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Tips for a Positive New Year

2015

1. Stay Positive. You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can know that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.
2. Take a morning walk of gratitude. It will create a fertile mind ready for success.
3. Instead of being disappointed about where you are think optimistically about where you are going.
4. Transform adversity into success by deciding that change is not your enemy but your friend. In the challenge discover the opportunity.
5. Make a difference in the lives of others.
6. Believe that everything happens for a reason and expect good things to come out of challenging experiences.
7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
8. Mentor someone and be mentored by someone.
9. Live with the 3 E's. Energy. Enthusiasm. Empathy.
10. Remember there's no substitute for hard work.
11. Instead of complaining, focus on solutions. It's the key to innovation.
12. Learn from mistakes and let them teach you to make positive chances.
13. Focus on "Get to" vs "Have to." Each day, focus on what you get to do, not what you have to do. Life is a gift not an obligation.
14. Smile and laugh more. They are natural anti-depressants.
15. Enjoy the ride. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy it.

New Year's Resolution #1:

Be More Awesome than last year.



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



Hello,
Happy New Year everyone! I'm excited to get this year started as we have a lot to get done. Your PGNA Board of Directors met twice each month from September through December. This year, we plan to go back to the once-a-month schedule but will continue to evaluate, if there is a need to meet more.

You may or may not be familiar with all of the things that your board does so let me explain that a bit. Each meeting is subject to requirements outlined in the PGNA Bylaws which are located at www.ParkGlen.org. Standard things on the agenda include minutes from the previous meeting, officer reports, financials and committee reports. It sounds fairly simplistic for the most part, right?

So what is the value of your HOA to you? What is a deliverable goal, the return on your investment? Being totally transparent, the fact is that your Board of Directors could show up to the monthly meetings, "rubber stamp" everything, and leave in 30 minutes, and most people would never know. I have seen it happen. But, like in most things, the HOA is only as good as the effort that goes into it.

As you know the number one priority of any HOA is to protect the property value of the homes that are subject to its dedicatory documents. I can tell you that this board does not see that as the extent of why we volunteered. And although our dues remain unchanged since their inception we believe that, as much as anything, true value comes more with interactive organizational relationships.

Let me give you some examples. We are planning to team with the City of Fort Worth and the Boy Scouts to start clean-up days in Arcadia Park. We partner with area churches and businesses to bring you events like the Turkey Trot and Holiday in the Park. We are now interfacing with the PID6 advisory board when they talk about things like fence repair and other projects. We are teaming with PID7 and the North Fort Worth Alliance to have an impact on building standards in and around our neighborhood. And that's only a fraction of what's happening, there is so much more. You see, your neighborhood association is an attractive asset that should be used in a way that benefits you, the Park Glen homeowner. It is so much more than a dues collector. Your HOA is you!

Get ready though, because now I am going to ask for your help. Each month we have had someone say, "I want to do my part". It has really been terrific but we need more than a few. As you probably know Park Glen is a neighborhood of over 3,300 homes in 13 villages and there is a lot to do that is not getting done.

Your Board of Directors is humbled to represent you. But the Park Glen Neighborhood Association will only be as good as you make it. I want to encourage each of you to find some time to join us at a meeting, volunteer or offer to help in whatever way you can. Our neighborhood will be better because you did!

Sincerely,
Kevin



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 at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com or ParkGlen.org.

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Park Glen Neighborhood Association's 10th Annual *Turkey Trot*



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Thank you and congratulations to all runners, sponsors, and volunteers of the 10th Annual
Park Glen Neighborhood Association Turkey Trot 2014.
View more pictures at www.ParkGlen.org.



Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

The past month was a very exciting month for the boys scouts & cub scouts of Troop & Pack 205. Both the pack and the troop picked up and delivered the Boy Scout Popcorn that was ordered last month. Thanks for your support!!

The boy scouts held their annual Webelos Campout at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch where they hosted webelos interested in becoming boy scouts to join them and learn what a boy scout ampoiut is all about. They put up flags in the nieghborhood in honor of our veterans. Thanks to all those families flying those Flags. They had lots of fun! They put on the 4th Annual Chili Cook Off with a record turnout. The 10th Annual Park Glen Turkey Trot was a very busy day for the boy scouts. Some ran and some handed out water to the participants. They rounded out the month by having a gaming tournament at the Longhorn Council Basswood Activity Center.

