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Neighborhood

NEWS

3 Things You Need to Know

1. The Fort Worth City Council recommended a Redistricting Map that divides our Park Glen Neighborhood into two City Council Districts. More information can be found at ParkGlen.org and on this [page 8](#).
2. PGNA Board Meetings are both in-person and online, and all homeowners are welcome to attend. See the pink box on the home page of ParkGlen.org for details.
3. Coordinator **NEEDED** for Eggstravaganza & Spring Festival Event planned for April 2, 2022. Please email PGNASusan@gmail.com, if you'd like to volunteer or would like more information.

PGNA Board Meeting

Homeowners are always welcome at PGNA Board Meetings held in-person and online. The next board meetings are

January 17 & February 21, 2022, at 7 p.m.,

for address and online directions go to the

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PID6 Board Meeting

PID6 is a public entity administered by the City of Fort Worth for improvements, projects and special supplemental services over and above those normally provided by the city. Homeowners are always welcome at PID6 Board Meetings held at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Manager's Office, with sign-in at 6:15 p.m. The next meetings are January 27 & February 24, 2022. Meetings are held in-person and online (starting in Jan. or Feb.) for more information go to PID6.org.



Upcoming Events

See events on ParkGlen.org for more details when closer to the Event Date.

Board meetings are held in-person and also online.

- **PGNA Board of Directors Meeting January 17, 2022,**
Will be held simultaneously in-person and online at 7 p.m. In-person meeting location is Neighborhood Management Office, 5421 Basswood Blvd., Suite 710 (left of Premier Eye Care).
- All Park Glen Homeowners are welcome. Agenda, [Online Access instructions](#), and information for the meeting will be in the pink box on the homepage of ParkGlen.org.
- **PGNA Board Meeting, February 21, 2022,**
See information above.
- **PGNA Board Meeting, March 21, 2022,**
See information above.
- **Eggstravaganza & Spring Festival, April, 2, 2022,**
Coordinator and volunteers needed. Please email PGNASusan@gmail.com
- **PGNA Board Meeting, April 18, 2022,**
See information above.
- **April 23, 2022,**
Free Shredding Event



Ways to Learn About Upcoming Events and Activities in Park Glen



It would certainly be frustrating to find out only afterward about a neighborhood event you would liked to have do. But that is also frustrating to the volunteers who invest their time to promote and put on events with a goal of having you take part. So, to prevent the all-around frustration, here is a proven way for you to **KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:**

1. Sign up here - <http://parkglen.org/sign-up.html> - to start receiving e-mails about events and activities in Park Glen. Watch for and read those e-mails.
2. “Like” the **Park Glen Neighborhood Association** Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa/> so you will see those posts in your Facebook feed.
3. Don’t just wait for information to come to you. Also seek it out:
 - ⇒ Bookmark www.ParkGlen.org, and check it out twice a month or so. Especially read the homepage and the “upcoming events page” <http://parkglen.org/upcoming-events.html>
 - ⇒ Read the neighborhood newsletter. It’s usually published monthly and is always available here: <http://parkglen.org/newsletters.html>
 - ⇒ Go to the PGNA Facebook page weekly to see posts you may have missed: <https://www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa/>



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Wildlife in Arcadia Park and the Surrounding Area

by M.L. Keller

The Texas Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)

The most common wildcat in North America is easily identified by the short tail, which is about six inches long. The shy nature of bobcats and their ability to adapt to changing conditions have allowed them to thrive all over the US. They are quite common in North Texas throughout green belts and parks, near creeks and flood plains. Bobcats are about twice the size of domestic cats. They stand about twenty inches tall at the shoulder, have large bone structures, especially in the head and legs, and are very muscular. Their prominent ears are pointed and have tips of black hair. They have long whiskers and a ruff of cheek fur that extends from the side of the face. Their color varies, but usually it is a cream-buff shade with tones of grey and brown, and a lighter belly area mottled with spots. They try to avoid running into each other, except during the mating season, which usually begins in February. Their mating sounds do not sit well on human ears, as they sound like a woman screaming or moaning in agony. The male and female look alike, but the males are larger. Their territory is about 6 square miles for females and 25 square miles for males.



