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President's Notes

Hello again,

It seems as the Holidays pass, I find myself thinking, wow that was fast. We could probably all use more time at home. I really enjoy being home with my family but also catching up on some of the things that I need to do. You know, like taking down all of the Christmas lights. But since

the holidays have passed for another year, I may as well jump back into the things that I don't want you to forget as Park Glen resident.

Obviously, our main goal as a neighborhood association is to support activities that help maintain our property values. To me, that includes reminding our residents (owners and renters alike), of the rules that you should be aware of. To start, you can find all deed restrictions and bulletins (and lots of other great information) on ParkGlen.org.

I won't go into all the details but if you just follow some basic rules, you should be fine. First, the appearance of our homes is the first priority. You must keep your home in good repair. Generally there are two things here; general home repair (including fences, doors and chimneys) and lawn maintenance (including shrub and tree pruning). Now, seasonally this also includes general cleanup of leaves and debris from your yard, curb and street area. Just a note, many of our streets are tree lined. If



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you don't pick up the leaves, they will become smelly and nasty and can become nesting habitats for rodents (yuck).

Now, on the other hand, there are some neighborly things that we all should consider as we move into the New Year. First, as we drive the streets, please slow down. We have lots of children in the neighborhood. On that note, if you have children please do your best to guide them about playing in the street or entering the street. We cannot be too safe.

Then, of course there is street parking. As I've said a number of times, it's a problem here and everywhere. Please do your very best to park vehicles in your garage or driveway and only then at your curb (in front of your own house). The last option should be to park in front of someone else's house. Also, please be cognizant of parking near corners, where views could be blocked or directly behind someone's driveway. If you must park in front of someone else's home or you have visitors that do, you may think about letting them know in advance.

At the end of the day, no one likes to be cited for a violation. If you follow these simple guidelines, you shouldn't have any problems. Please do your best to think about how your habits and actions affect the neighborhood. We all want to be great neighbors and our neighborhood to stay nice. Let's all do our part!

Happy New Year, Kevin

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The History and Words of Auld Lang Syne

In 1788 the Robert Burns sent the poem 'Auld Lang Syne' to the Scots Musical Museum, indicating that it was an ancient song but that he'd been the first to record it on paper. The phrase 'auld lang syne' roughly translates as 'for old times' sake', and the song is all about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the year.

It is sung all over the world, evoking a sense of belonging and fellowship, tinged with nostalgia.

It has long been a much-loved Scottish tradition to sing the song just before midnight. Everyone stands in a circle holding hands, then at the beginning of the final verse ('And there's a hand my trusty friend...') they cross their arms across their bodies so that their left hand is holding the hand of the person on their right, and their right hand holds that of the person on their left. When the song ends, everyone rushes to the middle, still holding hands, and probably giggling.

Most Scots know the first verse and the chorus but if you don't, here's the full version. The words to Auld Lang Syne Fancy singing along yourself? Here are the verses of the words to Auld Lang Syne: Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne. Chorus: For auld lang syne, my jo, For auld lang syne, We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne, And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! And surely I'll be mine! And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne. Chorus We twa hae run about the braes And pu'd the gowans fine; But we've wander'd mony a weary foot Sin auld lang syne. Chorus We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn, Frae mornin' sun till dine: But seas between us braid hae roar'd Sin auld lang syne. Chorus And there's a hand, my trusty fiere! And gie's a hand o' thine! And we'll tak a right guid willy waught, For auld lang syne. Chorus

Should old acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should old acquaintance be forgot, And long, long ago. Chorus And for long, long ago, my dear For long, long ago, We'll take a cup of kindness yet, For long, long ago And surely youll buy your pint-jug! And surely I'll buy mine! And we'll take a cup of kindness yet, For long, long ago. Chorus We two have run about the hills And pulled the daisies fine; But we've wandered manys the weary foot Since long, long ago. Chorus We two have paddled in the stream, From morning sun till dine; But seas between us broad have roared Since long, long ago. Chorus And there's a hand, my trusty friend! And give us a hand of yours! And we'll take a deep draught of good-will For long, long ago.



