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school. With that in mind, this board desires to provide Park Glen's voice to improve these designs. To support that, we put together the "development" committee, chaired by board member Susan Kenney, who has a degree in city planning (what a benefit to have someone with that qualification on our board).

Susan has done a great job engaging the city and keeping the board aware of the development planned for our area, including design changes that we could possibly achieve through interaction with the City of Fort Worth. But what do we do with that information? What good is it?

The City of Fort Worth has a Master Thoroughfare Plan to manage traffic patterns for many years into the future. This plan includes the expansion of North Tarrant Parkway. This means that development is coming. We can choose to have a voice that helps decide the outcome, or let it happen without our input. From the board's perspective, we'd rather engage.

We also know that the city has adopted the "Blue Zones" philosophy regarding development for the city. The Blue Zones philosophy is like a toolbox of solutions and suggestions for a community that focuses on public

health and wellness. You can read more at BlueZonesProject.com, but in short, it means that we can have a voice and impact on the design and development of the area where we live, AND our input can help provide healthier, safer options for our community.

The good news is that the City has been pleased to hear from us! Susan and the Association have been engaged in advertising the public meetings that have been organized by Blue Zones on the Park Glen Website and Facebook page, the city's website, and through local schools and other venues. The meetings are designed so people who live in our community can have their voices heard about what is important to them.

We have taken advantage of these planning forums to develop what is known as the North Fort Worth Vision. The Vision uses tools supported by Blue Zones and includes things like providing Park Glen residents walking access to a nicely-designed and safe eating and shopping district at North Tarrant and Basswood, ideas for managing traffic speeds, designing safe ways to cross intersections, and providing safely-designed bike lanes that are protected from traffic. With Susan's help, we've been meeting with city and providing our input about what

might be possible. So far, our message has been well received. Just one more point before I end. A few folks have raised concerns about the implementation of roundabouts (traffic circles) as a way to slow down traffic. This is only one of the possible options. Other ideas are raised crosswalks, warning signs, stops signs, and traffic lights. I'm not trying to sell you on any one approach to accomplish the goal; the roundabout option is a very small part of the overall vision and just one idea of many for managing traffic. There is a lot of work left to do before any decisions will be made, but I hope we can all agree that the safest plan for traffic management is the best plan.

In closing, I hope I've answered a few questions. I think being involved is the right strategy for Park Glen. In the end, the city is the decision maker, so it's not realistic to think we can achieve everything in the Vision or get everything we want for Park Glen. Still, even if you have concerns about the progress that is certainly coming, there is a lot to be optimistic about, provided we stay engaged. I'm proud that we are participating in this process, and I am excited about Park Glen's future. Thanks for reading and if you have any questions, give me a shout.

- Kevin

Hello again,
Before I get started this month, I'd like to give a big shout out to all of those folks who are getting connected with us via email, at ParkGlen.org, on social media, and even face to face. Keep the feedback coming and we'll keep reaching out to you as well. Together, we'll make Park Glen as good as it can be!

Recently I've heard a few questions and some apprehension about why the Association would be getting involved with the city's development plans in and around Park Glen. Well, let me explain a little bit from my perspective.

We talk a lot about keeping Park Glen neat and well-maintained. But maintenance inside our individual property lines isn't the only thing that can affect your property values. Consider the safety impact our kids face when crossing intersections in our neighborhood and even more dangerous areas like North Tarrant and Park Vista when they go to

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.

The Communications Committee has a Facebook page! We've passed 1000 likes!



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The State of Park Glen... JOIN US FOR A TOWN HALL!

We have scheduled a town hall meeting for Park Glen residents! One of our goals as an HOA is to be involved in our community and work hand in hand with community leaders and representatives. This is a great opportunity for you to come out and meet and talk to the folks closely involved in planning and decision making for Park Glen. We have City Councilman Cary Moon, State Representative Stephanie Klick, PID 6 Manager Robin Willits, NPO Scott Cryer, Code Compliance Officer Phree-Ranier Phillips and our neighborhood Liason Barry Cram attending.

