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Hi Folks,

I can't say that I'm a fan of really cold temperatures but winter in Texas isn't usually that bad. Typically there are a couple of cold snaps and we're off to spring. It does however, allow our committees and volunteers to take a breath from the constant work of planning and organizing the bigger neighborhood events like the Turkey Trot and Holiday in the Park. This year we also partnered with the Alliance United Methodist Church and hosted our neighborhood's first Polar Express night. We had a great turnout to enjoy popcorn, hot chocolate and a great family

President's Notes

movie, Polar Express. Many thanks to Pastor Jim McGlurg and the AUMC staff for the use of their facility. The next big event will be the annual Eggstravanganza. Check ParkGlen.org for details. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed as are vendors!

The break in action provides a natural transition to talk about some other things. Don't forget to weather-proof your home. If you haven't, you should think about things like wrapping exposed pipes, protecting pool equipment and caring for plants and pets.

Also, while the winter provides a break from cutting the lawn, if you live in an area of our neighborhood that has tree lined streets it's likely that you have leaves at your curb. Please take the time to pick them up so the city can collect them. Last, it's not too early to begin thinking about spring projects and lawn care. If you plan to make modifications to your home, don't forget to get an approval prior to starting the job. ParkGlen.org has all the information to get you started.

Also, in Park Glen, there are very few, what I call "one and done" lawns. What I mean by that is, very few lawns are maintenance free, you know...put down seed or sod, water and nothing else is required? If your lawn is like mine and most others, you may need to seed and fertilize a couple of times a year. If you didn't put grass seed on your lawn in the fall, it's not too late (some dirt preparation may be required as well). There are multiple online sources to help you.

You might ask yourself, aren't there more important things to talk about than neighborhood events or lawns and leaves? My answer is, as a community I think everything we do is important and most are directly in our control. It's up to us to create the environment where we want to raise our families. If we desire a vibrant neighborhood, there's nothing more important than bringing the community together. And great community goes hand in hand with a clean, attractive look that helps home values remain where we want them. So, yes, there are other important things to talk about, but "more important", I'm not sure.

As always, I want to make sure you know PGNA always needs your help. If you're interested in getting involved, please let us know. ParkGlen.org has contact information or send a note to PGNANewsletter@gmail.org.

Thanks, Kevin

Best Turkey Trot EVER!!!

We have some really exciting news regarding the 11th annual Turkey Trot results!!! This year we had almost 700 runners (new record!!) and our proceeds from the race was over \$11,000!!!!!!!! We waaaay exceeded our expectations and never in the history of this event has the dollar amount been so high! We will be able to fully fund the Park Glen Scholarship fund for this year!!!! THANK YOU to everyone involved and extra thanks to all the volunteers who made this event such a success!!!!!



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We are in the process of planning and coordinating our big Easter event for March 26th. This is by far our biggest attended event with over 1000 folks coming out and joining in the fun! If you would like to have a vendor/crafter booth this year, please contact Dana at PGNANewsletter@gmail.com or go online and submit your vendor form at www.ParkGlen.org. Get your name in soon as spots are exclusive and fill up quickly! There will be a list of folks who have already secured a spot on the sign up page.

Can you help stuff eggs for the Eggstravaganza in your free time? Please e-mail Sandra at Zwergs@gmail.com







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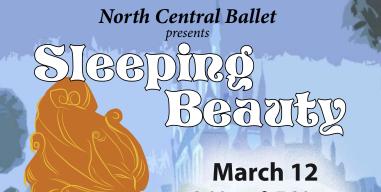


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Feb 4th	Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity
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Feb 7th	Superbowl Sunday
Feb 11th	Make a Friend Day (because you can
	never have enough friends!)
Feb 14th	Valentine's Day
Feb 15th	President's Day
Feb 17th	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb 28th	Public Sleeping Day (wait, what??!!)
Feb 29th	LEAP DAY!! (not again until 2020)