The cub scouts began the month by doing an opening flag ceremony at The Park Glen Elementary PTA meeting. The highlight for this time of year is the Rocket Launch at Arcadia Park. Great fun was had by all with over 60 estes rockets shot off. At their monthly pack meeting, they had the Space Derby where the cub scouts built and raced rubberband powered rockets. Cub scouts ending the month by celebrating our annual tree lighting, with carols, smores, and hot chocolate.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or

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or visit our websites:

For Boy Scouts

<https://troop205.trooptrack.com>

For Cub Scouts

<http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com>



World's Strangest New Year Traditions

New Year signifies a new beginning. Flipping open a fresh calendar, with its 12 pristine, as-yet-unmarked months, is perhaps one of the most universally hopeful acts we humans perform: finally, a chance to shrug off a year's worth of worries, conflicts, and mistakes; finally, a chance to start over.

It's no wonder we all welcome the holiday with such enthusiasm. Here in the U.S. (and in lots of other countries), the event is celebrated with fireworks and parades, carousing and toasts. Some cultures, though, have more unusual ways of ushering in the New Year.

In many countries, there's a shared belief that specific actions taken on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day—or at the stroke of midnight when one becomes the other—can influence the fate of the months ahead. In the Philippines, for example, wearing polka dots and eating round fruits is supposed to ensure a prosperous new year; in Spain, wolfing down handfuls of grapes as the clock strikes 12 is said to have the same effect.

In other countries, New Year's customs are about driving away the bad spirits of the past year, so that the new one can arrive unsullied and uncorrupted. The purifying power of fire is often used in such

ceremonies: during the Scottish festival of Hogmanay, for instance, parades of village men swing giant blazing fireballs over their heads as they march through the streets. In Panama, effigies of popular celebrities and political figures—called muñecos—are burned on bonfires. Other bad-spirit-banishing customs are less fiery and more fun-like the Danish tradition of jumping off chairs at midnight (which gives new meaning to the term "leap year").

No matter how odd they may seem to us, though, these customs share an optimism that's hard not to appreciate. Out with the old, in with the new!

South Africa

In downtown Johannesburg, locals throw old appliances out the window.

Colombia

Hoping for a travel-filled year, residents tote empty suitcases around the block.

Denmark

Danes ring in the New Year by hurling old plates and glasses...against the doors of friends' and relatives' houses. They also stand on chairs and then jump off them together at midnight. Leaping into January is supposed to banish bad spirits and bring good luck.



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We All Contribute To Community Safety

Because we live within a community association, the potential to solve the kinds of problems that plague individual homeowners is very good.

Take community safety for instance. An individual homeowner can do very little to deter a burglary other than to hire an outside security company to install an alarm that will notify the authorities after the break-in have occurred. It is community effort that provides Neighborhood Watch Programs, enforceable rules and regulations that prohibit unauthorized parking and/or guests, and ways to communicate with neighbors about security issues, all of which effectively deter residential burglary and crime.

As residents of a community association, you are given the opportunity to communicate with your neighbors (this newsletter is a good example), form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and benefit from the enforcement of community rules.

The only thing that keeps us from taking control of our community and eliminating vandalism, burglary and other community-based crime is a lack of participation by all of the members of our community.

If we all kept an eye out on our neighbor's houses while they are away, reported suspicious activity and/or persons, and complied with our rules & regulations, then we would virtually eliminate the causes of neighborhood crime.

It can be easy to complain about the restrictions that are a part of living within a community association entails. Instead, we should be focusing on how we can use our association to help improve the quality of our lives. Let's start focusing on the positives...and working together to preserve community safety. It is a great place to start!