We will meet at the Longhorn Activity Center at Basswood and Park Vista, Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30p to 8:30p. We hope you will make plans to join us! McDonalds is providing cookies and coffee!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Park Glen Neighborhood Association will be awarding \$500 scholarships to a select number of Park Glen homeowners/dependents who will be enrolled at 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 PGNAScholarship@gmail.com. Application packages will be due by June 1, 2016.



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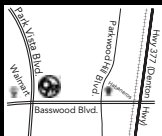


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The Board of Directors is looking for homeowners who are interested in volunteering to serve on an Association committee. Get more information from www.ParkGlen.org, by coming to a monthly Board meeting, or by contacting a member of the Board.



April is National Humor Month and Keep America Beautiful Month

- April 2nd Cowtown Great American Clean-Up 2016
- April 7th Board Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center, Park Vista and Basswood
- April 10th Golfer’s Day (Here’s your excuse!)
- April 16th Shredding and Talk to the Board Day
- April 18th Patriot’s Day
- April 22nd Earth Day
- April 23rd Take a Chance Day (Really, go ahead!)
- April 26th The State of Park Glen Town Hall, 6:30-8:30p, Longhorn Activity Center, Park Vista and Basswood
- April 28th Take Your Daughter to Work Day
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Shredding Day/Talk to the Board

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Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee

A Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee has been established by the Park Glen Neighborhood Association Board. The Committee has established the following Mission: Create a safe environment for all users of the Park Vista Boulevard right-of-way (pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists). We will be working with the City to find ways to make it safer. We have 11 members on the committee, and if you would like to be a part of it, please email [Susan Kenney at PGNASusan@gmail.com](mailto:SusanKenney@PGNASusan@gmail.com).

PID6 Sponsored Garage Sale!!

Spring 2016 – April 22, 23, 24

This event is a community-wide collection of individual garage sales held twice a year – spring and fall. Any resident wanting to participate must obtain a City of Fort Worth garage sale permit 3 days in advance. There is no charge. 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. When online, scroll down and under the Development title, click on Apply for Permit, accept the terms for using the online application, then click on Continue Application to display the Garage Sale Permit application.

PID 6 takes care of advertisements - so there is no cost to you. Typically, an ad will appear in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram one week prior to the event, and another on the day of the event. The home page on this site will have an advance announcement. 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.

The City of Fort Worth has an ordinance that prohibits PID 6 from publicizing events onsite so we are unable to have portable signs to advertise this event in the PID 6 area.



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- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - o Dark, often greenish sky
 - o Large hail
 - o A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - o Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
 - o If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

Tornado Facts

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but may vary from stationary to 70 mph.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they



move onto land.

- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Tornadoes are most frequently reported east of the Rocky Mountains during spring and summer months.
- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.

Know the Terms

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

If you are under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head.

- Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- Put on sturdy shoes.
- Do not open windows.
- If you are in a manufactured home or office, get out immediately and go to a pre-identified location such as the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

If you are not in a sturdy building, there is no single research-based recommendation for what last-resort action to take because many factors can affect your decision. Possible actions include:

- Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.
- Lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.

In all situations:

- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.
- Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

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Spring is time to think about maintaining our yards and keeping them mowed, trimmed, and free of weeds. As you do, please keep these community standards in mind:

- Yards are to be maintained in a neat, sanitary, and attractive manner
- Yards are to be kept mowed at regular intervals to keep height at six inches or less
- Landscaping should be maintained in conformity and harmony in relation to other lots
- No vegetables shall be grown in any yard that faces a street.
- Shrubs and flowerbeds must be well maintained.
- Shrubs/flowerbeds should be at least 10 per cent and not more than 25 per cent of the yard area visible from the street.
- A minimum number of trees are required to be planted in each yard.
- Owners are responsible for watering, fertilizing, pruning and controlling insects for trees.
- Major changes to landscaping, including removal of trees, require written authorization from the Architectural Control Committee prior to making changes.
- Approval of the Architectural Control Committee is required for lawn decorations that are large or placed outside shrub/flowerbed areas.
- Retaining walls must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Retaining walls across the front are considered outside the harmony and conformity of the neighborhood.