They are solitary animals who do most of their hunting at night. They eat a variety of food like rabbits, squirrels, ducks, birds, rodents, and other small creatures, but if the opportunity arises, they also take free roaming cats and unattended small dogs.

The adult bobcat has few predators, but the most common one is man. Other enemies include mountain lions, cougars, and wolves, but also coyotes and foxes can kill bobcats and their kittens.



What to do if you see a bobcat? Bobcats are not dangerous wild animals; they are looking for food, not a fight. They are extremely cautious towards humans and are not a confrontational species. They can attack if they feel threatened, or if cubs are nearby, or if they have symptoms of rabies. If you notice a coyote or bobcat in your area, yell, or clap loudly to scare them away; do not approach them, do not try to pet them, and do not feed them. When walking your dog, use a six-foot leash and be especially wary near creeks and wooded areas.

How do you keep bobcats off your property? Bobcats can jump six feet high fences or higher. You can discourage visits from bobcats by trimming back excess vegetation that might provide cover or shelter. Keep trash containers tightly sealed. Keep your pets indoors and do not leave pet food outside. Consider the purchase of a noise and/or motion activated nocturnal animal deterrent. Wolf urine scent (available at Home Depot, Amazon and other places) sends a message of deadly fear that is deep ingrained in the bobcat's genetic code. If you see a bobcat in your yard, spray it with a garden hose. Killing and trapping of bobcats in urban areas is illegal. Make sure bird feeders hang well above an animal's reach and keep the area clean below.



Urban biologist Richard Heilbrun discovered that Bobcats provide a service for people and fit into the natural ecosystem. "As our city grows, we can find ways to grow our communities in concert with preserving natural places for the enjoyment of people and for the benefit of wildlife and for the health of our ecosystem," Heilbrun said in an interview on WFAA Local News. "If you see a bobcat, just think of it as a city cat and let it be on its way!"

Bobcats remain on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) index and, as such, are under trade restrictions. Support bobcat research and conservation organizations.

In the next newsletter: the coyote.

HALLOWEEN/HARVEST

Decorating Contest 2021

Special Shout and Thank You Goes Out To:

**All the Halloween/Harvest Decorating Contest
Volunteer Judges and
Coordinator Beth Rutkoski**

**All the Holiday Decorating Contest Volunteer
Judges and Coordinator Beth Rutkoski**

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Redistricting

Redistricting Map Update

The Park Glen Board of Directors is engaging with many of the surrounding neighborhoods, to establish a united voice on the Fort Worth Redistricting Map issue. At the December 14th City Council meeting, the City Council gave direction to the Redistricting Task Force and allowed any previously disqualified maps back in for consideration and allowed new maps to be submitted through December 17th.

We recommend that concerned homeowners attend upcoming Redistricting Task Force meetings in January and City Council Meetings in February, especially when public comment is permitted. When more information and dates are available, we will share it with our Park Glen community.

More information on the Redistricting Map can be found in the blue box on the home page of ParkGlen.org

Playground Updates

City of Fort Worth Time Schedule for Replacement of Arcadia Park Playground #3 (4800 Seneca Dr.) and Arcadia Park Playground #7 (near 7100 Teal Dr.) *

- ⇒ Design Completion: Feb. '22
- ⇒ Bid Advertisement: March '22 (**project will be bid as two separate projects - 7 playgrounds each. City is replacing 14 playgrounds)
- ⇒ Bid Opening: April '22
- ⇒ Council Award: May '22
- ⇒ Construction Start: June '22
- ⇒ Construction Completion: Dec. '22



* The Playground at Arcadia Park #7 (located near 7100 Teal) is actually located east of Bluebonnet Elementary, and east of the school's playground which is located east of the parking lot and drive area. Arcadia Park Playground #7 is located in the shade and is currently a playground designed for very young children.