A Note From Your Neighborhood Police Officer

Hello,

I'd like to start out with a quick introduction of myself. My name is Scott Cryer and I have been a Fort Worth Police Officer for over 22 years. I have worked on all sides of town and in many divisions including Patrol, Gang, Fugitive, School Resource, Mounted Patrol, and now Neighborhood Police. My role with the department is to act as a community liaison and "beat crime manager". I monitor criminal activity as it occurs and seek a proactive approach to fighting it. I determine what Police Department resources might be best utilized to combat each specific situation.

Our mission statement says:

"The Fort Worth Police Department provides quality service in partnership with the community to create a safe environment for all."

One of the best examples of this partnership is our Code Blue - Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. Started in 1991, we began training Fort Worth residents in the Citizens Police Academy. Nobody anticipated how successful the Code Blue program would be as it has been credited with being a primary factor in decreases of Part I Crimes especially those of theft, burglary, and auto theft. It is also serving as a catalyst in strengthening neighborhoods, and remains in an expansion mode. COPs have provided general support services to their neighbors, ranging from crime prevention to trash pickups to encouraging persons to move into their area.

After completion of the required training and patrol ride-ins, COPs are issued shirts, jackets, hats, ID badges, and car magnets to identify their involvement in the Code Blue program while they conduct their patrols. COPs are furnished with 800 MHz portable radios, similar to those issued to police officers, to report suspicious activity to their base operator and Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO). NPOs work closely with the COPs in making Fort Worth this great city we live and work in.

If you are interested in joining a Citizen on Patrol group, please contact the coordinator for North Division, Brenda Fitts, at (817) 392-3542, or myself, at (817)201-0183. You may also visit our website for more information at www.fortworthpd.com and click 'Get Involved'.

NEED TO KNOW

Many folks make New Year's resolutions to lose weight and get in shape. Here are some common FAQs about exercising!

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Exercise

Q: How accurate are the calorie-burning counters on cardio machines?

A: Not very. They tend to overestimate calorie burn by a fair amount — up to 30 percent, depending on the machine. Stationary bikes, treadmills, and machines that allow you to enter your weight tend to be more accurate, while an elliptical generally exaggerates the result. To determine how many calories you can burn based on your weight for more than 220 physical activities, go to primusweb.com/fitnesspartner.

Q: Should I eat before or after a workout?

A: After. You want to replace the carbohydrates and glycogen (stored glucose that's used for energy) that were depleted or you'll be more susceptible to injury and burnout. And the sooner you eat, the more likely those nutrients will go to the place where they were expended and are needed most. Research suggests that a snack with a carb-to-protein ratio of four to one is the most beneficial.

Q: Why do I feel sore two days after going to the gym?

A: This is called "delayed-onset muscle soreness." Muscle structure is broken down a little during strength-training, and soreness is a sign that your body is rebuilding. As much as you may want to just sit on the couch, it helps to move: Activity increases blood flow to the area, delivering nutrients that help repair muscle.

Q: Can I tone muscle without lifting weights?

A: Any exercise that involves pushing or pulling against a resistance — such as yoga, Pilates, push-ups, planks, and using resistance bands — is good for muscle toning and endurance.

Q: If I want to lose weight and tone up, should I lose a few pounds first before I start strength-training?

A: You don't have to, but many people want to see results on the scale right away — it keeps them motivated. If that's you, start with aerobic activity to drop pounds faster, then as you get closer to your goal body weight, focus more on strength-training. At this point you won't see as much change on the scale because you'll be building muscle — and muscle weighs more than fat — but you will be improving your fitness level.

Q: Why do men lose weight faster than women?

A: Men naturally have a higher "VO2 max," which is the maximum amount of oxygen a person can use during exercise. And the more oxygen you use, the more calories you burn. Also, pound for pound, men have more lean muscle mass, which burns more calories at rest than fat tissue does.

Q: Should I work out every day?

A: It's okay to do cardiovascular exercise daily, but you shouldn't strength-train every day — your muscles need time to recover. In general, it's good to take one day off entirely each week: Remember, exercise is stressful on the body, plus you don't want to burn out mentally.

Q: How often do I need to buy new workout shoes?

A: The general rule is every 500 miles, but sneakers tend to last longer if you're using them on cardio and weight machines versus pounding the pavement with regular outdoor runs.

Q: How many calories should I expend each day to lose weight?

