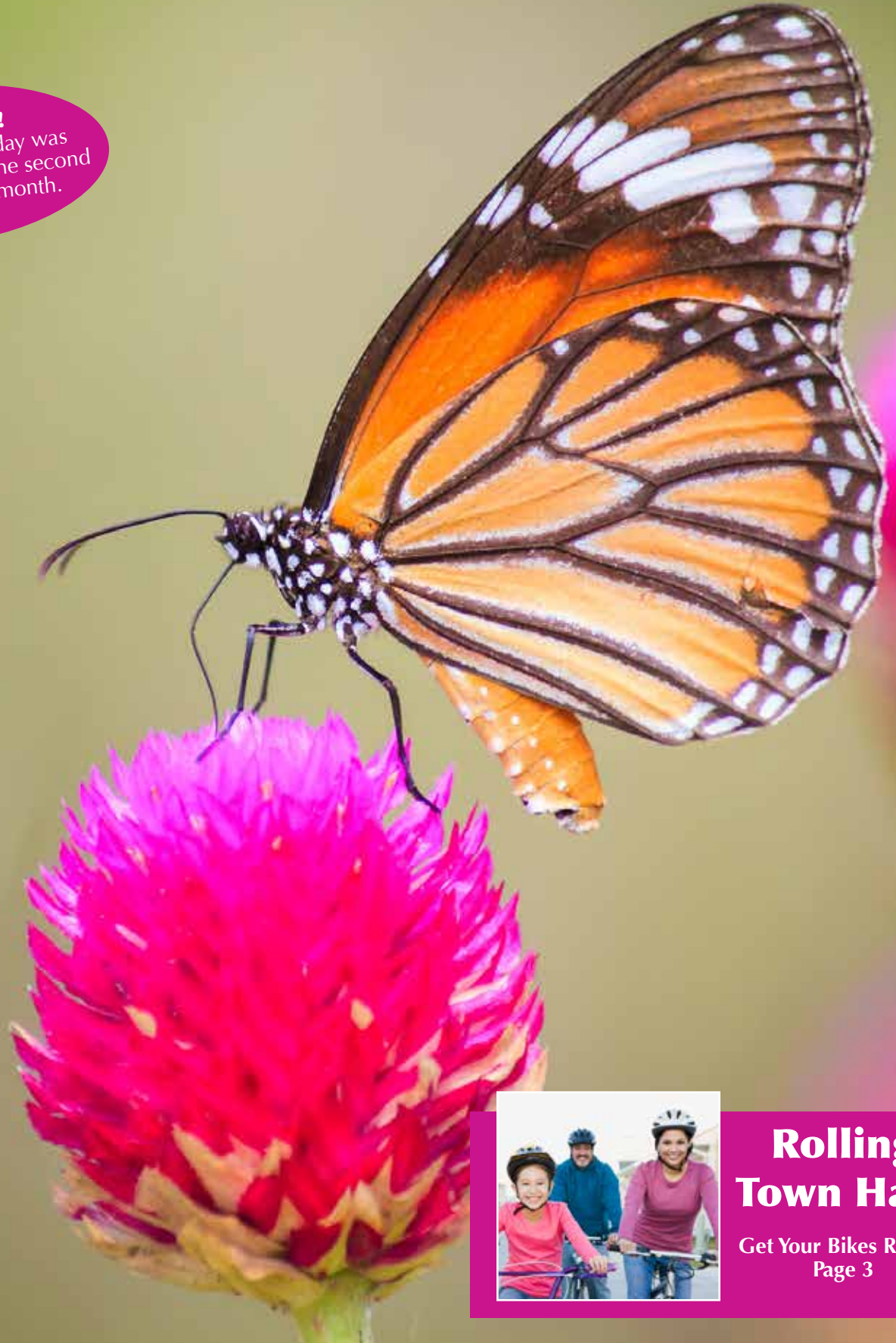


# Park Glen Connection

August 2015

Publication of the Park Glen Neighborhood Association

**REMINDER!**  
Bulk trash pick-up day was recently changed to the second Monday of every month.



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# President's Notes

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. If you'll indulge me, before I get started I'd like to take the time to answer two of the most common question I heard about the July 4th fireworks and celebration. Why were the fireworks held on the 3rd and not the 4th and why wasn't the parade held on the same day as the fireworks?

First, let me say that I think it's a reasonable question and one that deserves to be answered, so here it is:

The fireworks display in Arcadia Park is organized and planned by your Public Improvement District (PID6) Advisory Board. It is paid for by your tax dollars. This year the fireworks event was held on July 3rd for two main reasons. First, to their credit, the PID Advisory Board wanted

to ensure that they spent your tax dollars wisely. There is a significant cost advantage to planning the show using days other than the 4th. Second, the PID wanted to make sure that your show did not conflict with other big area shows so people could see more than one if they wanted to.

Now, the Park Glen Neighborhood Independence Day Celebration is planned and coordinated by PGNA volunteers who take time from their daily lives to give back to the community where they live. This year's event was planned on the 4th because, well it was July 4th. Also, this year, the 4th was on a Saturday and the committee felt having it then made the most sense. Your feedback and participation are always welcome. These events are planned yearly so come and join the social committee. We need your help to continue to plan great events! To volunteer, send an email to [PGNANewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:PGNANewsletter@gmail.com).

