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Summer Swimming Pool Membership



At our request, The Longhorn Council (Boy Scouts of America) has provided a special deal to Park Glen homeowners. They have agreed to offer our residents access to their pool (at Basswood and Park Vista) for four

(4) days a week. The schedule will be based on pool availability, but at a minimum, it will be available starting at the end of May through August (and possibly into September at no additional charge). The arrangement covers Tuesday (4pm-9pm), Wednesday (4pm-9pm), Thursday (4pm-9pm) and Sunday (12pm-9pm). Times could be expanded depending on other activities that are scheduled.

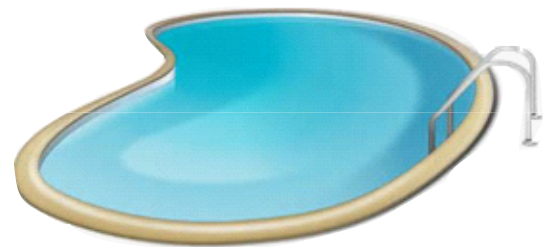
Now, this agreement provides activities only in the pool area where there are changing areas and restrooms. In addition, the Longhorn Activity Center (LAC) will provide a certified lifeguard on duty for the duration of the hours in operation. This offer is extended only to Park Glen families (up to 5) for \$150.00 for the entire summer. Also, \$50.00 individual summer passes are available, as well as \$20.00 individual weekly passes. If you want to bring a friend, it's \$5.00 (limited to one per week, for now). You can pick up a membership form at the LAC or print one from our new web page at www.ParkGlenHOA.org. You can mail it in or drop it off at the LAC. Cash or checks will be accepted. Once payment is received and addresses verified your membership cards will be mailed to you mid May.

Keep in mind, this information is preliminary and that the Longhorn Council will have "Pool Rules". We have agreed that we will take care of the pool and grounds, so everyone will be asked to

do their part. Finally, in order for this great deal to become a reality, we need no less the 30 families (or the equivalent of) to sign up.



This is the beginning of some great summer fun at the LAC pool! We are proud to partner with our friends at the Longhorn Council, and we are looking forward to more activities with them! If you are interested, WE NEED TO KNOW! For more information about the pool, please contact the Longhorn Activity Center at LAC@longhorn.org. The LAC will also be offering swim lessons, and they will be happy to give you more info on that as well.



May Dates to Remember

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, National Family Month, and BBQ Month



- May 2nd – Community Shredding Day/ Meet the Board, 10a-noon, Arcadia Island Park (end of Ash River off of Park Vista)
- May 5th – National Teacher's Day
- May 9th – City Council and other Local Elections
- May 10th – Mother's Day
- May 11th – Eat What You Want Day (no really... go ahead!)
- May 12th – Board Meeting, 7p (Longhorn Activity Center, Park Vista & Basswood)
- May 16th – Armed Forces Day
- May 25th – Memorial Day

PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Hello Again,

You have probably heard by now, but our annual Eggstravaganza was a huge success! It's been estimated that around 1,600 people attended this year. The atmosphere was really festive, and we chose to include more vendors than ever before. The idea is for them to be able to provide a service or benefit to Park Glen residents that you might not ordinarily see. It was also great for Park Glenners to get to see a variety of small and large businesses alike, some of which have owners living right here in Park Glen.

But as you can imagine, the BIG THING was the Easter Egg hunt. It was fantastic! The weather was absolutely perfect and the kids were so excited! While they waited for their age group to be called, they enjoyed face painters, bounce houses, and a caricature artist, while the men from Alliance United Methodist Church cooked up awesome food. Everyone had a great time, and next year we plan to make it even better. I want to give a big shout out to all of those who attended and the volunteers who planned and put it together.

Now, we are full steam into summer and our next big event is the 4th of July Celebration. Be looking on the Park Glen Neighborhood Association website and Facebook page for those upcoming details. It's going to be GREAT, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone. Just a hint, I have heard that you may have a chance to dunk me (and possibly other board members) in a dunk tank (just sayin').

