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Neighborhood

3 Things You Need to Know

NEWS

1. Holiday Decorating Contest judging will be done anytime between 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. between Dec. 10 - 15th. Email: pgnaBeth@gmail.com if you have any questions.
2. This is the best time (November-February) to trim and thin out tree canopies, which will help grass grow underneath come spring and summer. See the Lazy Gardener article on [page 7](#).
3. Service group formed to help Park Glen residents, who have special circumstances preventing them from doing their yard work. See [page 10](#).

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Holiday Decorating Contest

Park Glen will again have its annual Holiday Decorating Contest to recognize and show appreciation to residents for their outstanding efforts to decorate their homes for everyone to enjoy.

Entries or nominations are not required. Volunteer judges will tour the neighborhood looking at home decorations between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. from December 10 through 15. Judging will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street only. The primary factor will be overall presentation (“wow factor”), but judges will also consider uniqueness & creativity, storyline or theme, and neatness & organization. The 2018 and 2019 winners and properties with past due balances owed to the Association or outstanding deed restriction violations will not be eligible.

Thirteen homes will be selected (one from each of Park Glen’s 13 villages), with each winner receiving a \$50 gift card and a yard sign to display for the remainder of the month. Winners will also be announced and pictured on our website and in the January newsletter. Be creative, be festive, and have fun!

You can be a judge and still be eligible for the contest.
Please e-mail PGNABeth@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Park Glen Neighborhood Association

Turkey Challenge

Thanks to all who participated in the Turkey Challenge and to our Sponsors which benefits the PGNA Scholarship Program.



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From our Neighborhood Police Officer, Derrick Simpson

As the holidays round the corner our officers are already noticing some upticks in our area porch pirate activity. Keep your eyes open to strange vehicles in the neighborhood. Watch for those driving slower, acting oddly or following FedEx/UPS/Amazon trucks. If there is a chance that you can please try to write down the make, model, color of the vehicle (and in an ideal situation, the license plate) as well as details about the occupants. Note ethnicity, approximate age, hair color, etc. Photos of persons and vehicles are extremely helpful, but do not put yourself in any risk trying to get extra details.

Please call 911 once you see this happening.

Please Stay Safe!!!



If you need to contact NPO Derrick Simpson, the neighborhood patrol officer, the best way to contact him is by email at derrick.simpson@fortworthtexas.gov. Or (817)392-3180 (desk), (817)988-1076 (cell). They don't work weekends unless it's a special event. If there is something that needs immediate police attention call 911, if not call non-emergency (817)392-4222.

We're so lucky to have Citizens that support us the way you all do. We could not do this job without your help and support.

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PGNA Landscape Corner

by the Lazy Gardener

Winter, phew! Finally, the temperatures are cooling off, you don't have to water or cut the grass as much, time to kick back and wait until spring. Right!? While you can do that, and you are well entitled to do so, after all this is your yard and garden and your garden should always remain something of pleasure and relaxation for you, not become burdensome; and that my friends is what this month's article is about, making your yard easy to maintain and more enjoyable.



You have a good four months to get ready for next year's growing season. If you do a few of these chores now, while the days are cool, you can save yourself many hours of work in the heat of the summer, not to mention hundreds of gallons of water.

First up on the list is tree care. In my last article I mentioned that this is a great time to plant a tree or shrub; it is also a good time to remove trees which are diseased or to trim the canopy so that some sunshine can come through. For most of us

trimming trees is not a DIY project, tree branches are much larger and heavier than they would appear to be from the ground. Many branches overhang your house or maybe even your neighbor's house; a mistake here could be far more costly than what an arborist may charge.



Licensed Arborists will make strategic cuts and lower limbs slowly and safely. A good way to get professional help at reasonable prices is to buddy up with your like-minded neighbors and contract out a tree trimming service together, explaining that each household should be billed individually but together you can reap economies of time and travel for the arborist and each can get a much lower bill than if they hired one separately.

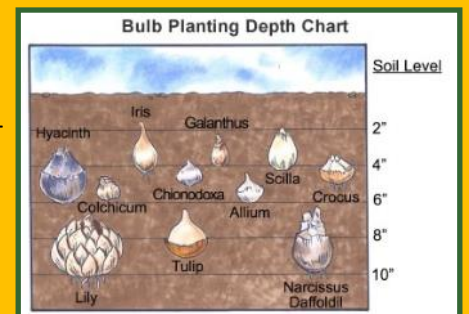


Our next task is turning that hard pack primarily clay soil in our shrub and flower beds into something that you can easily plant anything you want in and simultaneously absorb and hold a lot more water. This can be done several ways, but my favorite is to start with tilling by hand or with a tiller down about 4-6 inches, add a couple inches of shredded leaves from your yard (use your mower to shred them), add an inch of Perlite (preferred) or Vermiculite or coarse sand to your bed and a couple inches of compost or garden soil to your beds. Till all these ingredients together to a depth of 6-8 inches.

