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Mission

Statement:

**Achieving positive** 

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The Villages of PARK GLEN

#### Today Is The Best Day

Author: Catherine Pulsifer, © 2004

We sat on the swing enjoying the warm summer air, truly without a care in the world. Cody, my 6-year-old nephew laughed, as he swung higher than me. His laugh made me smile.

Neighborhood Association

Afterwards, we went for a walk, looking at the gardens.

As we were walking, Cody looked up at me and said, "Today is the best day!" I smiled at him and replied, "Yes, it is a great day."

I then started thinking about what had we done that day?

We didn't really do anything special; there was nothing that we did that cost any money. It was a simple day - one where we talked, went for walks, and swung on the swing.

So often, we wait for our "best days" without realizing that "today is our best day". Or we say, "when I get this", or, "if only this", or, "when I have more money, I will", and we forget to live every day, enjoying today. We should be more like children; they truly live in the moment! They don't need expensive things

to make them happy; they don't use the phrase, "if only", or, "when I get this", or, "when I have more money". They don't dwell in the past, nor do they worry about the future.

We often hear the expression that we should living in the moment. How do we do that? Well, watch children, as they are the perfect example of living in the moment.

There is a saying, "Carpe Diem," which means, "Seize the Day".

Saying that is full of wisdom, "What I do today is important, as I am exchanging a day of my life for it!"

As we get older, we need to remember these sayings and enjoy each and every day.

Keep your childlike attitude of "living each moment to its fullest"!

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#### Summer Swimming Pool Membership

The HOA has an opportunity to gain access to the swimming pool at the Longhorn Activity Center on Basswood and Park Vista for our residents. In order to work this out we will need a certain number of people and families to sign up.

Details are still being discussed but we will need at least 20 families (up to 5 people) to buy a membership at approximately \$150 for 3 1/2 days per week. Single memberships will also be available. Our question to you this month is, would you be interested in buying a pool membership (for Park Glen residents ONLY) for the summer? Please let us know if you are interested and how many in your family would like to join. Send your response to PGNAVoice@gmail.com. If there is not enough interest, the Longhorn Activity Center cannot financially support the effort.

> 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 <u>PGNANewsletter@gmail.com</u>

#### PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Hello Everyone,

Well, spring is here and with it comes a lot of energy to get outside and get things fixed and cleaned up and looking nice. In Park Glen, it can be a particularly challenging time of year. Our neighborhood has really nice, mature trees, which

are beautiful, but it seems lots of things revolve around them. For example, they can be a challenge to trim and clean up. They can create shade that can affect the quality, quantity and type of grass that homeowners grow. In some areas they block the light from street lamps which can be a security issue and in some areas tree canopies can cover the entire street. While it's beautiful up top, it can cause problems for other things.

Obviously our CC&Rs require that our homes and yards be kept to a certain standard. I hear it constantly and I believe that the vast majority of our residents moved to Park Glen because they wanted a neighborhood that maintains those standards. While all homeowners have a dedicatory responsibility to maintain their residence, I recognize that not everyone has a green thumb.

You should also be able to reasonably expect more from your HOA than a reminder that you have failed to live up to your promise. I have spoken to many homeowners who say, "my yard won't grow grass". I do understand that, so we are working hard to develop resources and solutions for homeowners who need assistance in maintaining their trees and yard. You'll hear more about that in the next few weeks and months.

In closing, I would be remiss to not recognize that there are those homes where it is clear that the required effort to maintain a lawn has not been provided. In those cases, homeowners will have access to the same information and resources I mentioned earlier but they should know there will be a renewed interest in violations in Park Glen. We simply must make our neighborhood look better overall. Our goal is that using common sense and consistency, we will raise the level of the appearance in Park Glen.

Thanks, Kevin

If April Showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?



#### Pilgrims! Park Glen Newsletter

#### **April Dates to Remember**

National Humor Month – Make someone laugh!!