Also, I want to update you on some things the board is working on and some challenges that we are trying to resolve. First, it's quite a departure from other boards, but since this board was elected last September, we have continued to meet twice a month because, at least for now, that's what we think it takes to run Park Glen's business. We are a very "hands-on" board, and we fully intend to address items like how to handle past covenant restriction violations, what the CC&R priorities need to look like, and what kind of help we can offer our homeowners when they are having problems. We will continue to engage the community and work with government leaders to make sure Park Glen has a voice and an ear. When we organize things like the Town Hall Forum with the City Council Candidates and the Safety Forum, it's with you, the homeowner, in mind.

Needless to say, some things are harder than others. One of the steepest hills we are climbing is trying to find a reasonable solution for Architectural Control issues that appear to have not been approved, ever. There are literally hundreds of projects in Park Glen that have been built without approval of the ACC. Some comply with the CC&Rs, but most do not. Also, knowing that we want Park Glen to stay looking like Park Glen but recognizing that our dedicatory documents were drafted many years ago, how do we ensure they remain relevant and enforceable?

Lastly, this board is dedicated to serving Park Glen in the very best way we know how. We hope you recognize that we are working hard on your behalf, but we cannot do it alone. I'd be remiss if I didn't say thank you to the number of volunteers who choose to spend part of their free time to make Park Glen as good as it can be. But now comes my challenge to you. As I will continue to say, Park Glen needs your help, ideas and time. Please find some time to join us at board meetings and lend a hand. Park Glen will be better that you do!

Sincerely,
Kevin

Park Glen 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 at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com.

2015 Board Election & Annual Meeting

The Park Glen Board of Directors has set the tentative timeline for the 2015 Board election and annual meeting. If you are interested in running as a candidate, the filing period will run from June 1 through July 15. Check the June newsletter and the website around June 1 for instructions. Advance/online voting by all homeowners will occur from August 1 through August 31. And the annual meeting, with in-person voting, will be on September 1, at which the election results will be announced. We will make it as easy as possible to vote, and all Park Glen homeowners are encouraged to participate.

Alliance United Methodist Church Upcoming Events. . .

- We are currently enrolling for our preschool for the 2015 – 2016 school year
- Mission Possible 1 Mile/5K/10K Saturday May 23, 2015 – run benefits mission trips at AUMC. Go to www.allianceumc.net to register online.
- Creative College for Kids Summer camps: Art – June 22nd-26th, Musical Theatre – July 6th-10th, Science – July 13th-17th
- Vacation Bible School – June 29th-July 2nd
- For more information please contact Preschool and Children's Director Denise Cyr – 817.581.1688

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 the application, please e-mail PGNAScholarship@gmail.com or visit our website. Application packages will be due by June 1, 2015.

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Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

Spring is here? Yes, that is the question. It is not a question for the Scouts in your neighborhood. Lots of scouting "stuff" going on rain or shine. Let's see where to begin? Boys Scouts were busy selling Camp Cards to get them to Summer Camp. (Thanks for all the support). They had several outings; they went zip lining at Trinity Adventure Park where they encountered mixture of zip lining and ninja warrior-esque obstacles. They had a great time and want to go again. Some attended the first ever Medical Merit Badge College at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth working in Merit Badges related to the medical field. They had a Court of Honor recognizing the boys for all their achievements over the past several months. Their monthly campout was at Sid Richardson Boy Scout Camp where they focused on basic scouting skill for all the new scouts. Other things they did this month, 3 Eagle Service Projects for 3 of the Life Scouts soon to earn their Eagle Rank. Eric So, Christian Worthen, & Reed Wagner.



Cub Scouts were busy too! They sold Camp cards as well. They had a Family Campout at Sid Richardson Boy Scout Camp where they hiked, and worked on several pins and beltloops including the astronomy beltloop and pin. Lots of Fun. During the monthly Pack Meeting the Cubs Scouts learned about disabilities by going through stations and activities that helped them spend some time in someone else's shoes to the challenges of being disabled. A very good learning and it helped them better "feel" compassion which was the this month's theme. They had some very special guests. Their service activity this month was working in the community garden at Alliance United Methodist Church.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?
Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or
bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net
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This is a great opportunity to own, promote, and be inspired to see the potential in our neighborhood. If you have any questions or comments, please call the Blue Zones Project at 817-869-0900.