Now, I want to talk about making Park Glen better. As the summer gets into full swing I want to be sure everyone knows that it's this board's intent to get Park Glen back on track where deed restrictions are concerned. I know saying that may cause some alarms to go off for some, but our thought is to apply a fair, common sense approach to covenant enforcement. In doing do, we are taking for granted that by living in a deed

restricted neighborhood, our homeowners expect the design standards to be enforced, as best we can. Following our restrictions helps our neighborhood stay nice which is good for the community and helps protect our property values.

**So, (considering the season) please be aware, some of the major items we see are:**

1. Grow Grass in your lawn (Southwest style landscapes have not been approved)
2. Lawn Maintenance (mowing and edging)
3. Tree trimming
4. Trash containers out of site (except for delivery days)
5. Exterior home maintenance (in good repair)
6. Fence Maintenance
7. Home based business (traffic or parking problems)
8. Unauthorized home or property modifications (No ACC approval)

Now, obviously this is not an exclusive list so please, please, please go to [ParkGlen.org](http://ParkGlen.org) and click the documents tab to find all the deed restrictions for your Village. Together we can make Park Glen the best it can be!

Thanks,  
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](mailto:PGNANewsletter@gmail.com) or [www.ParkGlenHOA.org](http://www.ParkGlenHOA.org).

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# ★ 2015 Board Election ★

Advance voting for this year's Board of Directors election will be August 1 through August 31. During this period, a homeowner may vote online, request a printed absentee ballot, or request a printed proxy to give to a fellow homeowner to vote on his or her behalf in person at the September 1 annual meeting. Homeowners may vote for all or some of the races or cast ballots to meet quorum without voting for any candidates. It is necessary to meet a quorum before the election can be concluded, so all homeowners are encouraged to vote online, by paper ballot, by designating a proxy, or (best of all) by coming to the annual meeting on September 1 and voting in person.

Detailed election guidelines may be found on our website. If you have any questions about the online voting process, you may contact Election America at 866-384-9978.

**August 1** - Advance Voting period opens for 2015 Board election. **Homeowners should look for a letter from Election America around this time.**

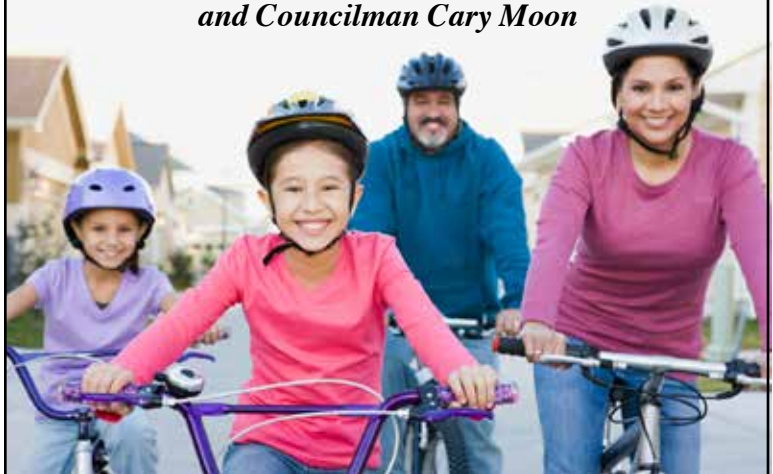
**August 31** - Advance voting for 2015 Board election ends  
**September 1** - Annual Meeting - vote in person for 2015 Board election - 7pm • Longhorn Council Activity Center - 5350 Basswood Blvd (location subject to change).



The Communications Committee has a Facebook page!  
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## Mark Your Calendar Rolling Town Hall Get Your Bikes Ready! September 16, 5:30PM

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and Councilman Cary Moon*



Fort Worth's Mayor will join us for a 6.75 mi bike ride! We will start at Arcadia Park #1, aka Disk Golf Hole #1. This bike ride will allow you to talk with Mayor about the good and the bad. Tell our elected officials your hopes and visions for our community. It is a family friendly ride so kids are invited too. We will have the Fort Worth Police as our guide. Helmets are recommended.



The ride will take around 45 minutes. This ride will display our parks, schools, housing, bike lanes, under road crossing, and retail. Non-riders are welcome to visit before and/or after the ride too.

**For more information:**  
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/townhall/>  
or call Kyle Jensen 940-367-1428

# PGNA Board Member Spotlight



## Jack Webb

A 16-year homeowner, Jack is very active in our community serving as a director on our HOA board, member of our Citizens on Patrol program, and is the current Vice President of the Haltom Football Boosters club.

He serves on the state board of Texas State Trail and is the Charter Representative for Trail Life Troop 516. Jack is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Keller.

He and his wife Lisa have three children, Meghan, Braden and Jacob. He and his family enjoy travel and outdoor adventures. They are all members of Alliance United Methodist Church. As an avid client of World Blend Coffee, you can find Jack in the store most mornings with a cup in hand and a warm smile on his face.