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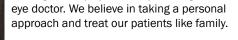


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Starting this month, our monthly board meetings will now be on the 3rd Monday every month.

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January 1st	New Years Day,
	WELCOME 2017!
January 6th	Cuddle Up Day
January 11th	Step in a Puddle and Splash a
	Friend Day
January 16th	Board of Directors Meeting,
	7p, Longhorn Activity Center
	Martin Luther King Day, Civil
	Rights Day
January 25th	Opposite Day
	(yes, this is a real thing!)
January 27th	International Day of
	Commemoration in Memory of
	the Victims of the Holocaust

Ladies, are you interested in joining a community bunko? Bunko is a very easy dice game. Each lady will need to host a bunko game night in their home once a year. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact dcteach24@ymail.com for more details.

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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. They began the month by participating in our annual Community Flag Retirement honoring Veterans. Both the Cubs Scouts and Boys Scouts attended the Council Camporee at Texas Motor Speedway. Lots of Scouts from all over the Council were there, over 4000 in total. It was great fun. There were so many activities that they could all not be done, such as Talent Competition, Playing a Chess Grandmaster, Archery, BB Guns, Wrist Rockets, Marshmallow Shooters, Human Foosball, Climbing Wall, Flour Battle Caber Toss, Pumpkin Slaying (with Swords) Battle Axe Throw and so much more.

The Cubs also had their honed their compass and map reading skills when they participated in PACK-O, Pack 205's annual orienteering event in Arcadia Park. Along with the Christmas season come more Cub Scout Activities, like Christmas Caroling at Pack 205's Tree Lighting and at the Sterling House Retirement Home.

The Boys Scouts had their Annual Chili Cook off, helped with Park Glen Neighborhood Association's Turkey Trot, handing out water to the runners along the course and helping set up. They also worked at one of the Local Boy Scout Camps, Worth Ranch, near Mineral Wells clearing brush on one of the workdays.



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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TURKEY TROT 2016!!!!

WOW!!! What a day we had! After months of preparation, our 12th Annual Turkey Trot will go down in the history books! We had 803 registered runners this year! We are getting bigger and better each year! We couldn't have pulled this off without the help of some hard-working volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. A big thank you to them as well as all the volunteers we had at the bag pick-up nights and the volunteers we had on race day! We really couldn't have done this without their help! We'd also like to thank all of our sponsors this year. We are so lucky to partner up with such great people! Thank you to all those runners who braved the chilly weather to join us! Congratulations to all the winners!!! Race results can be found at www.RaceChipTiming.com. If you won a medal and have not received it yet, please contact Russell Zwerg at PGNARussell@gmail.com.



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A water bearer in India had two large pots hung on each end of a pole that he carried across his neck to the stream every day for water. One of the pots had a crack in it. The other pot always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream, but the cracked pot always leaked, arriving at the house only half full. Ashamed of its imperfection, the pot with the crack spoke to the water bearer one day. "I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "I can deliver only half my load because of this crack in my side. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts." The water bearer said, "As we return from the stream today, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." After leaving the stream that day, the pot with the crack took notice of the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still had leaked out half its load, and once again felt itself a failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day as we walk back from the stream, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my table. Without you being just the way you are, I would not have this beauty to grace my house."

The lesson: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all pots with cracks. But when we learn how to accept who we are and harness the talents we already possess, nothing goes to waste.



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Black Eyed Pea Chowder

Ingredients

- 1 pound diced bacon
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can black-eyed peas with liquid
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can beef consomme
- 1 (29 ounce) can diced tomatoes

Directions



 In a large pot over medium high heat, saute the bacon until crisp. Set aside the bacon and drain the fat, reserving about 4 tablespoons of the fat in the pot. Add the celery onion and green bell pepper to the pot and saute in the bacon fat for 10 minutes, or until tender.
 Add the peas, consomme and stewed tomatoes and allow to heat through, about 15 more minutes. Top with crumbled bacon when

serving.

