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Holiday In The Park



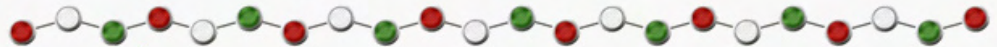
You are invited to come and celebrate the holiday with us!

December 13th from 10a-Noon
at Arcadia Island Park, at the end
of Ash River and Island Park Drive

Come and take a picture with Santa!
There will be music and singing,
cookies and hot chocolate! There will
also be a bounce house for the kids,
and although you never can tell about
these Texas winters.....we are
forecasting snow this year!



Visit ParkGlen.org for more details.



Holiday Lighting Contest

Are you the Master of Decorating? King or Queen of Decking the Halls? Here's your chance to shine! It's time for a little fun and friendly competition among neighbors! You may enter your own yard or enter a neighbor's at ParkGlen.org, between Dec 15th-19th. All submissions will be posted online. Good luck and let the stringing begin!



Do you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter? Do you have an interesting hobby or job? Can you write a newsletter article or provide information for an article? Contact us at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Hi Everyone,
I hear a lot of opinions about living in a neighborhood where there is an HOA. Many people understand and appreciate the role of the Association and some people ask me, "what good are they?", or "does it really bring value?", or simply comments like, "this is the first and last neighborhood I'll ever

live in with an HOA". I cannot help but feel that many folks who live in Park Glen really don't understand how a properly run HOA can be a huge asset for the homeowner.

There are certainly pros and a con to nearly everything in life and from my perspective, having an HOA is not an exception. The HOA's core responsibility is to protect the property value of the homes in the neighborhood overall. That said, I think HOA's can do that in a much more comprehensive way than just letting homeowners know when they've violated a covenant restriction.

Since the election this past summer, as promised, your newly elected board of directors has been very active listening to homeowners and making some necessary changes. The first thing we did was move our board meetings, which were being held away from the neighborhood, to inside Park Glen's borders. The Long Horn Council building at the corner of Park Vista and Basswood is a much more neighborhood friendly venue. It's easy access for our homeowners and we have developed a terrific relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, who own the building. On that note we have been meeting every two weeks to make sure we take care of the important community business that needs to be accomplished.

We are also in the process of having an audit accomplished of PGNA financial records and preparing to review our assessment collection processes. We have established and reestablished many committees, planned for events like Park Glen's 10th Annual Turkey Trot and the annual Holiday in the Park festivities. Discussions and planning for other events are ongoing as well.

We have enhanced our communication efforts and started the process of developing better relations with the Property Improvement District (PID6), local businesses and churches here in Park Glen. I think that these relationships are vital to an effective association that supports a thriving community.

As you can see, there are many things going on in Park Glen. Your involvement is wanted and needed. I want to encourage you to get involved and join us at our meetings. Volunteer on a committee and help make our neighborhood as good as it can be. This is YOUR neighborhood association and as always, your feedback is welcome.

Thanks for reading,

Kevin

P.S. **IMPORTANT:** I need to remind you that the City of Ft. Worth Street Department will be replacing sidewalks in Park Glen. If the City has chosen your sidewalk for replacement, they WILL BE REMOVING THE TREES and WILL NOT REPLACE THEM. If you are interested in the city's tree replacement program go to <http://fortworthtexas.gov/forestry/info>. The list of areas that will be impacted are listed in this newsletter.



We would like to WELCOME our new homeowners to Park Glen! If you are interested in getting involved in your neighborhood please feel free to contact us.

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The Communications Committee has set up a new Facebook Find us at "Park Glen Neighborhood Association"! LIKE our page and get reminders and event updates. It's a great way to keep in touch!

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec 2nd – Board Meeting – 7p, Longhorn Activity Center (Park Vista & Basswood)

Dec 4th – Meeting to Discuss Bond Issue 02370-2014 (Sidewalk Replacement), 7p, Longhorn Activity Center