If you do this correctly, you will only need to do this once, then each winter after adding an inch of shredded leaves and an inch of compost will keep your soil loose which allows air and water to get down deep and make all your plants healthier. Bonus, weeds will be far fewer and those that may crop up from time to time will be easily removed, root and all. Bonus 2, the perlite, vermiculite, or coarse sand will not only allow water to percolate deeper into the ground but also hold water and nutrients.

This is also a great time to plant bulbs; spring flowers tend to arise from bulbs or large rhizomes. Follow the recommended depth specified for each flower type, add a tablespoon of bone meal, water the hole before placing the bulb and water after covering it then let mother nature nurture it through the winter for you to enjoy in the spring.

That is all for this month, after all it is the slow season... We will talk landscape planning next time, until then get out there and get a little dirt under your fingernails.



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CDC Holiday and Stress

This Holiday Season Do What's Best For You and Your Loved Ones

Take Care of Yourself

- * Being away from family and friends during the holidays can be hard.
- * When you talk with your friends and family about plans, it is okay if you decide to stay home and remain apart from others.

Do What's Best for Your Household

- * Doing what is best for you includes eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep.
- * Take care of your body and stay active to lessen fatigue, anxiety, and sadness.

Spend Time with Those in Your Household

- * Hard choices to be apart this year may mean that you can spend many more years with your loved ones.
- * Do what is best for your health and the health of your loved ones. This year spend time with those in your own household.

Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/coping-holiday-stress.html>



Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

Another month has gone by and it has been a full one for the Scouts of Park Glen. There are 4 Scout Organizations Chartered by BSA in Park Glen at the Alliance United Methodist Church, 7904 Park Vista Blvd. The units are Cub Scout Pack 205, organized for boys and girls ages 5-10, or grades K-5. Scouts BSA Troop 205 for boys ages 11-18, Scouts BSA Troop 2205 for girls ages 11-18 and BSA Crew 205 for youth, co-ed ages 14-21. They led and participated in several events and activities. Crew 205 worked with Habitat for Humanity by doing BRUSH UP Fort Worth. They fed the homeless on Thanksgiving (OPERATION TURKEY) and of course they had some fun as well, Ziplining and the Tree Tops in Dallas and spending the weekend camping and shooting at Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp in Palo Pinto County.

The Cubs are in the process of recruiting and adding to their numbers. They honed their model making skills by building their own rockets with their families and launching them in Arcadia Park during the Pack's Annual Rocket Launch, the weather was perfect for it and everyone had a great time.

The Scouts put out Flags around the neighborhood for Veterans Day and had their 10th Annual Chili Cookoff. They are hiking, planning, and training for a trip to Scouting Paradise/ Philmont Scout Ranch next summer.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact **Bob Kilburn** at 817-789-9907 or

bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net

or visit our websites:

For the Venture Crew 205: www.crew205tx.com

For Scouts BSA (Girls)(Troop 2205): <https://troop2205Gtx.org>

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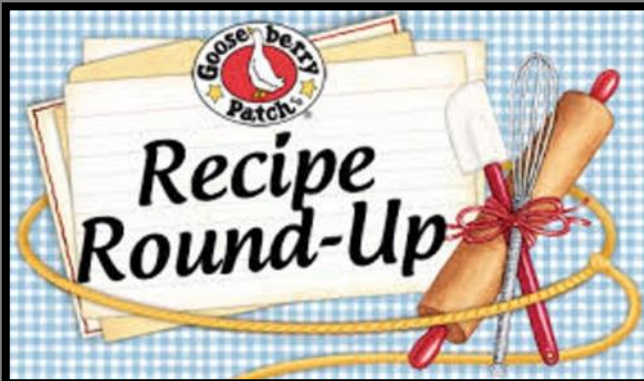
**A NEW SERVICE GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO ASSIST
PARK GLEN RESIDENTS WHO NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK**

The new service group will assist Park Glen residents, for a short time, who have special circumstances preventing them from doing their yard work. Park Glen Scouts: Crew 205, Troop 205, and Troop 2205 have volunteered to do yard work that includes mowing, trimming, edging, etc.



Please call or text Kristy Shallcross, the Volunteer Chair of this service group at [817-908-0095](tel:817-908-0095) to explain your circumstance and what needs to be done in your yard (front and/or back yard).