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Kudos to all who helped make the event a big success. Thanks go to all our vendors, the face painter and balloon maker, the bunny, the bounce houses, the DJ, and all the PGNA helpers. Specifically, I want to acknowledge the following for their generous donations:

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Architectural Control Committee – What is the ACC, and why do I need it?

Park Glen is a wonderful place to live. Our neighborhood is the first in Fort Worth to be Master Planned by the Perot Group (now known as Hillwood) back in the late 1980's.

Many new and even longtime residents don't know or understand what the ACC does and why we need it. This article should help. There is much that could be written about the ACC but due to limitation constraints, here is a brief explanation.

When you purchased your home in Park Glen, part of the closing package you received is a set of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR's) that you agreed to abide by. The CCR's are in place to help create harmony and uniformity throughout the Park Glen community – which happens to be more than 3300 homes in 13 different neighborhoods wrapped up under the Park Glen umbrella. Without it, our area could look like any other neighborhood in Fort Worth. It is easy to say that the CCR's add value to your home, and that's not a bad thing!

In a nutshell, anytime you want to make an exterior improvement to your home, whether it be landscaping, fencing, paint, or home maintenance, you must first seek ACC approval. To begin the process, first find the ACC Request form. It is on our website www.ParkGlenHOA.org, and there is usually one in the newsletter.

Read the ACC Request form thoroughly – not many people do before they submit it. If it's incomplete, it will just be sent back for more details. Here is a sample of how an ACC request works – say Joe Public wants to add a patio cover to his home:

1. – Joe Public obtains the ACC Request form, reads it, and reads through the CCR's for his part of Park Glen.
2. – Joe Public passes this to his contractor who needs to be made aware of what is in the CCR's and must supply information to the ACC. In this case, we will need a plot plan showing the home location, the layout of the patio cover, and dimensions from property/fence lines. We will also need elevations of the patio cover to help determine roof pitch (a common denial for being too flat). This is something your contractor should have to be able to bid the job. Once all of the required information is obtained, Joe completes and submits the ACC request.
3. – The Association's property manager reviews the request for completeness. If the request is in order, it will be sent to the ACC Chair. If not, it will be sent back to the homeowner for clarification and resubmittal.
4. – The ACC Chair reviews the request for completeness. If necessary, it will be sent back to the property management company for clarification, but if it's good to go, it will be sent to the ACC committee members.
5. – The committee reviews ACC requests in meetings held every other week. The request will be APPROVED, APPROVED with Conditions, DENIED needing Clarifications, or DENIED. Any denial will be accompanied by the reason for denial and if possible, how to correct the request so it can be approved.
6. – All correspondence between Joe Public and the ACC will be handled by the property management company.

7. – Once your request is APPROVED or APPROVED with Conditions, you may begin work. You have 6 months from the approval date to complete the work. If your request is DENIED needing Clarifications or just DENIED, you will receive the reason why and hopefully a solution to get your request approved.

Some of the more common requests being denied involve the following:

- Front yard retaining walls are a huge No-No! (Tree wells are ok)
- Fence height – lots of 8' tall fences are going up and most are not approved. Any 8' tall fence must get a building permit from the city.
- Storage shed size and locations. Part of Park Glen is restricted to 64 sf in storage shed size and some parts can have up to 100 sf. They must also be placed according to the city's "Accessory Building Guidelines".
- Landscaping – some homeowners are wanting to turn their front yards into a low maintenance drought-tolerant yard, but there are restrictions that they should be aware of prior to filing a request. Read the CCR's!
- Solar Panels – we're seeing more and more of these going up. Again, there are restrictions on how these are placed.

Some things to be aware of before filing an ACC Request –

1. – Do not expect immediate approval – we have a 2 week turn around to process the request. In cases of an emergency such as fire, hail, wind damage or any other act of nature, we will accommodate requests as fast as we get them. But to send the request this afternoon so you can start construction tomorrow, you can expect an immediate DENIAL.
2. – READ the CCR's – Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions - for your village, which you can find on the Park Glen web site. Read these first and read them often!!

The ACC is here to protect your most valuable asset – your home! Our goal is not to tell you "no, you can't do that." We are here to help you to obtain the home you want in a neighborhood that is the most popular of all of Fort Worth.