A: To lose 1 pound a week you need to expend an additional 500 calories a day, either through exercise or cutting calories from your diet. Don't try to lose more than 2 pounds a week — people who lose weight quickly tend to regain it quickly.

Q: If I have only 30 minutes, what's the best way to utilize that time to burn the most calories and fat?

A: Work out at the high end of your target heart rate zone doing anything that gets you up to that level, whether it's doing one cardiovascular activity or a combination of activities.

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Are you feeling LUCKY? Will you eat some black eyed peas on New Year's Day? The practice of eating black-eyed peas for luck is generally believed to date back to the Civil War. At first planted as food for livestock, and later a food staple for slaves in the South, the fields of black-eyed peas were ignored as Sherman's troops destroyed or stole other crops, thereby giving the humble, but nourishing, black-eyed pea an important role as a major food source for surviving Confederates.

Black Eyed Pea Salad



Ingredients

- 3 cups canned or cooked black-eyed peas (2 15-ounce cans, drained)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 small sweet red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped

Basil Dressing

- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 2 to 3 medium cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup olive oil
- fresh basil or parsley for garnish

Preparation

In a serving bowl combine black-eyed peas, 1/4 teaspoon salt, chopped onion, celery, and green pepper. Set aside.

In a small bowl or other container, whisk together the vinegar, basil, garlic, sugar, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper. Gradually whisk in the oil until the dressing is well blended. You can use a blender for this step, if desired.

In a medium bowl, combine the black-eyed peas, the chopped onion, celery, bell pepper, and basil dressing. Cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, at least 2 hours or overnight. Serve with a garnish of fresh parsley or basil, if desired.

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



Here's a look ahead at our upcoming year through September. We will be adding events as they are organized. A few events we are considering. . . a big Spring/early Summer event, an opportunity for you to shred some of your personal documents, a 4th of July event, Movie/Swim Night and possibly some swimming dates. Please keep an eye out for any new information.

- January 13th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center (Park Vista & Basswood)
- February 10th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- March 9th-13th – KISD and BISD Spring Break
- March 10th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- March 28th – Easter egg Hunt
- April 14th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- May 12th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- June 2nd – BISD Last Day of School
- June 5th – KISD Last Day of School
- June 9th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- July 8th – Board Meeting, 7p Longhorn Activity Center
- August TBD - PGNA Board of Directors Election Begins
- August 11th – Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- Sept 1st – PGNA Annual Meeting for All Members

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Committee Spotlight

Service Committee

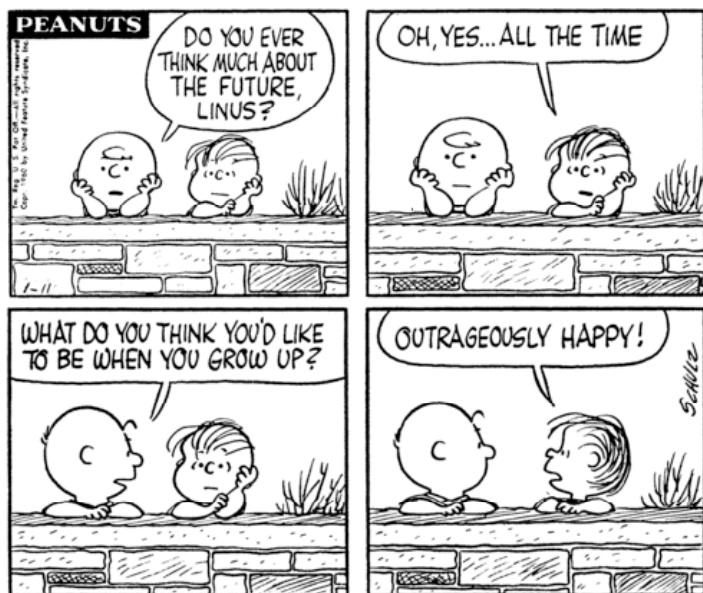
This is a new committee the Board has established with a goal of building a network of volunteers/ neighbors who will assist other neighbors as the need arises. For example, there is an elderly couple who is unable to get their yard cleaned up one week and need some help. We would like to be able to call some folks to help get that yard done for them. If you would like to be involved in this committee please let us know. You may contact Dana at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com.

