, chicken



meat, sour cream, green onion, taco seasoning, and jalapeno pepper into a slow cooker. Cook on High, stirring occasionally until the cheese has melted and the dip is hot, 1 to 2 hours. Stir in the black beans, and cook 15 more minutes to reheat.

A HISTORY OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. .



Take a look back at when and why the New Year's resolution tradition got started, and how it has changed over the course of history.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During a massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

A similar practice occurred in ancient Rome, after the reform-minded emperor Julius Caesar tinkered with the calendar and established January 1 as the beginning of the new year circa 46 B.C. Named for Janus, the two-faced god whose spirit inhabited doorways and arches, January had special significance for the Romans. Believing that Janus symbolically looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future, the Romans offered sacrifices to the deity and made promises of good conduct for the coming year.

For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future. In 1740, the English clergyman John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Also known as known as watch night services, they included readings from Scriptures and hymn singing, and served as a spiritual alternative to the raucous celebrations normally held to celebrate the coming of the new year.

Despite the tradition's religious roots, New Year's resolutions today are a mostly secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions only to themselves, and

focus purely on selfimprovement (which may
explain why such resolutions
seem so hard to keep).
According to recent research,
while as many as 45 percent
of Americans say they usually
make New Year's resolutions,
only 8 percent are successful
in achieving their goals. But
that dismal record probably
won't stop people from
making resolutions anytime
soon—after all, we've had
about 4,000 years of practice.