**THIS SERVICE GROUP IS NOT A SERVICE OF
PARK GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (PGNA) AND PGNA HAS NO INVOLVEMENT.**



Christmas Tree Spinach Dip Breadsticks (30 Minutes)

Ingredients

Produce

- 2 cloves Garlic
- 1/2 tsp Onion powder
- 12 oz Spinach, Frozen dry

Baking & Spices

- 1/4 tsp Chili powder
- 1/2 tsp Garlic salt
- 1 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp Pepper
- 1/2 tsp Salt

Bread & Baked Goods

- 1 tube Crust pizza crust, refrigerated thin

Dairy

- 2 tbs Butter
- 1 cup Cheddar or mozzarella cheese, grated
- 6 oz Cream cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a bowl, beat together the spinach and cream cheese.
3. Add garlic, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper, and Italian seasoning and beat to combine.
4. Add parmesan cheese and 1/2 of the cheddar or mozzarella cheese and beat to combine. (the other half of the cheddar or mozzarella cheese will be sprinkled over the filling when you shape the Christmas tree.)
5. Shape into Christmas tree as directed in the post.
6. Bake for about 22 minutes until quite golden brown on top and cooled through on the bottom.
7. Melt butter and stir in garlic salt and seasoning, then brush over breadsticks.
8. Serve warm.

Link: www.itsalwaysautumn.com/christmas-tree-spinach-dip-breadsticks.html



Cranberry Jam White Chocolate Mousse Cheesecake

1 hours 40 mins cook time · Serves 19

Ingredients

CRANBERRY JAM:

16 oz fresh cranberries
1 cup white granulated sugar
1/2 Tbsp vanilla extract

CRUST:

1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
¼ cup brown sugar
5 Tbsp butter melted
1 tsp vanilla extract

CHEESECAKE FILLING:

24 oz cream cheese softened
¾ cup heavy whipping cream
2 Tbsp sour cream
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 Tbsp corn starch
½ cup white granulated sugar
1 vanilla bean

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE:

8 oz baking white chocolate bars (2-4 oz bars)
8 oz cream cheese softened
8 oz whipped topping like COOL Whip

CANDIED CRANBERRIES: (OPTIONAL)

8 oz fresh cranberries
1 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup sugar or super fine sugar

Instructions

For the instructions click on this link:

www.willcookformiles.com/christmas-cheesecake-cranberry-jam-white-chocolate-mousse-cheesecake/



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PGNA Board Meeting

Homeowners are always welcome at PGNA Board Meetings held at 7pm every third Monday (except for the combined November/December meeting held on the first Monday of December). The next meeting is January 18, 2021. Meetings are held online go to the [PGNA website](#) for the directions.



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Pets in Park Glen: Rules and Tips

Types and Numbers of Pets

Only dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept in Park Glen, up to four pets per home. Livestock, poultry, chickens, roosters, turkeys, cows, horses, bees, pigs, hogs, sheep, goats, guinea fowls, ducks, and skunks are not allowed in Park Glen, nor are animals that are raised, bred, or kept for commercial purposes or for food. Wild and exotic animals are prohibited as pets within the city limits of Fort Worth. To find out what animals are prohibited, call the [Fort Worth Animal Care & Control](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals) (<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals>).



Control / Leashing

Pets must be restrained or confined on the homeowner's back lot inside a fenced area or within the house. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the lot clean and free of pet debris. Pet observation holes/windows in fences and pet doors of any kind that are visible from the street are prohibited. City ordinances require that dogs be securely confined or restrained at all times when outside, either behind a fence or on a leash and accompanied by its owner. Unattended dogs may not be tethered or bound by chains, ropes, cables, or other devices. A cat must remain within the boundaries of its owner's property.



Licensing, Vaccines, & Microchips

The city of Fort Worth requires that all dogs, cats, and ferrets in the city be licensed and vaccinated. Though not required, microchipping your pet is the best way to make sure he or she gets home when lost. Identification microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin at the shoulder, and it cannot be easily lost or removed like a collar tag. All microchips are listed in a database, making it easy for animal control to reunite pets and owners. See this website for [Fort Worth low-cost assistance for pet owners](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals/policy-initiative/animal-welfare)



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Animal Noise & Waste

Animals that cause frequent or continuous noise that disturbs others may earn their owners a city fine of up to \$500. Owners who fail to pick up the waste of their pets also violate the law. Animal noise or waste complaints can be made by calling **817-392-1234** or going to the [Fort Worth Animal Care & Control](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals/lost-animals) website. Park Glen let's be considerate of our neighbors and not give anybody anything to report.

Lost Pets

If you find or lose a pet, we suggest posting on the Facebook [Park Glen Area Lost and Found Pets](https://www.facebook.com/groups/741102155985328/) page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/741102155985328/>), [Fort Worth Lost Pets](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals/lost-animals) (<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals/lost-animals>) and other sites rather than putting up signs. Social media allows quick interaction and updates between neighbors to relay sightings and information, and there is nothing to take down when the pet is returned to the owner.