## August Dates to Remember

August is Family Fun Month & Happiness Happens Month

- Aug 6th ..... National Root Beer Float Day, get those frosty mugs ready!
- Aug 10th ..... Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center, Basswood & Park Vista
- Aug 13th ..... International Lefthander's Day
- Aug 15th ..... Dive-In Movie Night, 7:30p, Longhorn Activity Center Pool
- Aug 24th ..... KISD & BISD First Day of School



Park Glen Neighborhood Association's Annual Board of Directors Election

- August 1st ..... Advance Voting period opens for 2015 Board Election
- Homeowners, look for a letter from Election America .
- August 31st.... Advance voting for 2015 Board Election ends
- Sept 1st..... Annual Meeting – vote in person for 2015 Board Election, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center, 5350 Basswood Blvd (location subject to change)

\*All Homeowners are encouraged to attend!

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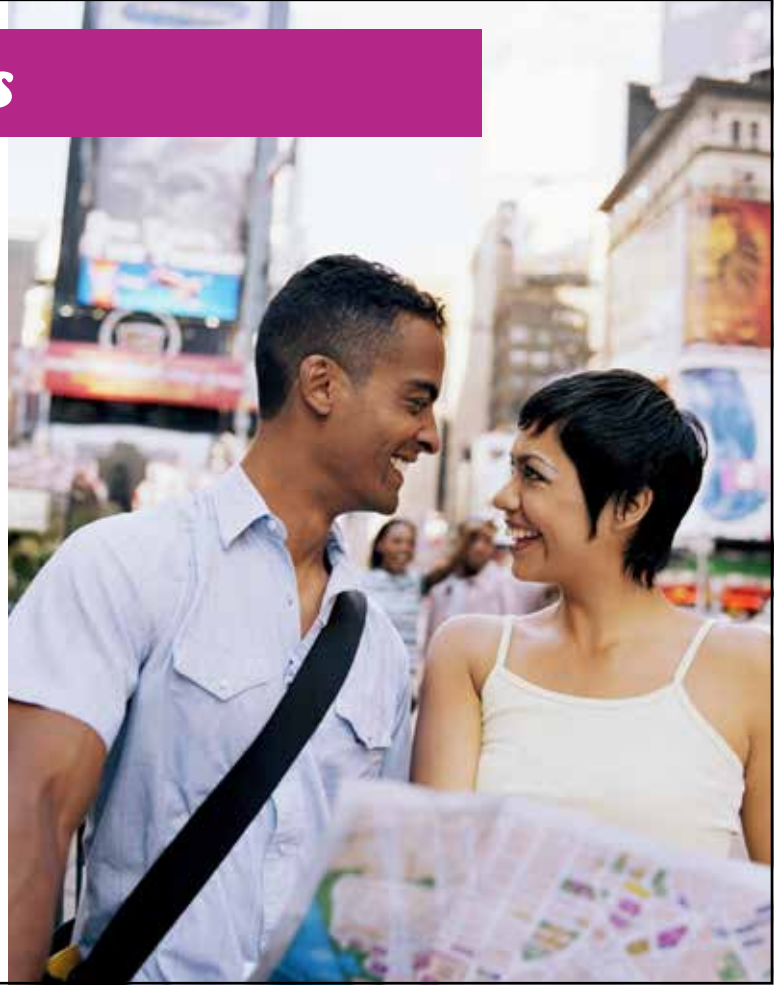
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- Carry your medications in their original labeled containers, and pack them in your carry-on bag since checked baggage is occasionally lost or delayed.
- Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel room without verification as to who it is. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is suppose to have access to your room and for what purpose.
- When returning to your hotel or motel late in the evening, use the main entrance of the hotel.
- Be observant and look around before entering parking lots.
- Close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided.
- Don't needlessly display guest room keys in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool, or other places where they can be easily stolen.
- Do not draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry.
- Don't invite strangers to your room.
- Place all valuables in the hotel or motel's safe deposit box.
- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked.



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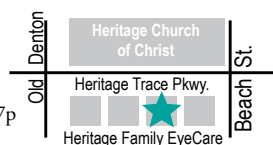
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# PARK GLEN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We had a great turnout for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration! Thank you to all of our homeowners who came out and shared the morning with us! It was great to see all the decorated bikes and wagons for the parade! A big thank you to the Central High School Marching Band, Boy Scout Troop 205 and the Girl Scouts for helping get the event off to a great start! Our Doggiepalooza was a great hit! We had a lot of patriotic dogs in attendance! We had over 20 vendors participating and sharing their goods with our community and it was fun to see our HOA President and Vice President getting dunked in the dunk tank! We were able to gather several boxes full of food as well as \$205 for the Tarrant Area Food Bank! A special thanks to the Methodist Men for cooking our food,

to the Firemen for bringing out a fire truck for the kids to ooh and aah over, and thanks to two of Fort Worth's finest police officers for their help in keeping everyone safe! And of course, we want to thank all of our volunteers and board members who helped make this event such a success!