Park Glen's deed restriction covenants and bulletins may be found in the "Governing Documents" section of the ParkGlen.org website.



Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

Recommended Supplies List

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ✓ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
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 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon coconut extract
 1 cup heavy cream
 1. Gently stir together mascarpone cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, and coconut extract in a large bowl.
 2. Beat cream in a medium bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until stiff peaks form. Gently fold whipped cream

into mascarpone mixture. Use immediately.

Fluffy Coconut Frosting

3 cups heavy cream
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon coconut extract
 1/3 cup sugar
 Beat cream, vanilla, and coconut extract at medium-high speed with an electric mixer 1 to 2 minutes or until foamy. Gradually add sugar, beating 2 minutes or until stiff peaks form. (Do not overbeat.)



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 4th 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.



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PARK GLEN SCOUTING

By Bob Kilburn

Another month has gone by and it has been a full one for the Scouts of Park Glen. Lots of activities for the Scouts. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts celebrated the Grand Opening of our Neighborhood McDonalds by doing the opening Flag Ceremony along with Ronald McDonald and some other neighborhood dignitaries. A few brave souls completed the "Paul Kempff Memorial 50 mile Hike" We are so proud of them. Scout Sunday

was recognized at AUMC, where Scouts performed Flag Ceremonies at each service and cooked breakfast for everyone. They wrapped the month up finishing up an Eagle project with one of our life Scouts, Grant Richards taking one of his last steps to Eagle.

Last Month was a month of celebration for the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts of Pack 205. The Cub Scouts held their annual "Blue & Gold" Banquet at the Alliance United

Methodist Church. Scouting's Birthday Party, 106 years young. Families came together for an evening of fun & cheer. During the Celebration 6 Cubs Scout earned Cubs Scouts highest award (The Arrow of light) and Crossed over into Boys Scouts. The Cross over ceremony was performed by the Order of the Arrow Team Troop 205. Thanks to all who participated in our annual mulch sale.



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Girl Scouts in Park Glen

By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias

Girls recently celebrated the completion of several Skill Building Badges, the Cookie Pin, My Promise My Faith Pin, and some Fun Patches with a Court of Awards ceremony.

A few scouts also learned some new Dutch Oven recipes and outdoor cooking skills during a visit to the Log Cabin Village this winter.

Girls are preparing for the spring and are very active in sports including Basketball, Volleyball, and Fencing. We have several Badges that girls can work towards in sportsmanship, and the relationship with healthy lifestyles and habits.

Girl Scouts in Fossil Creek Service Unit will participate in our very first Powder Puff Pinewood Derby. We are excited to design,

carve, and race our own miniature cars.

Finally, Girls are looking forward to an upcoming visit to Texas A&M Veterinary School Open house weekend, which will include a campus tour of the Large & Small animal centers, local museum tours, and a visit to George H Bush Presidential Library. We anticipate a fantastic weekend of exploration.



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Cowtown Cleanup



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DATE: Saturday, APRIL 2, 2016

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (come later or leave early if you need to)

LOCATION: ARCADIA PARK #1 JUST NORTH OF BASSWOOD (entrance to the park is on Arcadia Trail Drive between Rio Blanco and Broken Bow).

We'll be providing lunch at 11:30 for all volunteers.

Questions? You can "Contact Us" on the ParkGlen.org website or e-mail the project coordinator jodi.hight@gmail.com.

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- Kids Corner w/Activities and Prizes
- 50+ Vendor Exhibit Booths
- FOOD
- TCAP 10am – 12pm
- Art Truck for Kids
- Canine Good Citizen Testing
- Pet Adoptions
- LIVE BAND on Main Stage!
- Walk with or without a pet!
- Pet Photography

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