PGNA Board Member Spotlight



Russell Zwerg,
 Vice-President & Treasurer

Russell is enjoying the challenges in his first year of service on the PGNA Board of Directors. He has lived in Park Glen and Fort Worth since 1992. He was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Mississippi, but he got to Texas as quickly as he could. He is married to Sandra, with two sons (22 and 13) and one daughter (15). Kind of a "numbers" and "systems" geek, Russell's career background is in Accounting and Information Technology. He is a 14-year employee at Enkei Wheels, presently serving as Vice President of Operations. When not working, he enjoys travel, videography, movies, and board games. He is also active in the children's ministry of his church.



Property Modification Approval Request Form for Existing and New Modifications

1. ABOUT THE RESIDENT(S)

Name(s)	
Address	Phase: Lot: Block:
Community Name	
E-Mail	
Phone(s)	Best time to call

2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

Proposed start date	Proposed completion date
Describe the nature of the project (attach pages as necessary)	
Location (attach sketch/drawing)	
Dimensions	Distance from fences and easements
Colors	What impact will this have on your neighbors, if any?
Materials	
Builder	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Project already started	<input type="checkbox"/> Project already completed

3. ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS

YES	NO	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We have read the appropriate Deed Restrictions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I/We have obtained a building permit (attach copy) Copies of applicable permits must be provided to the committee; until received, applications requiring permits will carry a condition requiring the submission of permits.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This project will require fence removal (if yes, inform Association Manager)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed project will be visible from the street

Include a plan view or plat drawing to scale, and any other supporting documents that explicitly project location. Include multiple perspectives if helpful. Specify distance from fences, easements, other structures and neighboring properties. Also include blueprints and rendering, pictures, or drawing of the finished product. Specify any that apply: Construction and finish materials, including color, siding, stain or paint colors (include name brand, color number and color chips), masonry type (i.e. brick, stone, etc.) drainage plan, plant sizes and types, electrical or plumbing, wood type. Include rendering or picture (designating colors and materials) of finished projects. Specify impact on neighbors both during construction and after completion.

As each of us bought our property, we agreed by our signatures to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (a.k.a. CCRs or Deed Restrictions). The Deed Restrictions protect our property values by keeping the community a highly desirable place to live. ACC (Architectural Control Committee) approval must be obtained prior to the start of your project. To avoid delay, make your request as complete as possible and type or print legibly. Incomplete requests will be returned for additional information. Incorrect information or changes made after approval invalidates approval. The ACC tries to assure that all changes to our properties conform to the appropriate Deed Restrictions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

ACC Purpose

The Park Glen Neighborhood Association is charged to protect and enhance the property values of all homeowners of Park Glen and is dedicated to help keep Park Glen a neighborhood with an environment and appearance that the homeowners desire.

A major element contributing to successfully achieving these objectives is to maintain a desirable set of building/construction requirements that are set forth in the covenants of The Park Glen Neighborhood Association. The purpose of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is to ensure that new construction and/or modifications to existing buildings comply with these applicable covenants.

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information for the (ACC) that will help to render an equal and consistent review of all improvements submitted to the committee.

Additionally, in order to facilitate a clear understanding among all parties involved, these guidelines shall also be included with the information checklist that is provided to the applicant upon initial contact with the ACC. By signature on the appropriate form, the applicant indicates he/she has read these guidelines and thereby understands what information the ACC will require for review and why.

The ACC strongly recommends the owner and/or builder review the Deed Restrictions that can be found online prior to submitting the ACC applications.

No alteration in Park Glen may be erected or altered until plans have been approved by the ACC. In the case of a color change, new roof, new deck or fence, etc, ACC approval is required in all cases.