We would like to give special recognition to **Medical Center Alliance, Blue Zones Project and Unity One Credit Union** for donating water and to **Alliance United Methodist Church** for letting us have our event at the church! We are lucky to have all of their support and partnership! If you were in attendance and have any feedback for us, please send it to [PGNAVoice@gmail.com](mailto:PGNAVoice@gmail.com). We'd love to hear your thoughts on the event.

On a more personal note.... I want to Thank everyone that made the 4th of July event a Big success. A big Thank you to the 200 strong Central High School Band . To the Girl and Boy Scouts that carried the Flags in the parade and also handed out flags and beads to the spectators. To all the kids who decorated their bikes and the dogs who were also dressed and walked in the parade this morning. Last but not least, thank you officers Mark and Mike and also the Ft Worth Fire Dept. for their participation in our event. Also a Big Thanks to the HOA Board for their help as well.

Teresa Biery, Social Committee Chair





# PARK GLEN SCOUTING

*By Bob Kilburn*

We are having a jam packed Summer, Cub Scouts started this summer by having an End of School Party & Lock – In at the Alliance United Methodist Church, and then by going to Cub Scout Day Camp themed “Wild West.” It was a week of Outdoor programs including BB gun shooting, archery, hiking, water activities, and outdoor skills, as well as crafts, games, and lots of western themed activities! It was a great time capped off with a cookout at the Longhorn Council Activity Center in Park Glen. They continued their Summertime Activities with the Rain Gutter Regatta & Mashed Potato fight, \$\$ Movies, Roller Skating, a tour of the

Bureau of Engraving, a visit with the Watauga Police Department K- 9 Unit and Park Glen’s Neighborhood 4th of July Parade & Fireworks. Lots of fun. They finished up by completing their quarterly clean up of Teal Street.

Our Boy Scout Troop attended Worth Ranch Boy Scout Summer Camp where they received traditional Scouting at its best from a talented staff and outstanding program facilities. The Scouts chose from 61 merit badges to work on, climbed and rappelled on the cliffs of the “Climbing Garden,” fired shot guns & rifles, fished, tubed, canoed and kayaked on the Brazos River, hiked & slept atop Kyle

Mountain, swam and played water basketball and volleyball. They also participated in the best campfire program in the country. They held their Court of Honor at Johnson Road Park, where the Scout were recognized for all their achievement for the past several months. Several Scouts showed off cooking skills in a Cooking Demonstration at Cabela’s Kids Fest, they worked on their Cooking Merit Badge while they cooked and gave out samples of Boy Scout Cooking. The Troop also put out Flags for Flag Day and the 4th of July here in the Park Glen and the surrounding area and lead the Parade in our neighborhood.



## Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact Bob Kilburn: 817-789-9907 or [bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net).

or visit our websites:

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

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

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# Summer Corn and Tomato Pasta

### Ingredients

- Salt
- 1 pound bow-tie pasta
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 3 ears fresh corn, kernels cut off
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces

### Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta until al dente; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes are softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the corn, raise the heat slightly and cook until the corn is heated through and golden, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt.
3. Add the vegetables, butter and basil to the pasta and toss.



## Don't BUG OUT on Pests this Summer! Here are Some Tips...

### Ways to Fight Bugs WITHOUT Pesticides

Pesticides aren't the only tools to fight problem insects. There are physical barriers and biological control you can use.

- Make sure all doors and windows shut tightly. Use weather-stripping to fill any gaps. This not only keeps out unwanted pests, it saves energy costs by reducing loss of heat in winter or cool air in summer.
- Trim tree limbs that hang on your house. Unwanted creatures such as squirrels or rats can use this as an access to your home.
- Birds eat mosquitoes and other insects. Encourage birds into your yard by installing a bird feeder.
- Caulk or seal all cracks on exterior and interior walls. A mouse can pass through a hole the size of a dime; ants can pass through even smaller cracks.



### Mosquito Control Checklist

The number one way to control mosquito populations in your yard is source reduction. Mosquitoes need as little as a bottle cap full of water in order to complete their lifestyle. If standing water is eliminated, then the overall mosquito population in your area will be reduced.

- Change water twice a week in birdbaths, flower containers and pet water bowls.
- Empty plastic wading pools and toys that catch water and store them under cover.
- Replace plant saucers with 'pot feet' or fill saucers with pea gravel.
- Keep lids closed on garbage containers.
- In ornamental ponds, add mosquito-eating minnows for mosquito larva control or aerate with a pump.
- In fountains, add mosquito dunks to control larva.
- Avoid over-watering your yard.
- Fill tree stumps and holes with sand and/or mortar.
- Turn upside or store under cover your wheelbarrows, yard/utility carts, and wagons.

Mow tall grass and reduce the amount of foliage, to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes. Insecticides, such as those containing pyrethrins, can be applied to trees and shrubs to kill adult mosquitoes.





## **Park Glen Neighborhood Association** *Committees & Volunteer Opportunities*

We are always on the lookout for volunteers!! Here is a list of places where you can volunteer your time and serve your community.