Please Support the Sponsors of Park Glen's 2021 Turkey Trot!



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Turkey Trot 2021

Special Shout and Thank You Goes Out To:

The Park Glen Turkey Trot 2021 was a great success. We had approx. 500 participants and made a profit of approx. \$11,000 which goes to the PGNA Scholarship Program. This event is planned and run entirely by volunteers and no HOA dues are used. Information and application for the Scholarship Program will be posted on the website ParkGlen.org by approximately mid-April. Typically, applications are accepted from May 1-June 1st.

Thanks to all our sponsors and participants. A special "Shout Out" goes to:

- Susan Kenney for Coordinating the Event,
- Dana Davies, Doug Davies, Tom Kaul, Bob Kilburn, Dennis Novak, Scott Roloff, Irene Vivanco, Roy Wickham, Erika Wickham, and Michael Woods for all your help in organizing,
- all the volunteers who helped before and at the event (including the amazing high school students),
- Paul Grove, and Derrick Simpson, the Neighborhood Police Officer,
- Code Blue including Tom Kaul, Paul Grove, Aaron Cornelius, Ralph Robb, Richard Crow, and Jennie Horn,
- Park Glen Scouts,
- Bill Begole and Alliance United Methodist Church.



Turkey Trot 2021 Pictures





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Holiday in the Park was such a fun event and had an amazing turnout, approx. 800 attendees.

A very special thanks goes out to our selfless volunteers and our amazing community for coming together to make this what it was! A special shout-out to:

- 🌲 Kristy Shallcross for Coordinating the Event,
- 🌲 Susan Kenney, Chelsey Masters, Charlotte McCurtain, Tom Kaul, and Paul Grove for all of your help organizing,
- 🌲 Piper Ogan and the Girl Scouts for face painting,
- 🌲 Bill Begole and the Alliance United Methodist Men,
- 🌲 Bob Kilburn and the Park Glen Scouts,
- 🌲 Marissa and Alliance Church for all of your yummy food, giveaways, and treats, and of course the amazing Santa,
- 🌲 Rob Meyer was a huge hit,
- 🌲 Code Blue and Officer Gray did a great job with security,
- 🌲 Shawnel Buitrago-Herbst and Triple Motion Dance,
- 🌲 Becky and Stage Notes,
- 🌲 Trisha Reed Baughman and Time to Shine were such fabulous entertainment!
- 🌲 Casey and Kian Foster (Balloon Art),
- 🌲 Sky Pirates inflatables,
- 🌲 Westland Ranch Petting Zoo,
- 🌲 All of our incredible high school volunteers, who kept all of our kiddos safe and everything in order, and
- 🌲 Our many super fun vendors and exhibitors- you all were wonderful!!





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HOLIDAY

Decorating Contest 2021 Winners

The Glen

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The Hills

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Parkview

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HOLIDAY

Decorating Contest 2021 Winners

Vistas at

7055 Deer Ridge Dr.



The Crossing

5100 White Hills Dr.

Phase III

5409 Bryce Canyon Ct.



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Decorating Contest 2021 Winners