The committee is made up of Park Glen homeowners. If you have some free time, please consider joining our group! We are always looking for people to be involved with the ACC process.



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An approved photo ID is required to vote: such as TX Driver's License, U.S. passport, see website cited at the bottom to get further options.

Early Voting is from April 27-May 5th. You can vote at any early voting location in Tarrant County. Hours are 8AM-5PM April 27-May 1st. And 7AM-7PM on Sat. May 2nd, And 11AM-4PM on Sun. May 3rd, And 7AM-7PM May 4&5th. Our closest locations are:

Summerglen Branch Library
(4205 Basswood Blvd., Fort Worth, TX)
Watauga City Hall (7105 Whitley Rd., Watauga, TX)
Keller Town Hall (1100 Bear Creek Pkwy, Keller, TX)

On May 9th Election Day, Hours for voting are 7AM-7PM. Locations to vote are:

- If you live on the east side of Arcadia natural Park (includes all areas from north to south ends of neighborhood - you vote at Hillwood Middle School (8250 Parkwood Hill Blvd., Ft. Worth)
- If you live on the west side of Arcadia natural Park between N. Tarrant Parkway and Basswood Blvd – you vote at Summerglen Branch Library (4205 Basswood Blvd., Ft. Worth)
- If you live on the west wide of Arcadia natural Park and south of Basswood Blvd. – you vote at Parkview Elementary School (6900 Bayberry Dr., Ft. Worth)

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Brad A. Schofield
Place 7 Ruthie Keyes
David Staine

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Place 3 Brad Greene (unopposed)
Place 4 Jack McCarty (unopposed)
Place 5 Billy Parks
Richard Davis

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All of the above information was taken from the Tarrant County Website: www.tarrantcounty.com, click on Government, then Elections. (you can also go directly to: access.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html. Once in the Elections section, You can click

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on Voter Lookup, type in your name, and get your sample ballot, your polling location, early voting locations, etc. How to register to vote and other info. is also under Elections, under Voter Info. Tarrant County Elections Office Ph# is: 817) 831-8683

Girl Scouts In Park Glen

By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias

Girls Scouts recently went to college TWU offered Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains (Tarrant County) and Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas (Denton County) a unique experience on campus. The Enactus program lead the Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors through several Badge In A Day workshops for First Aide skills, Budgeting, Financing My Dreams, Eating for Health, even the Science of Happiness. We met professors, college students, and business people. No campus visit would be complete w/o a meal at the Student Union.



GS Camp Stevens Ranch was our backdrop for our troops first Tech Camp where we worked on the intellectual property patch, explored ideas for new and innovative products, and tried our hand at creating a glove-in-the-dark lined paper based on a 30 year old patent. We discovered how to protect our inventions and intellectual property with patents, trademarks, and copyrights. The girls also learned about camera use and care (35mm film and digital), stop-action photo/video, and a great photo scavenger hunt. We built a campfire in the rain with crafty fire starters that we made ourselves, leading to great success in our outdoor cooking.

Girls Scouts in the community attended the Fossil Creek Service Unit Spring Journey In A Day event. The day was spent learning about the power of water, energy use & conservation, air pollution, observing agricultural practices, and environmental justice. Our Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors have learned skills to inspire and empower others to act for the betterment of Earth and its inhabitants.

Finally, the Troop completed our 4th Annual Troop to Troop trip where we distributed 25 cases of donated cookies to military men and women at Ellington Joint Reserve Base in Houston TX (Girls select a different military installation each year). This program gives the girls an opportunity to achieve a Take Action Project, learn about philanthropy and the power we have with addressing unmet needs in the community.

We would like to recognize the proud service of our military veterans; and give a special thanks to US Coast Guard Reserve Unit at the Ellington Joint Reserve Base in Houston.

Last but certainly not least, we wrapped up our Houston weekend with a Camp-In at Space Center Houston!!! Girls had an amazing time. We may now have a few rocket scientists in our future.

Interested in Girl Scouts in Park Glen Area?

Contact Alanna Bias @ 817-403-1875 or alanna.bias@charter.net

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