Social Committee (Activities & Events) - This committee organizes, promotes and produces a few events throughout the year (Easter Eggstravaganza, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration/ Parade, Turkey Trot, and others).

Communications Committee - Gather information and/or write articles for the monthly newsletter as well as communicating through social media and the Park Glen website.

Hospitality Committee - Greet and welcome each new homeowner to our neighborhood, delivering a welcome gift.

Service Committee - The vision is to build a network of volunteer neighbors who will assist other neighbors as the need arises. For example, 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.

Development Committee - This committee monitors plans and projects and works with local government to exert influence over improvements, infrastructure, and development of our area.

Code Blue: Citizens on Patrol - Volunteers act as additional sets of ears and eyes for the police. Requires brief training at the police academy.

Crime Watch Block Captains - Coordinate and mobilize your neighbors to look out for crime and keep watch for each other. Requires training from the Fort Worth Police.

Architectural Control Committee - This committee will meet biweekly to review requests from homeowners for home improvements in accordance with the requirements of the 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 come to the next Board meeting or contact us at [PGNANewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:PGNANewsletter@gmail.com).



We have planned some movie nights at the Longhorn Activity Center Pool (Basswood and Park Vista)!!! Our next one will be August 15th and we will be showing "HOME"! NO ADMISSION CHARGE! The pool will open at 7:30p and the movie will start around 8:30p. Because space is limited, this will be on a first come-first served basis.  
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# Girl Scouts In Park Glen

*By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias*

Summertime means Girl Scouts are busy with summer camp, special programs, and lots of travel. We started with our annual participation with the American Legion Post 655 in Haltom City Flag Placement at New Trinity Cemetery, we also had Cub Scouts from Pack 205.

So far our girls have traveled to GS Camp Kiwanis in Amarrillo TX and GS Camp Stevens Ranch in Nemo TX. Girls learned outdoor fire and night hike skills, horsemanship and animal handling, as well as fun camp songs and outdoor cooking.

Several girls participated in the recent Council Cadette Journey in a Day event in where the girls had the opportunity to earn three awards that move them up the ranks of Girl Scout Leadership: The Monitor Award shows that they understand the role media plays in their life and the lives of those around them; The Influence Award shows that they can influence

people in a positive way to change media for the better; and the Cultivate Award shows that they have the courage and confidence to Cultivate a new perspective on media. The girls learned about media, focusing on their interests and desires to make a positive change in the way they use media in their own lives.

Girl Scout also had a blast celebrating Independence Day in the community as we participated in the Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration. The festivities were colorful and fun and its always great to show our national pride. By the way, one of our leader had a opportunity to visit Thailand in June and July and stopped by the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand.

**Save the Date:** Girls are planning a Zumba-thon on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Watuaga Community Center to raise additional funds for their 2017 Costa Rica trip. Watch for more information; Support Girl Scout World Travel.



The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association Of Thailand In Bangkok. Leader With Thai Girl Guide And Her Parents.

**Interested in Girl Scouts in Park Glen Area?**  
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# Roof Maintenance

When it's time to maintain, repair or replace the roof on your home, it's a good idea to get to know the wide variety of roofing materials that are available and what each has to offer.

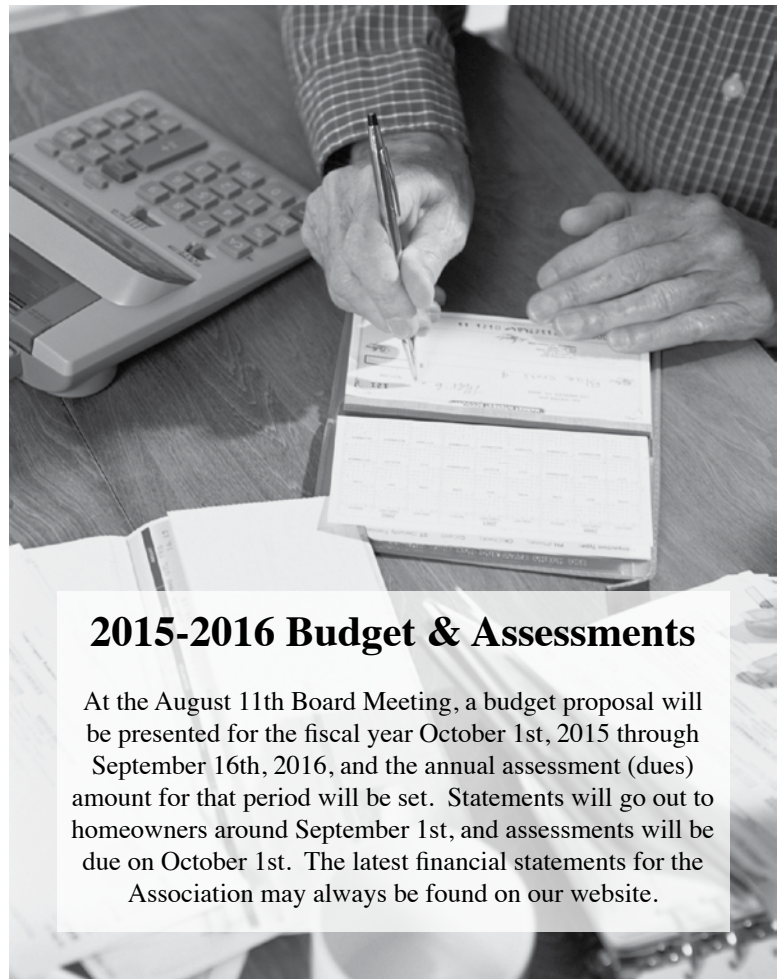
Asphalt shingles, wood shakes, clay and concrete tile, metal and slate are roofing materials that are best suited for sloped or pitched roofs. Each has a distinctive appearance and come in a variety of colors. Because of its added weight, tile and slate may require you to strengthen the frame of your home to support the roof. Metal roofs can be noisy and also absorb heat, which means you may need to add extra insulation beneath them. Rubber sheeting (ethylene propylene diene monomer, or EPDM), tar, PVC membrane and built-up roofs—including tar, bitumen and rolled materials—are most appropriate for flat roofs.