Vistas of Park Glen

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The Knoll

8005 Rushmore Rd.





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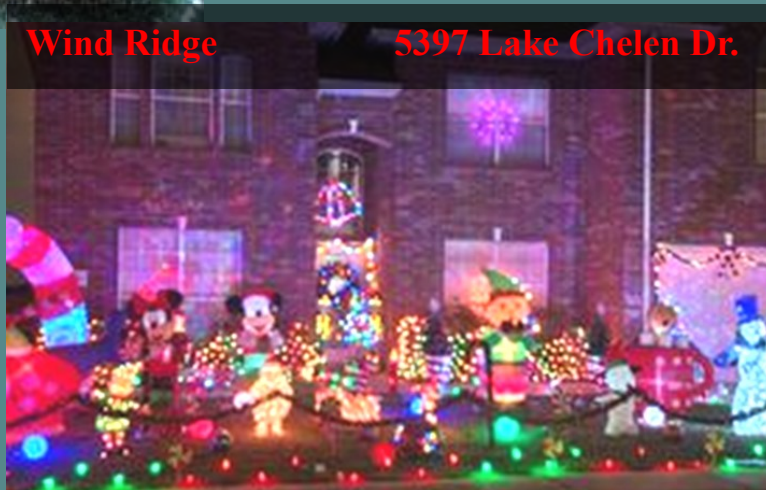
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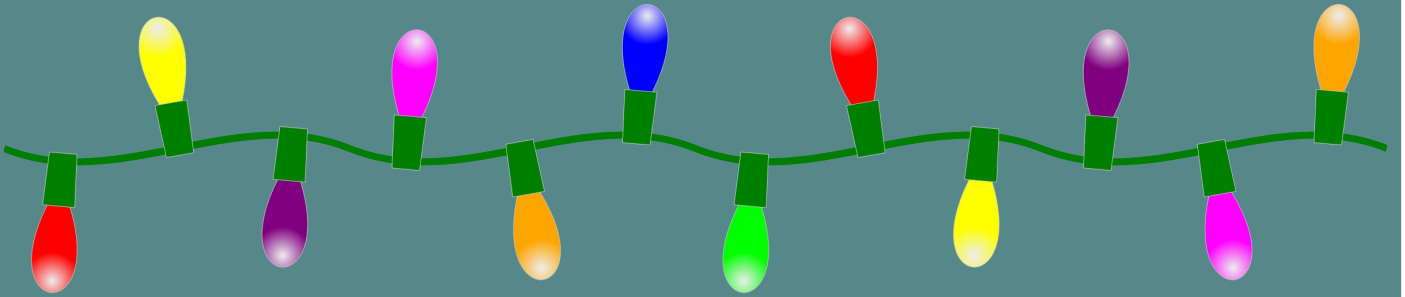
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The Meadows

7109 Isle Royale Dr.



The Preserve

8301 Greylock Dr.



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Cabbage Roll Casserole

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Servings: 8 pieces



Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef
1 onion finely chopped
1 green bell pepper chopped
2-3 cloves garlic minced
14 oz can of diced tomatoes
8-9 cups green cabbage 1 small head, cored and chopped
.5 tbsp smoked paprika
.5 tsp garlic powder
.5 tsp onion powder
1 tsp salt (or to taste)
1 tsp black pepper (or to taste)
1.5 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Instructions

1. In a large sauté pan over medium high heat brown beef. (If there is excess beef fat of a couple tablespoons remove excess fat.)
2. Add onion, garlic, bell pepper. Cook for 4-5 minutes, or until onions being to get tender.
3. Add diced tomatoes, cabbage, smoked paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Stir together. Cover pan with a lid and cook for 18-25 minutes, or until cabbage and bell peppers are tender. (Season with additional salt and pepper here, if needed.)
4. Top with shredded cheese and cover again until cheese is melted.
5. Spoon into a bowl, garnish with fresh parsley and enjoy!

Link: <https://www.thatslowcarb.com/cabbage-roll-casserole/>

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Whipped Shortbread

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 13 minutes
Total Time: 23 minutes
Servings: 48 pieces

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour plus additional for tamping
1/3 cup cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/4 cup unsalted butter room temperature
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
Red and green sprinkles if desired

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300°F, and line a cookie sheet with a piece of parchment.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together all-purpose flour, cornstarch and salt and put aside.
3. Using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat the softened butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla together until light and fluffy (about 3-5 minutes). Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.
4. Gradually add in the flour mixture, about 1/2 cup at a time, mixing until fully incorporated.
5. Using a 1 tablespoon cookie scoop, place dough about 1 inch apart on a baking sheet.
6. Lightly dip a fork in flour and tap any excess off. Flatten the cookies about 1/3 of the way down. Add sprinkles and bake for 12-13 minutes.
7. Allow them to cool for at least 15 minutes on the cookies sheet before transferring to a wire rack.

Link: <https://www.365daysofbakingandmore.com/whipped-shortbread-cookies/>



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