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 **www.ParkGlen.org.**

Covenant Corner

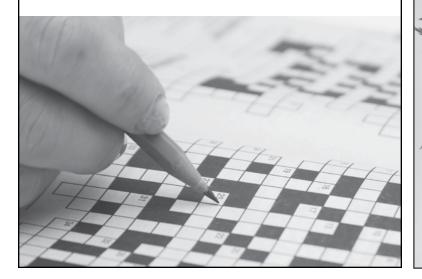
SOLAR PANELS

There have been a number of requests about solar panels lately, sparked by a couple of companies soliciting Park Glen homeowners to install solar panels on the roofs of houses. Solar panels are generally allowed in Park Glen but require advance approval of the Architectural Control Committee. The Association's Solar Energy guidelines are included in the "Bulletins" on the Park Glen website (www.ParkGlen.org). Guidelines and an approval form for any other kind of property modification can be found there as well.

The companies are apparently offering to pay to put solar panels on the roofs of homes in return for a long-term commitment from the homeowner to purchase electricity. We encourage anyone considering such a deal to research the Texas government website www.PowerToChoose.org to see what kinds of electricity rates are available without the hassle and unattractiveness of solar panels. There are many providers offering electricity at rates of only 5 to 7 cents per kilowatt-hour without solar panels.

Congratulations to Our Crossword Puzzle Winner!

The winner of the \$50 gift card prize for successfully solving the December crossword puzzle was Sharon Erdahl. Thanks to all who participated. Please look for our next puzzle in our March newsletter!





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Santa Came to Park Glen!!

Our annual Holiday in the Park event was a big success! There was something for everyone this year! The train rode folks around the park, there was some Christmas shopping going on thanks to all of our vendors and crafters, the little kids and big kids enjoyed the inflatables, the cookies and hot chocolate were a big hit and of course the main attraction was the big man himself, Santa! He brought his wife and a helper elf this year!

We had a record number of Park Glen residents come out and join us for all the fun this year! We have decided to extend the time of the event by an hour next year so you will have have 3 hours of holiday fun!! A big thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to ensure that Park Glen families had a great time!



POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT

We had almost 100 people come out and join us for our very first Park Glen Holiday Movie Night! Kids came dressed in their pajamas (some parents too!). They received their very own Polar Express train ticket from the train conductor. Fresh popcorn and hot chocolate were served throughout the evening and after the movie, each child received the first gift of Christmas.

We are hoping to make the movie night an annual event for Park Glen. We are open for suggestions for next year's movie and would love your input on how we can make it bigger and better! Thank you to our volunteers and a big thank you to those who donated food that went to the local food bank! We appreciate your generosity!





The contest judges sure had their hands full this year! There were some great decorations and a lot of effort was put into making things look just right! After a few nights of judging, one winner from each Park Glen village(13) was awarded a \$75 gift card and a sign to display in their yard. Here are your 2015 Christmas Light Contest winners...



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH Asian Oven Roasted Pulled Pork

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- About 4-5 pound pork butt or pork shoulder
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 5-6 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 1-15 oz. can diced or crushed tomatoes
- 2 Tablespoons finely grated or minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup fish sauce or soy sauce
- 2 Tablespoons chili garlic sauce or use Gluten Free Hot Sauce
- 1 Tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon fresh cracked black pepper

Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F.

2. Heat a medium sauce pan over medium-high heat. Then add oil, onion and garlic. Cook onions and garlic till soft and fragrant. 3. Add tomatoes, ginger, fish sauce, chili garlic sauce, mustard, brown sugar and black pepper. Gently stir the sauce and simmer on low heat for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. 4. Heat large cast iron pan or deep oven proof skillet on mediumhigh heat. Lightly coat the pork shoulder with oil and season all sides with salt and pepper.

5. Sear each side of the pork shoulder on the hot pan until the pork is brown. About 3-5 minutes per side.

6. Remove the pan or skillet from the heat and lay the pork in the pan.

7. Pour the tomato sauce mixture over the pork into the oven proof pan. Cover the pork with aluminum foil.

8. Bake the pork for about 4 hours, or until the pork is tender and easily shreds with a fork. Skim off any excess fat, then shred the pork in the sauce. This keeps the pork moist and juicy.

