

Park Glen Connection

December 2016

Publication of the Park Glen Neighborhood Association

Holiday In The Park

Santa Clause is Coming to Park Glen!
Dec 3rd, 10a-1p

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most in need.



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President's Notes



Hello Again,

The holiday season is fast approaching and this time of year affects people in different ways. For our family, it's when we spend some quality time together. But for me, I try not to stress out over all that is going on around us. Don't get me wrong, I love the Holiday season but I do everything I can to avoid the really busy areas. My goal for every holiday season is "no stress".

If you know my wife, Dana, then you know she loves this time of year too. She loves the smell of winter, the leaves falling from the trees and the fire places burning. She loves having our kids and loved ones around and making family memories. This is the time of year when her smile never fades. She just loves everything about it. I won't say too much about the 12 Christmas trees we put up last year! She tells me there could be a couple more to add this year! Me on the other hand, believe it or not, I can get grumpy at times. Don't ask me why but it's true and my family gently lets me know to "knock it off".

As a neighborhood, I think we can go through the same types of things. Park Glen is always hopping and sometimes it's easy to get frustrated when you're trying to get somewhere. Families are out and about and that makes our streets really, really busy. As you drive through, please take your time. Be aware, with the combination of busy streets, active families, kids and visitors to our neighborhood, we can get impatient trying to manage it all. So, remember, take your time and enjoy the season. Be aware that, in Park Glen, people and kids are everywhere, even behind parked cars. Let's not allow a tragedy to dampen the season. Be safe as we head onto another fun time of year!

Before I go, don't forget to visit ParkGlen.org to see a list of all the things happening in our neighborhood.

Thanks,
Kevin

The Communications Committee has a Facebook page! We've passed 1500 likes!

LIKE our page and get reminders and event updates. It's a great way to keep in touch!



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We would like to WELCOME our new homeowners to Park Glen!

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

Park Glen will have a Holiday Decorating Contest again this year to recognize and show appreciation to residents for their outstanding efforts to decorate their homes for everyone to enjoy.

Entries or nominations are not required. Volunteer judges will tour the neighborhood looking at home decorations between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. from December 8 through December 11. Judging will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street only. The primary factor will be overall presentation (“wow factor”), but judges will also consider uniqueness & creativity, storyline or theme, and neatness & organization. 2015 winners and properties with past due balances owed to the Association or outstanding deed restriction violations will not be eligible.

13 homes will be selected (one from each of Park Glen’s 13 villages), with each winner receiving a \$50 gift card and a yard sign to display for the remainder of the month. Winners will also be announced and pictured on our website and in the February newsletter. Be creative, be festive, and have fun!

We need contest judges! You can be a judge and still be eligible for the contest. Please e-mail PGNARussell@gmail.com or sign up at the Volunteer page of www.ParkGlen.org right away.