- April 1st April Fools Day April 5th – Easter
- April 7th No Housework Day.....You're welcome!
- April 14th Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center (Park Vista and Basswood)
- April 15th Tax Day, Taxes Due
- April 17th Blah, Blah, Blah Day..... Everyone needs a day like this, right?!
- April 28th Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center

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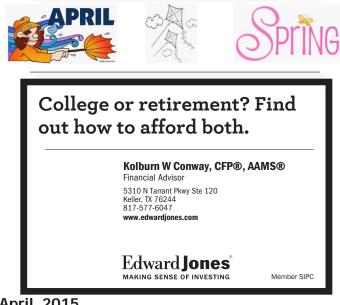
#### PGNA INCREASES ITS NETWORK

At a recent Board meeting of PGNA, it was approved for the Association to join the Fort Worth League of Neighborhood Associations. This provides another way for PGNA to benefit our homeowners and community. By linking with other neighborhoods, we can lobby for improved funding, policies, and laws from the city, state, and federal governments and agencies. We know the extent to which we want the area to have restoration of streets and sidewalks, improvements in our parks, and more patrol of city parks and thoroughfares. We can mobilize our 3300plus resident households to speak out for these needs, in concert with homeowners from our area and city. It is a primary goal of the Board of Directors to raise our neighborhood profile among city leaders. Our role in the League of Neighborhood Associations can help in this regard.

#### **BLUE ZONES PROJECT OFFICIALLY STARTED**

On Saturday, February 21, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price officially kicked off the effort by the City of Fort Worth to promote its Blue Zones Lifestyle Program. The featured speaker at the event was Dan Buettner, the coordinator of this program for National Geographic who also did much legwork in the program. In a one hour presentation, Buettner outlined the way other US cities have adopted and used his research. Albert Lea, MN was the first city to guide itself into the Blue Zones lifestyle and is now one of many cities to have successfully implemented the program. He explained that participation of government and volunteers there made the city more appealing and facilitated the attraction of new business and employment to that city. How? The networked effort of the program resulted in lower medical cost burdens, lower absenteeism at workplaces, and creation of a positive view among employees. Retailers also benefited. Groceries, for example, designated special Blue Zones aisles and shelving at checkouts. The city of Albert Lea considers the effort well worth it.

The kick-off event also involved illustration and display of food appropriate to Blue Zones with cooking demonstrations and voga presentations, as well as signups for volunteer opportunities and the possible creation of support groups to promote "natural" movement and the emphasis of reciprocity in relationships, which have been shown by the research to extend healthiness and life expectancy in numerous places in and out of US. For more information on the Blue Zones Project, go to fortworth.bluezonesproject.com.



#### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

This event is a community-wide collection of individual garage sales held twice a year - spring and fall. PID 6 controls the dates and times for the sales.



Spring 2015 – April 24, 25, 26 Fall 2015 – September 25, 26, 27

Any resident wanting to participate must obtain a nocharge City of Fort Worth garage sale permit at least 3 days in advance. General information about garage sale permits can be found on the city's website.

You can call 817-392-2222 and give them your address or you can apply online. Go to fortworthtexas. aov and click on the "Permits" button, then find "Garage Sales."

The City of Fort Worth has an ordinance that prohibits the publicizing of events with portable signs onsite, but the PID advertises in the Fort Worth Star Telegram and on the PID website, so there is no cost to you. By planning your garage sale to coincide with the PID 6 dates, you can take advantage of the no-cost advertising and benefit from the potentially higher volume of buyers.

#### Community Shredding & "Talk with the Board" Event

May 2 – 10a to Noon, Arcadia Island Park (at the end of Ash River Drive). Bring your personal papers to be shredded (no cost to Park Glen residents and homeowners). This is also an opportunity to talk to the Park Glen Neighborhood Association Board of Directors about issues in our neighborhood and to find



out more about our committees if you would like to volunteer. You set the agenda!



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.

# FOR FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL

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CARY MOON CANDIDATE FOR FORT WORTH CITY COUNC hether it is streets, public safety coverage or other City services, we have been shortchanged in this part of Fort Worth. It is time we elected one of our neighbors to represent our interests.

Cary Moon is a local businessman and President of the Heritage Homeowner Association. He is our neighbor and understands the needs of our community. Moon will work to improve our roads, get more police patrols and manage smarter development to create the jobs and retail options our community wants.