Green roofs, which are made

from a layer of vegetation over a water-proof membrane, are also best suited for flat roofs. They provide insulation, contribute to lower air temperatures and counteract the heat island effect (or the ambient temperature, depending on where you live). The eco-friendly benefits of green roofs are particularly noticeable in urban areas.

Foam roofs are light weight, cost effective and adaptable to all kinds of roofing shapes. They can last up to 50 years when properly maintained.

When selecting a roofing material, consider the pitch or slope of the roof, the strength of your home's frame, typical weather conditions and the budget in addition to appearance. The durability and life span of a roof can also depend on the quality or grade of the material used, as well as the workmanship of the installation and regular maintenance.



## 2015-2016 Budget & Assessments

At the August 11th Board Meeting, a budget proposal will be presented for the fiscal year October 1st, 2015 through September 16th, 2016, and the annual assessment (dues) amount for that period will be set. Statements will go out to homeowners around September 1st, and assessments will be due on October 1st. The latest financial statements for the Association may always be found on our website.



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## INFORMATION FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE KLICK

### LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Monday, June 1, 2015, was the final day of the 84th Regular Legislative Session of the Texas State Legislature. Per Article 3, Sections 5 and 24(b) of the Texas Constitution, the state legislature meets once every two years for 140 days. After nearly five months of long hours and late nights working the legislative process, State Representatives and Senators are back in their districts attending to their full time jobs and spending time with their families. Governor Abbott does have the authority to call the legislature back for a special session, but he has not done so at this time.

Sunday, June 21, 2015, was the last day Governor Abbott could veto any bill passed during the 84th Regular Legislative Session. The Legislature passed 1,430 House and Senate Bills, Joint Resolutions and Concurrent Resolutions. Forty-two bills were vetoed, and Governor Abbott exercised his line item veto on two others. Excluding these vetoes, 1,388 bills ultimately passed. There will be seven proposed Constitutional Amendments on the November 3, 2015, ballot for Texans to vote on.

Here are some different topics of interest discussed during the recently concluded session.

### STATE BUDGET

The only thing required of every state legislature is the passage of a balance budget. This session we passed an approximate \$209 billion budget to fund state expenditures over the next 2 fiscal years, staying under the

constitutional spending cap. This is a 3% growth (3.6% if you include tax relief) over the last biennium's budget. If the constitutional amendment to increase the homestead exemption by \$10,000 is approved by the voters in November, this will result in \$1.3 billion of property tax relief. The 25% cut to the franchise tax results in an additional \$2.6 billion tax cut. All told, the budget includes approximately \$3.9 billion of tax relief.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public Education funding was increased by \$1.5 billion above what was needed to cover enrollment growth. The budget's Article III (Education) is the largest section of the budget. Work has begun on a solution to school finance, but ultimately, the legislature will wait for the state Supreme Court to hand down a ruling in the current school finance litigation. Closer to home, Birdville ISD will see a funding increase of approximately \$8 million, and Keller ISD will see a funding increase of approximately \$13 million.

### BORDER SECURITY

An additional \$800 million was appropriated in the budget for border security. This will fund 250 additional troopers and additional equipment for the Department of Public Safety's border operations.

### TRANSPORTATION

The Legislature increased funding for TxDOT by \$3 billion, and ended diversions from transportation funding. There will also be a constitutional amendment on November's ballot to dedicate additional revenue to transportation to continue working on improving our roadways.

### SECOND AMENDMENT

Texas will become the 45th state to allow open carry of a handgun on January 1, 2016. On this date, any person with a Concealed Handgun License will be allowed to openly carry their handgun. Private businesses will still maintain their ability to prohibit this practice on private property. In addition, on August 1, 2016, a Concealed Handgun License holder will be allowed to carry his or her concealed handgun on a college campus. The current laws relating to the training, testing, and background checks that go into getting a Concealed Handgun License remain unchanged.

### PASTOR PROTECTION

Senate Bill 2065 prohibits religious officials from being required to participate in a marriage ceremony that would violate their religious beliefs. This bill passed the House floor unanimously. In light of the recent Supreme Court ruling, pastors and religious leaders in Texas are now able to uphold their religious beliefs without fear of prosecution.