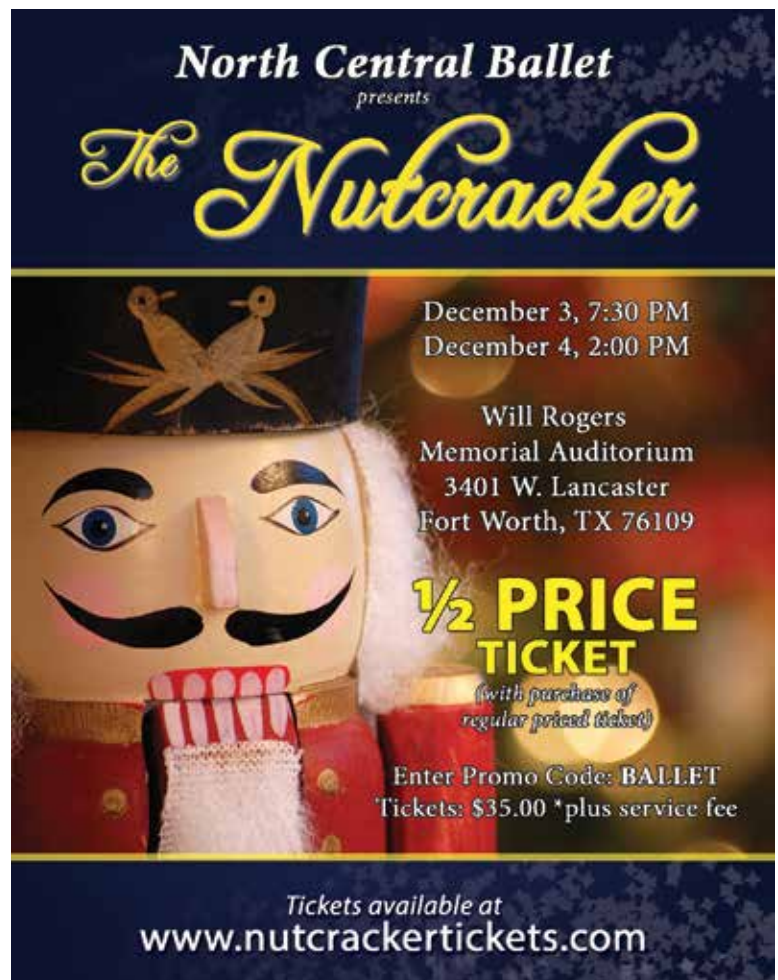


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As owners in community associations, it is easy to allow that elite group known as “they” to operate the association, attend related meetings, and make things happen. However, we need to realize that “they” is always made up of “I’s” and “We’s.” The success of our association depends upon our members getting involved in the various committees through which the Association actually functions. Volunteering to serve on one of the associations committees is a great way to become involved, contribute to our community, and make an impact.

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.



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December is National Egg Nog and Fruit Cake Month

- December 1stRosa Parks Day
- December 3rdHoliday in the Park, 10a-1p, Arcadia Park @ Glen Springs Trail
- December 7thPearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 12thBoard of Directors Meeting, 7p, Longhorn Activity Center
- December 16thNational Chocolate-Covered Anything Day (Woohoo!!)
- December 17thHoliday Movie Night! 6:30p-9:30p, Alliance United Methodist Church
- December 24thBeginning of Hanukkah
- December 25thChristmas
- December 26thBeginning of Kwanzaa
- December 30thBacon Day (You're welcome!!)



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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. Both the Cubs Scouts and Boys Scouts went camping; the Cub Scouts attended the Pack's Fall Family Campout at Sid Richardson Boy Scout Camp in Bridgeport. The Cubs Scouts had great fun beginning with building and firing Estes

Rockets at the Rocket Academy, doing the Haunted Hayrides followed by Archery & BB Guns in the afternoon and the traditional great campfire program to end the day. That's a lot for 1 campout. The Webelos went on a trip to NASA and the Battleship Texas, they spent one night under the stars and the other in the crew's quarters in the hull of a the battle honored ship.

The Boys Scout camped at Hills & Hollows Boy Scout Camp hosting, prospective Webelos from Cub Scout packs interested in becoming Boy Scouts. They showed them how Boy Scouts camp and taught them basic scouting skills. They finished up the month participating in the OA Ordeal weekend, where scouts were inducted in the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts National Honor Society.



Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

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Park Glen "Shout Outs"!!



We would like to recognize and give a "Shout Out" to these GREAT Park Glen Neighbors....

A really big SHOUT OUT to Tom Downey for taking the initiative to get information about Park Glen street signs for our neighborhood! Great Work Tom!

SHOUT OUT to Jodi Hight for stepping up and organizing the park clean up day we had back in October! Thank you Jodi!!

To all of our Turkey Trot Sponsors, Organizers and Volunteers... a huuge SHOUT OUT!! You helped make this event a success! Thank you for sharing your Thanksgiving morning with us!

Shout Out to Thomas Telligman. He is a guy that wants to help others. He is thoughtful and caring. He is a guy that I try to memic. A great neighbor and friend.
From Kyle Jensen

I want to shout out to the neighbor who tried to put the fire out with his own hose at the house that was on fire last month.
From Sacha Warrum

PARK GLEN GENEROSITY Donate new or gently used coats and blankets...



It's very important to us that we, the Park Glen Neighborhood Association, get involved in our community in any way possible. In the past we have had canned food drives at some of our events but we would like to do something different this year.

You will have (2) opportunities to donate this year. We will have boxes set up at our Holiday in the Park event (Dec 3rd) and our Christmas Movie Night (Dec 17th). We will be collecting new and/or clean, gently used coats, children's and adult sizes, at Holiday in the Park and collecting new and/or used clean, gently used blankets at our movie night. There are so many in our area who will go without a proper coat or a blanket to stay warm so let's help make their holiday just a little bit warmer this year.

Park Glen gives back! See something, DO something!