Learn more at Votemoon.org or call Cary at 817-688-2839. **He is ready to go to work for us.** 

# FORCONT THE NOTES

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	State:	Zip:_
	Male / Female (circle one)	Male / Female (circle one) Age on Race

Please Circle Adult Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL Each pre-registered participant will receive a Race TShirt. No guarantee for registrations received after April 16th.

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Return this form with fees to Central Band Boosters

P.O. Box 48032 Fort Worth, TX 76148

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Date

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#### TOWN HALL - MEET THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The Fort Worth City Council elections will be held May 9th. Our current District 4 Councilman, Danny Scarth, will be challenged by Cary Moon. Both of the candidates have agreed to come speak with Park Glen residents. We will have a town hall meeting on April 9th at 7p at the Longhorn Activity Center on Park Vista and Basswood. This is a great opportunity to learn more about these men and ask any questions you may have. We hope you will join us!



#### Scholarship Program



The Park Glen Neighborhood Association will be awarding \$500 scholarships to a select number of Park Glen homeowners/ dependents who will be attending

a college, university, or technical/vocational school this fall. For complete details and to download/ print the application, please go to the ParkGlen.org website or e-mail <u>PGNAScholarship@gmail.com</u>. Application packages will be due by June 1, 2015.

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# "Flags Across America"

"Flags Across America" is a fundraising program for Boy Scout Troops which enable customers to show their patriotism.

This Boy Scout program provides growth and development for boys through the many activities and skills they learn and practice as Scouts. Activities where boys go hiking and camping, conduct service projects, progress through the advancement program, serve as junior leaders, and associate with community leaders.

100 % of the proceeds from this program will enable our scouts to participate in the full range of these activities.

Your contribution to Troop 205 will help us provide scholarships to summer camp, buy camping equipment and meet other troop expenses needed for the scouts.

<u>A Initial Donation of \$50 supplies the Flag and (6) days of service.</u> <u>Renewal Service is \$30 per year. (For current customers continuing their service)</u>

Members of Troop 205 and their parents will display a 3' X 5' American flag in your yard

(6) days each year from sunrise to sunset. We also have Name: **Days of Service:** HOME Address: **Presidents Day Flag Kits** City **Memorial Day** For \$20 Phone: **Flag Day** (Includes flag, pole and mount) Email: **July 4th** or Number Flags: Labor Day Replacement Holiday to Start Service **Veteran's Day** Flags \$10 Each!

Questions? Contact Deanna Kilburn 817-229-4051 or Troop205tx@gmail.com Make checks Payable to TROOP 205 Mail to: 5354 Desert Falls Drive Fort Worth, TX 76137

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#### Park Glen Scouting By Bob Kilburn

Scouts in Park Glen are busy! That is an unspoken rule for our Cubs Scouts and Boy Scout of Pack and Troop 205 in Park Glen. The Cub Scouts held there annual Blue & Gold Celebration at Alliance United Methodist Church. It was Scouting's Birthday Party filled with an evening of fun which included a silent auction, skits, songs, and the highlight of the event was the Cub Scouts Crossing over to become Boy Scouts. 10 boys "The Blue Phoenix Patrol " earned Cub Scout Highest Award, "The Arrow of Light" The boys earning the Arrow of Light award were David Cain. Zack Cortesi, Travis Fletcher, Zander Kelly, Matthew Kennedy, Christian Kilburn, Jacob Lowrie, Alejandro Salazar, Hunter Strickland, and Nate Williams, in a ceremony provided by the Boy Scouts from Troop 205 "Order of the Arrow" Team. It was a sight to be held. Great job to all involved. The Blue & Gold Banquet was a great success.

The Cubs Scouts have been busy working on their achievements to earn their rank. Some earned badges, patches & Belt Loops by visiting a local newspaper, attending a Star Party & going to a Hockey Game.

Along with the performing 2 cross-over ceremonies the Boy Scouts did some hiking, preparing for the annual 50-miler and some Camping where they had leadership training, sold and delivered 600 bags of mulch to help pay their way to Summer Camp, thanks to everyone that supported the Scouts by purchasing Mulch, they put up flags in Park Glen on Presidents Day Wow what month....

> Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area? Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or <u>bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net.</u> or visit our websites:

> > For Boy Scouts https://troop205.trooptrack.com

For Cub Scouts http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com













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# CCR (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) Reminders for Spring

**Lawn and Landscape Mix:** Shrub and flower beds must be well-maintained. Shrub/flowerbeds should be at least 10% and not more that 25% of the yard area visible from the street. Major changes visible from the street require written authorization from the Architectural Control Committee prior to making changes.

**Lawn Decorations:** Lawn decorations visible from the street must be in the shrub/flowerbed areas immediately adjacent to the house. Must be obtrusive in relation to surroundings and must maintain the harmony and conformity of the neighborhood appearance. Placement of any large objects and/or objects outside the above stated beds require prior written authorization by the Architectural Control Committee.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding the CCRs, please feel free to contact any board member.

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#### PGNA Board Member Spotlight Sterling Rice – Director

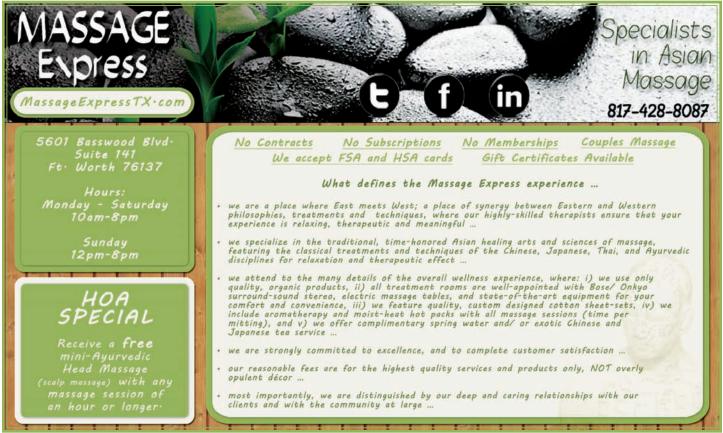


We built our home in Park Glen and moved in October, 1991. My work brought us here. Our children attended Keller schools from grade school ending with one graduating from KHS and the other from FHS. There were just over 200 homes in Park Glen when we arrived. We

chose Park Glen due to its builder reputation, location, park system, and restrictions. Texas property values were still unstable at that time, and it was felt Park Glen would hold its value and grow accordingly.

My working career in business started in 1974 with retirement starting in summer of 2013. I am retired from executive consulting management at IBM. Most of my experiences prior to IBM were in bank operations management and bank IT management with board membership responsibilities. Part of my responsibilities within banks was to serve as CFO. It was a fun career with many challenges over the years.

I hope to serve all of you well during my term as a director and thank you for the privilege.



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A big shout out to some of the Park Glen Good Samaritans who took the time to clean up Snow Hill in Arcadia Park! There was a lot of trash and mess left from the sledding.

Please remember that the park belongs to all of us and if you take things out there to play on, take it home with you!!



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!



## Being Prepared For a Tornado, Before and After a Disaster

Tornado season will be in full swing soon! These large, rotating columns can cause serious damage to property and land. This is why being prepared for a tornado is essential in order to keep you and your family safe. Below is a checklist on the things to do to prepare before and after a tornado.

#### **Being Prepared For a Tornado**

Being prepared for a tornado is vitally important in order to keep your family safe. Having a plan can make all the difference!

- Always stay informed when it comes to storms. Even if there is not a threat of a tornado, listen to your local radio or television stations to stay informed of conditions. Tornado storm updates can change quickly. Always have the news or radio on to keep safe.
- Understand the type of warning system in your town. Become familiar with the sounds of the warning; generally towns test the sirens once a month in warmer seasons.
- Know which part of your home is meant for shelter. This can be a crawlspace, basement, bathroom or any place further within the home and away from windows. Educate your children of this spot and how to work together in case you are not home. Evacuation drills are good practice for smaller children.
- Always have a flashlight and first aid kit available and easily accessible for emergencies.
- Keep your outside landscape maintained. During high winds, trees and limbs can easily fall on your home causing extensive damage. If you keep you trees trimmed and healthy, it is less likely they will fall during strong winds.
- If there is a tornado warning, remember to secure all objects outside of the home. Lawn furniture and planters can be easily tossed around in winds. Protect your home by moving them against a wall or within a shed.
- If caught outside, seek shelter under a sturdy structure, preferably one lower than street level.
- If you are caught within your car and do not have time to drive to shelter, fasten your seatbelt tightly, lower your body as far as you can and cover your head with a blanket or clothing. Try driving to an area lower than the road, such as a ditch.