Dec 13th - HOLIDAY IN THE PARK! – 10am - 12pm Arcadia Island Park

Dec 16th - Board Meeting – 7p, Longhorn Activity Center

Dec 22nd-Jan 2nd – School Winter Break

PICKLE BALL: WHAT, WHERE, WHEN

Neighbors in Park Glen may wish to be aware of Pickle Ball. It is a sport of growing popularity, especially among seniors and retirees. There is currently an effort underway at the Watauga Activity Center (7901 Indian Springs) to promote the sport. The sport uses a 36" high net and a whiffle ball, on a court about 20 ft. by 20 ft. each side of the net. It combines elements of tennis, badminton, and racquetball. It has grown rapidly, especially in areas like Arizona and Florida, although it was first played in the Pacific NW. By no means is it a seniors-only sport, however. Currently, 3 hour sessions are being played in the activity center at noon on Mondays & Wednesdays.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I'm Susan Kenney, and I have volunteered to be the Development Committee Chair for Park Glen. This Committee will monitor as best it can, proposed, new development projects near our neighborhood. We will be notified by the city of any proposed rezoning of properties within a ¼ mile of our neighborhood, and we will monitor these. We will also try to improve our community's physical environment through infrastructure, landscaping, and other ways to increase the livability of our neighborhood. If you would like to be a part of this committee, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you would like to be a committee member or if you have any comments or suggestions: SusanKenney99@aol.com

Blue Zones Project

The Blue Zones Project is an initiative going on right now in the City of Fort Worth by Texas Health Resources, and its purpose is to make the City of Fort Worth more healthy and livable for its residents. The Blue Zones Project process will educate residents on healthy living as well as gather input from residents which will help guide recommendations for policy changes in the City of Fort Worth. The key areas that the Blue Zones Project will target are:

- **Neighborhoods and the built environment**
- **Worksites**
- **Schools**
- **Restaurants**
- **Grocery stores**
- **Community policy**

They will be specifically looking at two areas in Fort Worth, north Fort Worth (north of 820 to northern city limits) and the south side near downtown Fort Worth. In north Fort Worth, they will be officially kicking off this Blue Zones Project on the weekend of January 8-10th, 2015, exact times and locations will be in our January newsletter. This will be an ongoing project for a while, so you will have further opportunities for input and there will be committees formed. This is a great opportunity for residents in our Park Glen neighborhood and all other neighborhoods in north Fort Worth to shape our future, built environment and quality of life.

For more information or if you want to get involved, go to: BlueZonesProject.com, and click on Fort Worth; 817-869-0900, BlueZonesProjectFortWorth@Healthways.com.

Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

What a fun month for the Scouts in Park Glen. The Scouts are right in the middle of their "Popcorn Sales". They have been selling popcorn at several retailers door to door. Thanks for supporting Scouting! Popcorn sales support local units and provide quality programs for the boys.

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts both did several community service projects. They participated in the Alliance United Methodist Church Workday along with the United Methodist Men helping spruce up the grounds and community garden and several of the Church families. This year, at the Trinity Trash Bash, the Scouts cleaned up the area near the 4th Street trailhead near the Trinity River in Fort Worth and celebrated at the after party with thousands of folks helping in the clean up effort. This is an annual tradition.

The Cub Scouts had their first Pack meeting of the year with lots of awards given out for all the summertime activities. There was a Tiger Adventure Day at the Basswood Activity Center where all the newest Cub Scouts got to do what Cub Scouts do! We participated in games, songs and even climbing those Rock Towers in our neighborhood. The new Tiger Den visited the Watauga Fire Department. Thanks so much for having them!

Boy Scouts have been just as busy. They had a campout at the Sid Richardson Boy Scout Camp where they worked on leadership training and outdoors skills. They spent two Saturdays at Weatherford College near Bridgeport working in Merit Badges at the Merit Badge Mania sponsored by the Mustang District. The Troop had an open house at the Basswood Activity Center inviting Webelos Scouts to meet the Boy Scout Troop and join them in the fun. There were lots of stations for them to go through: pancake flipping, branding, relay race—stretcher, tent & square knot relay, donut on a string, Tug of War, Marshmallow Gun, and The Human Knot to name just a few. What a great time! They wrapped up the month with a Court of Honor while recognizing and celebrating all the Boys Scouts achievements during the last quarter. Thanks to all the Boy Scouts and Volunteers for making it a memorable event.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or

bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net.