### MY LEGISLATION

#### CBD OIL

One of the bills I was privileged to pass was Senate Bill 339. This bill will allow patients with intractable epilepsy (a seizure disorder that does not respond to two or more anti-epileptic drugs) access to cannabidiol (CBD) oil. CBD is a non-euphoric derivative of the cannabis plant. This is a promising new treatment for patients who have run out of options. The Department of Public Safety has begun the rulemaking process and should be ready to start the licensing process for dispensing organizations by the end of 2015.



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 Ages 6-8 || 11:15-12:15 AM  
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 Ages 13+ || 2:00-3:00 PM

**Performance Dates:**  
 December 4-6, 2015  
 Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium,  
 Fort Worth



**INFORMATION FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
STEPHANIE KLICK**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
TASK FORCE**

After Ebola was first treated in North Texas last year, then Governor Rick Perry established a temporary task force under the office of the governor to review protocols and procedures relating to infectious disease outbreaks. I filed House Bill 2950 to make this task force permanent and expand its oversight to include preparedness for infectious disease outbreaks and improving coordination between state agencies and other health authorities. This legislation is now in effect.

**MANAGED CARE CLEANUP**

During the 83rd Legislative Session, Senate Bill 7 rolled out Managed Care for Medicaid recipients. Watching the rollout during the last interim, it became obvious that some legislative cleanup was needed. I worked with Representative Richard Raymond and Senator Charles Perry to address these issues. House Bill 3523 will give the Health & Human Services Commission and providers more time to better implement the program.

**DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR TRAINING**

Senate Bill 142 allows county Voter Registrars the option of using online training systems to train their volunteer deputy registrars. Allowing the volunteer time to take the training on his or her own schedule, will allow more trained deputy registrars to assist their fellow Texans in registering to vote while saving the county valuable training dollars.

**INTERSTATE VOTER CROSSCHECK**

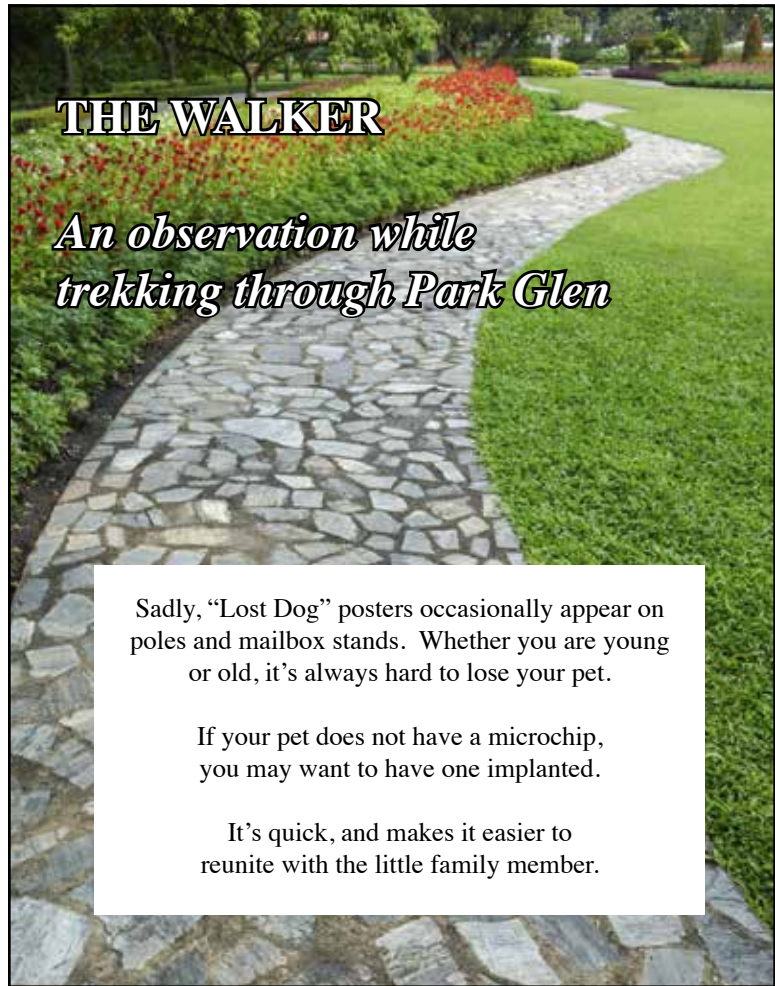
Senate Bill 795 directs the Secretary of State to participate in an interstate voter crosscheck program. These types of programs allow multiple states to compare their voter files to identify duplicate voters. In Texas, when you move from one county to another, the voter registrar in your previous county is notified that you have moved. Once confirmed, your old voter registration is deactivated as your new one is activated. Unfortunately, there is no system like this when you move to a new state. An interstate voter crosscheck program allows states to identify people who have potentially moved out of their state. Once confirmation is received that they are no longer residents of that state, they are removed from the voter rolls. This is a best practice that was recommended by the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, and Texas will now be participating.