#### **Tornado Signs**

Being aware of the weather signs will help you identify a threatening storm that is headed your way.

- Check for funnel clouds
- Dark green or yellowish clouds
- Hail
- Wall clouds

#### After A Tornado

- Once a tornado has passed, continue to listen to local reports to make sure it is clear to leave your home.
- This is a good time to assess any injuries to you or your family. The first aid kit should come in handy with small abrasions and wounds. If anyone is seriously injured, locate authorities or local hospitals.
- Once you exit your home, make sure you are wearing proper clothing and shoes. There may be a lot of debris you have to step on.
- Be aware of fallen power lines and standing water. Report live lines to authorities as soon as possible.
- If you smell gas, open all windows and leave your home immediately. Call authorities at once.
- If damage is extensive, remove all flammable liquids to prevent further damage.
- Make sure to take pictures of all damages for insurance purposes.

#### Bad Weather Make-Up Days

#### Keller ISD

#### Keller ISD canceled classes February 23-24, 2015, and March 5, 2015, due to inclement winter weather, and one of those days will be made up on Monday, April 6, 2015.

April 6 was originally designated a District Holiday/ Bad Weather Make-Up Day on the 2014-15 KISD Instructional Calendar. With the cancellation of classes Monday, February 23, that April 6 date will now be a regular school day.

#### Birdville ISD

Student Holiday/Staff Professional Devel. (Inclement Weather Make-up Day) April 3



#### PID NEEDS ADVISOR, PGNA HELPS

Park Glen is fully within the borders of the Fort Worth Public Improvement District #6. The principal function of the PID is maintenance of commons areas along Park Vista, Basswood, and Teal streets; oversight of parks, flower arrangements, playgrounds, and entryways (including brick facades, gray fence, and holiday décor); as well as July 4th fireworks. The Park Glen HOA, by contrast, has a smaller budget and concentrates on covenant enforcement and architectural control. The PID is funded by your tax dollars and must comply with city budgetary requirements in its efforts. HOA's are funded by assessments from homeowner's dues. Public Improvement District 6 has a seven-person advisory Board made up of members from the neighborhoods in the PID. Park Glen, Park Place, Park Bend Estates, Parkwood Estates, Basswood Park, and Parkway @ Park Glen all participate in the PID, with Park Glen having a majority of the homes in the PID overall. Unlike the PGNA Board of Directors, which are all elected at large, PID Board membership is appointed from districts. Currently, the PID6 President lives in Park Place neighborhood. Other membership is from Park Glen, including one member each from the Hills, the Knolls (Phase 1), the Meadows, the Preserve and Phase III. The District 4 representative on the PID6 Board has expressed interest in withdrawing. This district includes the Intermediate & Middle Schools and extends into Park Glen between Redwood and Hibbs Streets. Partly because volunteers were not forthcoming when the vacancy was advertised and partly because of an initiative by the PGNA Board to try to have a presence at PID meetings, a PGNA Board member was able to recommend four energetic Park Glen residents who might serve the PID. Two of these individuals were very interested and have been interviewed. Hopefully, there will soon be one more Park Glen resident to participate in PID Advisory activities.

For more information on the PID, please go to www.PID6.org.



#### April 2015

#### Keller ISD Summer Camp Expo April 11 at Hillwood MS

Hillwood Middle School will host a Keller ISD Summer Camp Expo on Saturday, April 11, to provide students and families with the chance to see what local summer camp opportunities are available between the end of the school year and the beginning of next year.

The Expo will host a wide-range of camps including theatre, character-building, sports, invention, history, leadership, culinary, and many more.