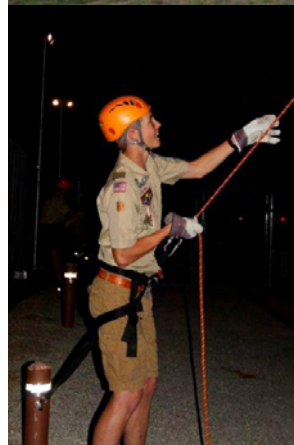
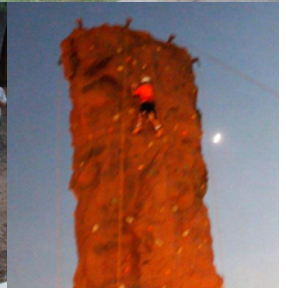
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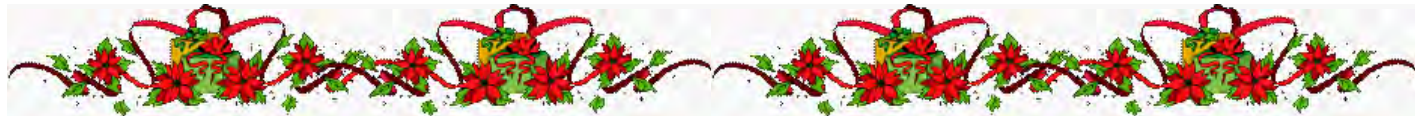
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DIVIDEND PROGRAMS STEM FROM SPEAKING OUT

Numerous folks have been vocal about the condition of the paint on the Park Glen fences. At the PID6 September Meeting, the Advisory Board voted to address the situation and try a speed up the re-paint program which is routinely administered on the fences. Undoubtedly you have seen some of this work underway.

Some areas of the fence designated to be replaced will likewise have a speed up in work and there was at least one area where replacement was not scheduled but it was voted to be advanced ahead of regular schedule.

Be aware there are more than 11 miles of fence in our neighborhood and total replacement of it would range to \$2.5 million expenditure. Thus, a one time replacement would far exceed the PID6 annual budget, which is tax funded.

Also, there will be a street program underway in the near term involving primarily the Knolls Village in our neighborhood. This is a result from a Bond package which the City obtained in referendum some time ago. If you are outside the Knolls, it may serve well to express concern about another area you feel is in need of attention in our area. Riad Nusallah made a presentation at the PID6 Annual Meeting regarding the upcoming project. Contact him at: riad.nusallah@fortworthtexas.gov if you know an area in need of attention where under spending in the Knolls would enable funds to be diverted.

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SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Using bond money, the city will be repairing some of the sidewalks and street pavement in the Arcadia Park area. The plan is to replace the damaged areas but in order to do that they will have to remove the adjoining trees. We have been told that the city does NOT plan to replace these trees. As of the printing of this newsletter, we were not given a time frame for the work. We will keep you posted on any information we receive. The city has asked the Park Glen Neighborhood Association to set up a town hall meeting for the affected homeowners. More information on that soon. Here are the locations where the work will be done. . .

STREET NAME	BLOCK LIMITS	STREE LIMITS
Arcadia Trl	7400-7407	Basswood Blvd - Point Reyes Dr
Arcadia Trl	7408-7419	Point Reyes Dr - Olympia Trl
Arcadia Trl	7420-7499	Olympia Trl - Los Padres Trl
Arcadia Trl	7500-7558	Los Padres Trl - Arcadia Ct
Arcadia Trl	7559-7599	Arcadia Ct - Rio Blanco Ct
Arcadia Trl	7600-7619	Rio Blanco Ct - Broken Bow Dr
Arcadia Trl	7620-7649	Broken Bow Dr - Broken Bow Dr
Arcadia Trl	7650-7674	Broken Bow Dr - Squaw Creek Ct
Arcadia Trl	7675-7699	Squaw Creek Ct - Fort Concho Dr
Arcadia Trl	7700-7719	Fort Concho Dr - Marble Canyon Dr
Arcadia Trl	7720-7749	Marble Canyon Dr - Black Hills Ln
Los Padres Trl	7400-7415	Basswood Blvd - Los Padres Ct
Los Padres Trl	7416-7439	Los Padres Ct - Catlow Ct
Los Padres Trl	7440-7449	Catlow Ct - San Isabel Ct
Los Padres Trl	7450-7499	San Isabel Ct - Arcadia Trl