Santa's Reindeer

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Holiday in the Park

Join us for a wonderful holiday celebration, Dec 3rd from 10a to 1p, Arcadia Park at 4850 Glen Springs Trail. There will be lots of fun for everyone! **This will be our biggest Holiday in the Park celebration yet!!** We will start the morning off with a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** so come hungry! There will be lots of activities for kids of ALL ages... The **TRAIN** will take you through the park, you can do some **SHOPPING** at our vendor/craft booths, have some hot cocoa and cookies, the kids can tell **SANTA** what they want for Christmas and a special activity this year... **SNOW!** We will have a snow hill that you can slide down right there at the park! **This event is a great Park Glen tradition so we hope that you will come out, meet your neighbors and spend a fun morning with us!**

*****Please don't forget to bring your new or gently used coats to donate!***



Christmas Movie Night in Park Glen

We will be showing "The Muppets Christmas Carol" this year for our Christmas Movie Night. It will be on Dec 17th, 6:30p-8:30p at Alliance United Methodist Church, 7904 Park Vista Blvd. We will be serving popcorn and hot chocolate and Off To Neverland Travel will be bringing some goodies! So, bring your pillows and blankets and come out for a fun, festive time! *****We will be collecting new and gently used blankets to donate to a local charity in our area so go through your closets and please bring what you can.**



Covenant Corner

Some neighborhood guidelines about parking...

Park Glen's deed restrictions do not allow trailers to be parked more than just occasionally in driveways, streets, or anywhere visible from the street. This includes work trailers, cargo trailers, boat trailers, storage units, campers, and recreational vehicles.

Inoperable, unlicensed, or out-of-use vehicles may not be parked on Park Glen properties or streets.

City rules do not allow vehicles to park on the sidewalk part of your driveway. Pedestrians on the sidewalk must have clear unobstructed access across your driveway.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not park on the street in front of their homes, except maybe on rare occasions. Nobody wants someone else's cars parked in front of their property, especially on a regular basis. If you consistently have more vehicles than can be parked in your driveway and on the street directly in front of your property, you really have no practical choice other than to sell some, park some offsite, or utilize your garage and driveway.



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Recipes of the Month



Pecan Crusted Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients

- 3 cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, beat together mashed sweet potatoes, sugar, 1/3 cup butter, eggs vanilla and milk.

Spoon evenly into a lightly greased, 9x9 inch square pan or casserole dish.

Prepare crumb topping by mixing together flour, 1/3 cup butter, brown sugar and chopped pecans with a fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over potato mixture.

Bake, uncovered, for 25-30 minutes until topping is crisp and golden brown.

Rocky-Road Peanut Butter Candy Cups

Ingredients

- 11-oz. package peanut butter and milk chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup crispy rice cereal
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 3/4 cup unsalted roasted peanuts, chopped

Instructions

Microwave peanut butter and milk chocolate chips in a large glass bowl on high for one to 2 minutes or until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Stir in peanut butter until well blended.

Stir in rice cereal, miniature marshmallows and chopped peanuts. Spoon mixture by heaping tablespoonfuls evenly into miniature paper candy cups. Chill one hour or until firm.





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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Girl Scouts in Park Glen

By Alanna Mussawwir-Bias

Girl Scouts have been all kinds of ways of busy. Our Service Unit has held several events including a Skating Party, and Bring a Friend Bowling event where girls from the community enjoyed a fun night of bowling with their BFFs. Brownies and Juniors also completed an exciting Journey In A Day event (Brownie Quest and Agent of Change). Cadettes even completed an amazing Babysitters Course and CPR training.

Cadettes in Troop 1171 are monsters at Community Service. We accomplished a Cookies and Milk booth at the FWPD & FWFD Memorial Walk, made SWAPs and handed out power snacks at a Cheering Station during the SGK 3-Day Walk in Dallas, and we even built Wooden Bookends for a School and Library while earning our Ms. Woodmaker Badge.

We hope to see everyone at the community Holiday In the Park Event this December. Our Girl Scout Troop will have free face painting for the kiddos, Holiday Cards for sale, and an awesome "Pokemon Go" Holiday Balloon Game at our booth.

If you have a daughter/niece/grand-daughter that is interested in Girl Scouts, then you are in luck. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is forming new troops and recruiting K thru 12th grade. Please contact Council Representative Heather Martin-Allen, Phone: 817-914-7868 or email: hallen@gs-top.org or Alanna Bias gstroop1171@gmail.com



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- As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.
1. Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
 2. Don't forget your furry friends. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
 3. Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.
 4. Requires supervision – Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
 5. Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
 6. Protect your pipes. Run water, even at

- a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
7. Better safe than sorry. Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
8. The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
9. Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
10. Knowledge is power. Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

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