From local educational organizations to KISD's employee-operated camps, the Expo will allow families to sample many different summer opportunities and sign up there or take home information for further consideration.

The 2015 Keller ISD Summer Camp Expo will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 11, at Hillwood Middle School (8250 Parkwood Hill Blvd., Fort Worth).

For more information, or to learn how you can reserve a spot for your camp at the Expo, email <u>Tim.Berube@KellerISD.net.</u>

Also, visit KellerISD.net's Summer Camps page for information on summer camp opportunities within Keller ISD.

#### Brain teaser: Can you count?

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**Quick!** Count the number of times that the letter F appears in the following sentence:

"Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years."

How many letters F did you count? Three? Wrong, there are six! It is no joke! Read again: FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

Almost everyone guesses three. Why? It seems that the brain cannot correctly process the word "OF". The letter F usually makes the "f" sound, like in "fox". However, in the word "of", it makes a "v" sound. Somehow, your brain overlooks the word "of" as it scans for the sound of "f". This is how Park Glen deals with the Texas snow!! Snow Angels, Snow Selfies, Snow Bunnies, Snow Wrestling, Snow Eating, Snow Ballin' and Snow Chillin' with the Dogs (inside where it's warm)!!



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#### Girl Scouts In Park Glen **By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias**

Girls in the Park Glen community have enjoyed the winter and wrapped up our Girl Scout Cookie sales. This year the girls had a terrific time meeting members of the community, our neighbors, and interacting with customers at several table-top Cookie Booths. We set records for cookie sales earned lots of money for group programming educational enrichment, special workshops, and field trips. Girls worked on Financial Literary Badges including Jr. Cookie CEO Badge & Cad. Business Owner Badge as well as the 2015 Cookie Pin. Girls discussed goal setting, small business start-ups, business plans, customer insight, and new on-line marketing tools. The girls were invited to an amazing workshop at Rita's Italian Ice in Bedford, TX where they learned about entrepreneurship, advertising, planning, budgeting/spending/saving, and good customer service. They experienced what it takes to be a successful businesswomen which they immediately put to use with their own cookie business. We learned to make Italian ice and sampled all the yummy flavors in the store. We want to say thanks-a lot to Dave & Linda Lewis and Ms. Carol for the lessons the girls will carry forward for years to come. We reached our cookie sale goal and look forward to celebrating with an Italian Ice Party this spring, woohoo.

#### POEMS:

#### Gone

by AMB Thin Mint, O how I love thee. Thin Mint, I just can't eat three. Cookie, O my diet's fate, Season over, another year I must wait. Then sadly on the ground

#### Ode to a Thin Mint **Bv LNB**

There once was a cookie named Tim, He just sat there on the rim. In the box he was found There once was a cookie named Tim.

#### Interested in Girl Scouts in Park Glen Area? Contact Alanna Bias @ 817-403-1875 or alanna.bias@charter.net



















Call to reserve a party at your house or come to one of our weekly parties at Fogata's Mexican Restaurant!

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#### Help Your Lawn Wake Up with Spring Lawn Care Tips

(LawnCare.org)

Spring lawn care is much less time-intensive than fall lawn care. If you prepared your lawn properly in the late fall, there should be very little for you to do once the weather begins to get warm again.

#### Fall Lawn Care Impacts Spring Lawn Care

The best time to prepare your lawn is in the late fall just before it goes dormant for the winter. If you treated your grass properly during the fall, it has had all winter to germinate and prepare itself to grow heartily as soon as the temperatures begin to rise. If you didn't take proper care of your lawn in the fall, however, you will have more work to do once spring arrives.

Sometimes you don't have any control over how the lawn was treated the previous fall, in which case your best bet is to treat the lawn as if it received no winter preparation at all.

#### Don't Start Too Early

It can be tempting to get out the lawn tools and attack your yard just as soon as it is warm enough to go outside without a coat on. Be patient, though, and let your lawn wake itself up gradually. The most important part of spring lawn care is to make sure that the lawn has plenty of opportunity to gently come back to life during the early spring months. If you do it right, the sun and soil will do most of the work for you. If you spend too much time on your lawn before it is fully green, you run the risk of compacting the grass or killing new shoots before they have a chance to mature. Wait until your lawn has turned mostly green before you begin mowing or aerating in the spring.