Los Padres Trl	7500-7599	Arcadia Trl - Grand Mesa Dr
Los Padres Ct	5100-5199	Los Padres Trl - E Cul-De-Sac
Arcadia Ct	5100-5199	W Cul-De-Sac - Arcadia Trl
Catlow Ct	7400-7499	SE Cul-De-Sac - Los Padres Trl
San Isabel Ct	7400-7499	SE Cul-De-Sac - Los Padres Trl
Rio Blanco Ct	5100-5199	Arcadia Trl - E Cul-De-Sac
Point Reyes Dr	7400-7599	Arcadia Trl - Grand Mesa Dr
Olympia Trl	7500-7599	Arcadia Trl - Grand Mesa Dr
Broken Bow Dr	5100-5199	Arcadia Trl - Arcadia Trl
Arcadia Trl	7750-7799	Black Hills Ln - Marble Canyon Ct
Marble Canyon Dr	7700-7799	Marble Canyon Ct - Arcadia Trl
Grand Mesa Dr	5200-5223	Los Padres Trl - Olympia Trl
Grand Mesa Dr	5224-5299	Olympia Trl - Point Reyes Dr
Grand Mesa Dr	5300-5399	Point Reyes Dr - Deerlodge Trl
Squaw Creek Ct	5100-5199	Arcadia Trl - NW Cul-De-Sac
Crescent Lake Dr	5300-5352	Fort Concho Dr - Deerlodge Trl
Fort Concho Dr	5200-5299	Arcadia Trl - Crescent Lake Dr
Fort Concho Dr	5300-5399	Crescent Lake Dr - Deerlodge Trl
Deerlodge Trl	7500-7524	Grand Mesa Dr - Fort Concho Dr
Deerlodge Trl	7525-7599	Fort Concho Dr - Crescent Lake Dr
Crescent Lake Dr	5353-5374	Deerlodge Trl - Crescent Lake Ct
Crescent Lake Ct	7600-7699	Crescent Lake Dr - N Cul-De-Sac
Marble Canyon Ct	7700-7799	Marble Canyon Dr - NW Cul-De-Sac
Crescent Lake Dr	5375-5399	Crescent Lake Ct - Park Vista Blvd

Fort Concho Dr (Node-A)	5204-5220	End - Fort Concho Dr
Fort Concho Dr (Node-B)	5313-5325	Fort Concho Dr - N End
Grand Mesa Dr (Node)	5201-5209	Los Padres Trl - N End
Point Reyes Dr (Node)	7454-7466	Point Reyes Dr - S End



Neighborhood Tree Planting Program (Deadline to sign up is Jan. 9, 2015)

Did you know that the City provides free 5 gallon trees for planting in the parkway (the strip between the curb and sidewalk)? Participants will need to plant the trees and water them until established. The Park Glen Boy Scouts Troop 205 will provide help to those who cannot plant their own trees. Please go to <http://goo.gl/forms/5MndDVMpj0>, if you want to sign up for free trees for the parkway in front of your house. The city will come out and determine how many can fit. Our neighborhood is coordinating the tree delivery with the City, and you will be able to pick up the tree(s) on Saturday, January 17, 2015 (see details below). Those who need help will have them delivered and planted by the Boy Scouts on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Any questions, please contact SusanKenney99@aol.com, coordinating for Park Glen, or Craig.Fox@fortworthtexas.gov in the City's forestry section.

Tree(s) pickup for Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:00 AM-10:00 AM

8116 Island Park Ct.

If you have any questions or need to make other arrangements for pickup, please call Susan Kenney, 817-521-8892, SusanKenney99@aol.com



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Tips for the Holidays



As Christmas approaches, people tend to get busier with social events, present buying and end-of-year commitments and tasks. Before getting overwhelmed with the whole season, consider the following:

Spirit of Christmas

Christmas is a time of love, giving and being with the people important in your life. Remember this and don't get too worried about having the neatest house, the fanciest meal, sending out record numbers of Christmas cards or other little details. It is more important that your home is welcoming and your Christmas spirit shows in your happiness. Keep things simple and friendly to save you stress and give everyone a good time!

Spread the Jobs

Make sure that you are not left with all the Christmas tasks. Ask for help and you may be pleasantly surprised by people's reactions and hidden skills. By sharing the preparations, you can all share the fun and satisfaction, too.

Pace Yourself

December is usually full of social events – yours as well as those for partners, schools, friends, extended family, and so on. Given the hectic state of the final weeks leading up to Christmas, why not spread the Christmas tasks over months? Maybe even over the entire year.

Be Creative

Without losing any traditions that are special to you and your loved ones, why not use some creativity in your Christmas celebrations this year? Creativity is in us all, but often doesn't get a chance to shine but Christmas is a perfect opportunity for it. Think of different gift ideas, locations, foods, decorations, wrappings, etc, and have some fun!

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Leaving your garage doors open for any length of time is an invitation for criminals to help themselves to your property. Make it a priority to close your garage doors if you are not going to be outside and especially when you leave your home. Let your neighbor know if you notice that their garage door has been open for a while. The same rule applies to your vehicle. Keep the doors locked and windows up while you're not close by to keep an eye on it.