Architectural Controls: Approval Ensures Conformity and Promotes Property Values

Membership in a community association requires compliance to our governing documents, which require that the Association approve all proposed architectural changes before any work is started. The importance of this requirement cannot be overstated when you consider the reasons behind it. One of the biggest advantages of these regulations is the protection of our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our community as a whole. By regulating the kinds and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values. Getting our Association to approve all proposed architectural changes is not just a good idea to protect your investment, it is a requirement! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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UPDATE ON THE SIDEWALK REPAIR BOND ISSUE

Notes from the Dec 4th Meeting

As you may know, on December 4th, your PGNA Board of Directors sponsored a meeting between the Park Glen homeowners and officials from the City of Fort Worth regarding the 2104 Bond Issue (sidewalk replacement). Nearly 100 residents attended the meeting which was held at the Longhorn Activity Center. The City was represented by the Project Manager, Riad Nusrallah, the City Arborist Melinda Adams, and City Councilman Danny Scarth.

After all of the questions and concerns were aired, the city committed to make certain to contact every homeowner before removing a tree from their property. They also committed to evaluate and review alternative solutions such as shaving down sidewalks versus replacing them or rerouting sidewalks instead of removing the trees.

The project manager estimated that evaluations for each tree affected would likely begin in late January and construction would start several months after that, probably near the summer of 2015. The City also committed to hold another town hall following their evaluation and said that they would provide their data to the PGNA President for dissemination.

A group of homeowners volunteered to form a committee to meet with the city to offer solutions and ideas regarding alternatives to tree removal where appropriate, and options for tree replacement if applicable.

We will provide more information when it becomes available.



Committee Interest Form

_____ : Yes! I want to join a committee!

My Name: _____

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:

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How We Can Create a Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive.

The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community.

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents. We agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which time we elect our Board of Directors, although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. Our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member. We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member. And when we choose to serve on community committees or the Board of Directors, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!



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PID stands for Property Improvement District. A PID 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. A PID is formed by petition of the property owners in the proposed district, creating self-imposed tax to pay for enhanced services and/or improvements in the district that benefit not only the individual property owners, but also the entire city.

Hillwood Development Corporation built the Park Glen Neighborhood. The company established PID 2 in 1988 and PID 4 in 1990. In 1998, the property owners petitioned to combine PIDs 2 and 4 into PID 6. Some adjoining neighborhoods, built by different developers, were deemed to benefit from the district in general and were included in the PID 6 petition.

The petition forming PID 6 specifically requested that City Council NOT appoint an Advisory Board to the district. Rather, the Advisory Board was to be composed of representatives of the various neighborhood associations formed within the boundaries of PID 6.

The primary benefit is to provide the assurance of maintaining or increasing property values by a continually maintaining and improving the properties and their surroundings. When PID tax dollars are collected by the City of Fort Worth, they are earmarked for the PID. All that money is guaranteed to be spent on improvements and/or maintenance within the PID district. Neighborhoods do not need to beg, fight and plead with the city every time they want money for an improvement for their neighborhood.

What happens if you do not have a PID? The answer is obvious! Take a look at other residential areas and compare what the development looks like a few years after the builders leave. Belonging to a PID is a good thing.

On PID 6 public property, services include turf maintenance, mowing, edging, fertilizing, horticultural maintenance, tree care, seasonal color, tree and plant replacement, irrigation, water, electricity, special fence maintenance, ground and holiday lighting, park improvements, trash pickup in parks, and off-duty police patrols.

PID 6 does NOT take care of the resident's property or services such as street repairs, street light maintenance and utility services/repair.

All property owners pay an annual assessment which is billed and collected by the Tarrant County Tax Office. The current PID is \$0.175 per \$100 of assessed value. The budget submitted by the PID Manager to the Fort Worth City Council is finalized annually based on the costs. Financial reports are published on this website.

The City of Fort Worth is ultimately responsible for the PID operations. However, the city contracts the management of the daily operations to a property management company. The PID Manager is responsible for supervising the contractors, preparing work summary reports, submitting annual budget and service plan, and addressing concerns raised by members of the district. The PID 6 District Association (Advisory Board) will work with the PID Manager to address concerns of district members.

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This year's YAK Fest is made possible thanks to a generous donation by the Hudson Foundation.

YAK Fest 2015 will be held at Central High School, located at 9450 Ray White Rd, Fort Worth 76244.

Visit www.KellerISD.net for more information.

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