9. Allow the pork to rest for about 15 minutes before shredding the whole shoulder. Keep foil over the shredded pork to keep it warm before serving.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

We want to thank all of you who brought food items to the Holiday in the Park event and the Polar Express Movie Night! We donated 200 lbs of food to our local food bank! Thank you for your kindness! Park Glen Neighbors are always willing to help!



PARK GLEN SCOUTING

By Bob Kilburn

How is your New Year going? The Cubs Scouts and Boys Scout from Pack & Troop 205 finished the year strong and are making a great start. For service this month they began cleaning up some of the Creek bed in our park had debris washed up by all the recent rain. The Boy Scouts had an Astronomy Campout at The Three Rivers Foundation Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus where they stayed up all night observing the stars and other such stuff in the night sky and earned their Astronomy Merit Badge in the meantime. Some of the boys in the Venture Patrol went to IFLY and practiced indoor Skydiving or actually riding the wind.

The Cub Scouts finished celebrating the Christmas season by Caroling at the Brookdale Retirement Home in Watauga. They held their annual orienteering course in Acadia Trail Park getting ready for the CUB-O. One of the largest orienteering events in North America! Over 2000 Cub Scouts, leaders and parents participate each year in the CUB-O orienteering competitions at Sid Richardson Boy Scout Ranch. Both the Boy Scouts and Cubs Scouts participating in the Tree Lighting @ Alliance United Methodist Church, they sang Christmas Carols, ate smores with hot chocolate.

They also began their Annual Mulch Fundraiser. So get your mulch delivered to your doorstep. For more info contact Deanna Kilburn 817-229-4051 or mommadeanna@gmail.com or Website https://troop205.trooptrack.com



Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area? Contact Bob Kilburn @ 817-789-9907 or bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net. or visit our websites: For Boy Scouts https://troop205.trooptrack.com For Cub Scouts http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com



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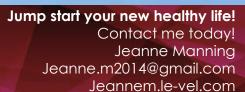
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Girl Scouts in Park Glen

By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias

Ms. Kimberly C. – our fearless CoLeader walked in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Dallas, TX. We volunteered several hours at the Parklhill Junior High cheer station where we handed out SWAPs and Hifives. We met walkers from all over Texas including breast cancer survivors, supportive friends & families, and men walking in support of their wives, mothers, and sisters. We hoped to help others feel happy and treasured every courageous smile at Mile 10 on Day-2 of the walk.

Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes recently attended our 2nd Annual Girls Can Code Workshop where they had fun with computer coding. Girl Scouts learned about circuits and how to combine their imagination, some cardboard, wires, a few bananas, computer engineering concepts, the internet, and a laptop to create their own Operation Games and Video Came Controllers. Pac-Man and Super Mario Brother never looked the same.

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts in our Service Unit were recently selected for the GS-TOP Media Corp. These girls will be our local spokesgirls during the Cookie Season and beyond. Media Corp girls will have interview opportunities for TV & Print, and they have many public speaking opportunities throughout the Girl Scout year. Check out 360 West Magazine that hits newsstands in January 2016, we are featured in this edition.

Girl Scout Cookie Season will begin on January 15, 2016 thru February 28, 2016. Our girls are working to earn days/weeks at Girl Scout camp and to use some cookie proceeds toward their 2017 Costa Rica Tour. We look forward to the communities continued support of our Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

SAVE THE DATE: Feb. 14, 2016 – Girl Scout Troop 1171 Cookie Drop at the Longhorn Cub Scout Center on Basswood Blvd @ 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Please help Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains support our military troops by donating one or two boxes of your favorite Girl Scout Cookies to the Troop To Troop Program during our Operation Cookie Drop Event.

Interested in Girl Scouts in Park Glen Area? Contact Alanna Bias @ 817-403-1875 or Gstoptroop1171@gmail.com, Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains website http://www. gs-top.org







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