#### Begin with Raking

Raking your lawn is probably how you finished working in the yard late last fall. In the spring it is a good idea to begin everything with that same rake. Give your yard a thorough, deep raking before you begin to mow or treat the grass. Raking allows you to pull up any thatch that may have accumulated over the winter when the grass was less springy. It also gives you a chance to find any dead spots or compacted areas that need special attention. When a lawn becomes compacted, you need to use an aerator to loosen the soil and allow the grass to grow more easily once more.

#### **Test for Soil Acidity**

Most home improvement stores and garden centers sell do it yourself soil pH tests. These tests are a valuable tool as you prepare your lawn for the summer. Harsh, long winters can cause the pH levels in your soil to become very acidic, which makes it difficult for most grasses to thrive.

If you find that your soil has a high acid level, you can spread a thin layer of lime over your lawn. The lime neutralizes the acid and makes the soil better able to support new grass growth.

#### Fertilizing in the Spring

If you properly fertilized your lawn in the fall, there is probably no need to apply another layer of fertilizer in the spring. Cool season grasses in particular are good at holding on to fertilizer from the fall and using it all winter. There is a good chance that your cool season grass is still utilizing the fertilizer from the fall throughout the spring and into the summer. Warm season grasses may need a fresh layer of fertilizer during the spring because they begin to soak up the nutrients as soon as the weather gets warmer.

#### Dealing with Weeds

If you know that your lawn is prone to weeds, early spring can be a good time to apply herbicides to prevent the weeds from developing. It is much easier to get rid of persistent weeds before they have a chance to form than to deal with them once they have fully matured. Getting rid of weeds is another aspect of lawn care that is most effective if it is done in the fall. If you treat your lawn for weeds in the late fall, you will probably not have as many to deal with in the spring. A light application of pre-emergent weed killer in the spring should take care of any of the weeds that survived your fall treatment. Don't overdo the spring weed killer, however, or you may damage the new grass that is starting to grow.

#### Important Numbers For The City of Fort Worth

| Emergency                       | 911            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| City Call Center                | (817) 392-2255 |
| Ambulance Services              | (817) 927-9620 |
| Fire Department (Non-emergency) | (817) 922-3000 |
| Police Department               | (817) 335-4222 |
| Animal Care/Control             | (817) 392-1234 |
| Bulk Item Pickup / Recycling    | (817) 392-1234 |
| Water Department                | (817) 392-4477 |
| Code Compliance                 | (817) 392-1234 |
| Union Pacific Railroad          | (800) 848-8715 |
| Mark Pugh, Code Enforcement     | (817) 932-3706 |
| Scott Cryer, NPO                | (817) 201-0183 |

#### **Results of the Mailbox Survey**

Last month we asked the homeowners to give us their feedback on the style of the mailboxes they would prefer to see in the neighborhood. Folks were given the choice of having a new style constructed with stone or to keep the style we have now with the red brick. We received a number of emails from residents and the majority of them chose to stay with the brick because it best represents the look of the neighborhood. Thank you to all who took the time to voice your opinion!



#### Strawberry-Mint Sparkling Limeade

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup agave nectar
- 1 (750-milliliter) bottle sparkling wine, chilled
- Whole strawberries (optional)

#### Preparation

Place first 5 ingredients in a blender; process until smooth (about 1 minute). Pour about 1/2 cup strawberry mixture into each of 6 glasses. Slowly pour about 1/2 cup wine into each glass; gently stir to combine. Garnish with whole berries, if desired.

# Seasonal Produce Available in the Spring in Texas

**March:** Broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, grapefruit, greens, mushrooms, onions, oranges, spinach, sweet potatoes

**April:** Blackberries, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, grapefruit, greens, onions, oranges, peaches, strawberries, spinach, sweet potatoes, turnips

**May**: Blackberries, blueberries, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cucumbers, honeydew melon, lettuce, nectarines, peaches, onions, oranges, pears, peppers, summer squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes







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