Toffee Peanut Clusters

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds milk chocolate candy coating, coarsely chopped
- 1 jar (16 ounces) dry roasted peanuts
- 1 package (8 ounces) milk chocolate English toffee bits



Directions

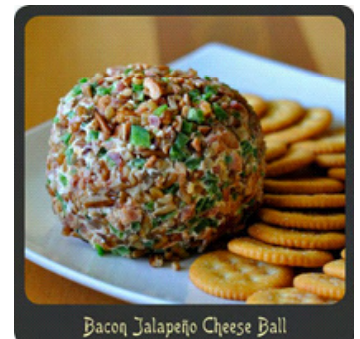
In a microwave, melt candy coating; stir until smooth. Stir in peanuts and toffee bits. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Let stand until set. Store in an air tight container. Yield: 5 dozen.



Bacon Jalapeño Cheeseball

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp sour cream
- 1 (1 ounce) package dry ranch dressing mix
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- ½ pound cheddar cheese, shredded
- ½ cup crumbled bacon pieces (I used the packaged Crumbled 100% Real Bacon from Costco)
- 2-3 jalapenos, seeded and chopped (I used 3)
- ¼ cup finely chopped pecans
- buttery crackers



Instructions

Mix the sour cream with ranch dressing mix in a bowl until smoothly combined. Add the cream cheese, cheddar cheese, bacon, and jalapenos to the bowl, and mix together until thoroughly blended. Chill the mixture for 5 minutes, then shape into a ball. Place the pecans into a shallow bowl, and roll all sides of the cheese ball in the pecans to coat. Serve immediately with buttery crackers.

VILLAGE ADVISORS

Valuable is the work you do
Outstanding in how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
Untiring efforts throughout the year.
Notable are the contributions you make,
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal,
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star,
Special and wonderful – that's what you are!

We are looking for YOU! Village Advisors have been the glue of Park Glen in the past and we want to bring them back. The Village Advisors are the primary point of contact in their assigned village for the homeowners, the PGNA Board and the property management company. They represent the interests and concerns received from the homeowners at each PGNA monthly meeting and they assist the property management company in identifying and reporting Deed Restriction violations.

If you would like to be a VOICE for your neighbors and help Park Glen continue to be one of the best neighborhoods in NE Fort Worth, please contact Janet at: PGNAJanet@gmail.com

You MUST be able to attend the monthly PGNA meetings and have your phone number published in the PGNA Newsletter and on the PGNA Website. A special email account will be set up for each village.



Keller Central High School Color Guard Clinic



Web: www.kellercentralband.com

Do you love to DANCE and PERFORM? Come Dance and Spin With US!!!
Members of the current CHS Color Guard will be teaching YOU!



Grades: 3rd Grade – 8th Grade, boys and girls

When: Saturday December 13, 2014 9am – 12pm (Registration begins at 8am)

Location: Central High School Gymnasium (Back of the School)

Registration Fee: \$30 (Includes Camp T-Shirt)

Attire: Dance Attire or Athletic shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes, and hair up in a pony tail for girls!

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Committee Interest Form

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My Community: _____

My Address: _____

My Phone Number(s): _____(work) _____(home)

My E-Mail Address: _____

We are always on the lookout for volunteers!! Here is a list of committees where you can volunteer your time. Please check those committees you are interested in:

_____ **Social Committee** - This committee organizes, promotes and produces a few events throughout the year (Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade, Turkey Trot and others) We are hoping to add a few new events to our list! We are still looking for someone to chair this committee.

_____ **Development Committee** - We have a chair for this committee and she will be looking for homeowners to assist her in making sure the Park Glen area is kept safe and monitors any infrastructure projects and new development.

_____ **Code Blue: Citizens on Patrol** - Volunteers act as an additional set of ears and eyes for the police. This does require brief training at the police academy.

_____ **Crime Watch Block Captains** - This also requires training from the Ft Worth Police. You will be required to collect names and numbers from the residents in your assigned area and meeting and block parties are common.

_____ **Communications Committee** - We have a chair person for this committee. Volunteers are needed to help gather information and/or write articles for the monthly newsletter as well as communicating through social media and the Park Glen website.

_____ **NEW!! Hospitality Committee** - Our vision for this committee is to greet and welcome each new homeowner to our neighborhood by delivering a "welcome" gift. If you would like to put some business information into our bags, please contact board member, Teresa Biery.

_____ **NEW!! Service Committee** - Another new committee with a goal of building a network of volunteers/ neighbors who will assist other neighbors as the need arises. For example, there is an elderly couple who is unable to get their yard cleaned up one week and need some help. We would like to be able to call some folks to help get that yard done for them.