**PILL DONATION**

Ever wonder what happens to expensive medications that do not get used by the patient they were originally prescribed to? The answer is they end up in the trash. Senate Bill 1243 sets up a pilot program for unused prescriptions to be donated provided they have not been tampered with. The Department of Health will oversee this pilot to study the feasibility of this program. This has the potential of saving millions of dollars.

**END OF LIFE CARE**

I am thankful to be part of the team that passed House Bill 3074. This legislation prevents life sustaining nutrition and hydration from being removed unless it is the wish of the patient or is medically contraindicated. There have been cases where patients have been literally starved and dehydrated to death before their time. This bill closes a loophole that has been abused.



**THE WALKER**

*An observation while  
trekking through Park Glen*

Sadly, "Lost Dog" posters occasionally appear on poles and mailbox stands. Whether you are young or old, it's always hard to lose your pet.

If your pet does not have a microchip, you may want to have one implanted.

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# Protect Your Home

## You can deter thieves while you're away...

While you're away from home, make sure your personal property doesn't end up in the hands of a burglar. Protecting your home can be as easy as making it look occupied while you're gone.

**Here are some simple measures you can take that can pay off in security and peace of mind:**

- Leave drapes and shades open. If closed, it's a sign you're gone.
- Don't stop all deliveries. Have someone

you trust pick up mail and newspapers every day.

- Leave a radio on. It signals to a burglar that someone's home. Also, turn the volume adjustment on your telephone bell down so a prowler will be less likely to hear the ringing of an unanswered call.
- Use automatic light timers. Set them to turn lights on and off in different rooms at different times.
- Park a car in your driveway or parking

space. If you plan to be gone for just a few days, park your second car in the driveway or space, or ask a neighbor to park a car there. This not only gives the impression you're home but also stops burglars from backing up a van and loading your possessions.

- Let your close, trusted neighbors know you will be gone and ask them to keep an eye on your home for you! Extra eyes and ears can make a big difference!

## Free or Almost Free Activities in Our City



*By Kelly Wills*

We searched Dallas and surrounding areas to find a few free or almost free fun activities for you and your family.

Home Depot offers free hands on workshops for kids and adults. Your kids can create a do-it-yourself wood craft, learn tool safety and feel proud of their accomplishment. Adults can also take advantage of Home Depot's free workshops such as learn interior paint & drywall repair, or learn to repair a toilet or even learn

how to build a storage ottoman. It is a good idea to register for the workshops at Home Depot's website.

Your local Apple Stores offer free classes and youth camps. Adults can sign up for free hour long workshops to learn basic Mac, basic iPhone and iPad, iPhone photography and many more. Kids ages 6 to 12 bring their imaginations to life during the youth camps. They'll learn to make movies by storyboarding ideas, shooting video, and creating an original soundtrack. Or, campers can create interactive books complete with their own illustrations and sound effects. You must register for the classes at the Apple Store website.

Did you know Cinemark Movie Theater has a Summer Movie Clubhouse showing kids movies for \$1.00 per movie? Movies begin at 9:30 am or 10 am and all movies are G or PG rated. Some of the movies offered are Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days, The Nut Job and Rio 2. For a complete list of movies, days and times, visit <http://www.cinemark.com/summer-movie-clubhouse.aspx>.

Monthly, Target sponsors Target First Saturdays at the Nasher Sculpture Center. Admission is free every first Saturday of the month. Families are invited to tour the center, participate in themed hands-on crafts designed to bring out your child's artistic side, join in a scavenger hunt or yoga in the garden. There are performances and story times too! For directions, specific event times and more details go to Nasher Sculpture Center website.

You, your kids and the family dog can enjoy Klyde Warren Park, a 5.2 acre deck park over Woodall Rogers Freeway. The urban green space offers daily free programming ranging from book signing and outdoor concerts to yoga and films. Your dog can play and have some doggie fun in an off-leash dog park with a jumping fountain. Food trucks are available and serve up delicious food from 11 - 3 pm every day (and sometimes into the evening). Be sure to check the website for daily schedules.

Plan your outings now and take advantage of free or almost free fun activities in our city. Your kids, grandkids and even the family dog will thank you!



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## 2015 Save the Date

**Annual Meeting - September 1, 2015**  
Location TBD • 7:00pm

**Turkey Trot - November 26, 2015**  
Annual 5K / 1M Run

**Holiday in the Park - December 12, 2015**  
Santa - Pictures - Hot Cocoa - Fun!  
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# Our Next Big Event! The Annual Turkey Trot!

Our Thanksgiving morning TURKEY TROT 5K run is one of our biggest and most popular events and we are starting to make plans to make it even bigger and better! The Board of Directors and Social Committee are hard at work and are currently looking for folks who want to be Sponsors. Our sponsors will have their name/logo on our t-shirts. There are many levels of sponsorships; one will be right for you. Please watch for more information coming soon on sponsorship pricing. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Dana at [PGNANewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:PGNANewsletter@gmail.com). We will be updating our website so check back regularly at [ParkGlen.org](http://ParkGlen.org).



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