_____ **Architectural Control Committee** - This committee meets bi-weekly to review requests from homeowners for home improvements in accordance with the requirements of the neighborhood's deed restrictions. This group helps protect our investments in our property.

_____ **Village Advisors** - These are folks who are willing to be a point of contact for homeowners in their particular neighborhood to help solve any issues or concerns that may come up. Park Glen has 13 different villages and our goal is to get a Village Advisor for each village.

There are lots of opportunities for you to be active in Park Glen and we could sure use your help! If you are interested in being involved in the neighborhood please contact the President or come to the next Board meeting to volunteer.

Please submit your form to any of the following avenues:

E-Mail Address: dawn@propertymgt solutions.biz

Fax Number: (972) 591-5625

Mailing Address: Property Management Solutions, LLC
204 South Main Street, Suite 300, Keller, TX 76248

Phone Number: (817) 337-1221

Timely Tips for December Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius



Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile.

Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other power equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

It is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled.

Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home décor.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

Enjoy your time with family and friends. Have a very Merry Christmas and blessed Happy New Year!

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Need To Know **Winter Weather....** **Be Prepared!**



Because of an El Niño weather system that could emerge this year, it is predicted to be a colder and wetter than normal winter for Texas. While Texas may not get the severe snow storms like the folks farther north do, it's always a good idea to be prepared for the unpredictable and sometimes dangerous Old Man Winter.

To PREPARE for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.
- Download FEMA's "Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings" for a summary of notifications at: www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather.

DURING Winter Storms and Extreme Cold:

- Stay indoors during the extreme cold weather.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

- Signs of Hypothermia: Dangerously low body temperature. Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.
- What to Do: If symptoms of hypothermia are detected take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, seek medical attention immediately. Get the victim to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry clothing. Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Please seek professional medical help immediately if you are experiencing any symptoms.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.
- If your electricity goes out and you use a generator to power your home, never, EVER run the generator inside your house. You will need to put it someplace with very good ventilation. The generator produces carbon monoxide which can be deadly.

It is also a good idea to winterize your vehicle.....

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- **Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
- **Brakes** - check for wear and fluid levels.
- **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
- **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly.
- **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability.
- **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly.

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Winter Weather.... Be Prepared! continued.

- **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.
- **Install good winter tires** - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.

Update the emergency kits in your vehicles with:

- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and small broom
- Flashlight
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Water
- Snack food
- Matches
- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Blanket(s)
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt and sand
- Jumper cables



December 2014

Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

Check your light sets for cracked insulation, frayed wires or damaged sockets. Any of these could cause short circuits.

- Don't overload your string sets. Check the instructions on the package to find out how many light sets can be connected to each other.
- Avoid overloading circuits. Most home circuits can take 15 amps, or 1,800 watts.
- Cover each outdoor plug and connector joint with plastic wrap to protect it from rain; seal it with electrical tape.
- If you use staples instead of tape to secure lights, be sure that they're insulated staples.
- Make sure decorations pose no danger to children or pets. Don't leave cords dangling or strung loosely on the floor or stairs.





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Your Business in the Bag!

We are looking for folks who would like to help us welcome new homeowners to Park Glen. Our Hospitality Committee has been hard at work coordinating this effort. They would love for you to put your business information in the welcome bags. This can be anything from business cards, coupons, brochures and information or a small gift like a promotional item (pens, chips clips, mugs etc). They are hoping to fill the bag with all kinds of things! Also needed are a few more folks to help hand deliver the bags and greet our new neighbors. If you are interested in being involved please contact Teresa Biery at PGNATeresa@gmail.com.

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Let's Keep That "Holiday Spirit" All Year Long!

During the holidays we are often reminded of the diversity that our world is made up of. People celebrate the holidays according to their separate heritage, traditions, and beliefs. But one of the common denominators that bring people of different race, religion and custom together is a desire to live in peace, harmony and happiness. It is a desire shared by all and it is best achieved through cooperation, compliance and respect.

Our community is sort of like a microcosm of the world. We are made up of people of varying differences, but we are all connected by the fact that we share a community together. And, although we have our differences in opinions, perceptions and desires, we too can benefit through cooperation, compliance and respect for our neighbors.

During this holiday season as we celebrate in our own tradition, let's try to hold onto that spirit of unity, harmony and peace that all traditions embrace and apply it to all of our community neighbors....all year long. If we can, we will all benefit.

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