Creamy Hot Cocoa

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup half-and-half cream

Directions

1. Combine the cocoa, sugar and pinch of salt in

a saucepan. Blend in the boiling water. Bring this mixture to an easy boil while you stir. Simmer and stir for about 2 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch. Stir in 3 1/2 cups of milk and heat until very hot, but do not boil! Remove from heat and add vanilla. Divide between 4 mugs. Add the cream to the mugs of cocoa to cool it to drinking temperature.



Holiday in the Par... Church!

Mother Nature threw a wrench in our outside activities on Dec 3rd but that didn't stop us from making the best of the change in venue! Alliance United Methodist Church saved the day and allowed us to come inside and stay warm and dry! The morning started with the Methodist Men busy in the kitchen making pancakes. Rumor has it that they made about 1000 of them !! Santa and Mrs Claus welcomed lots of children, the craft tables stayed busy all morning, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed and there was plenty of shopping to do at all of the vendor booths. What a great day we had!! Thank you to all those who came out and to everyone involved!



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Girl Scouts in Park Glen

We set ourselves to accomplish service to the community in December. Several Cadette, Senior, & Ambassador troops in our area volunteered as Mall Greeter at North East Mall, you may have seen our girls wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and offering directions to locate the stores with all the best presents. We lead Cookie University training for our younger Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors. The Cadettes in Troop 1171 completed four hours of free facepainting for neighborhood kids at the Park Glen HOA Holiday in the Park and shared great fun at our Pokemon Go Water Ballon Game. Additionally, we made and delivered four "Welcome Home Baskets" for Veterans transitioning to independent living after residing at Liberty House; a homeless veteran shelter in Fort Worth.

Girls Scouts in Park Glen relaxed a little with a Mother-Duaghter Spa Day; filled with Mani-Pedi's, snacks, slushies, and selfies. Girl Scout Gallop! was a big hit too for Girl Scouts of all ages. We attended the NCHA World Championship at the Will Rogers Center and received a special Cutting Horse workshop. And Then, our leader went to Paris

Now that its January, its the best time of the year for us to earn our financial literacy badge with our busiest fundraising time of the Year; Girl Scout Cookies! We hope to continue to receive your neighborly support during our 2017 Cookie Sale.

This year, our girls will be making a special Troop To Troop Cookie Delivery to our Service Men and Woman in the Navy stationed in Corpus Christi TX.

GS-TOP 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 gstoptroop1171@gmail.com.













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

HUGE Shout Out to ALL the Turkey Trot Volunteers! We had some of our COPS folks out on the course and we had kids and some parents from Central High and Haltom High out braving the cold weather! Extra shout out to Mindi Flynt, Lyn Linder, Barry Bryan, Rick and DeeDee Flynt, Bob Kilburn, Pat Chisolm, Mark Thiessen, Brandon Junker and Leigh Ann Masters for going above and beyond the call of duty! We couldn't have pulled this off without you!

Shouts Outs to all the Christmas Decoration Winners!!! You guys did and awesome job this year!

From Leti Salazar - I'd like to send out a huge thank you to the Kilburn family for manning the water station at the Turkey Trot this year!! They are always out there and it's so nice to see their friendly, familiar faces along the route! Thank you for your time and dedication to making our neighborhood a great place to live!

From Cindy Pursley.... I would like to shout out to our neighbor Marcia Harding. She goes out of her way to provide a helping hand. Yesterday, she helped rescue my dog who had pulled his leash out of my hands and end up on the Arcidia speedway. Several times she has brought our newspaper to the door, called to check on us, saved me a seat at the bingo game (very important). She is truly a great PG neighbor.

To John and Mary, Betty and Earl, and Dusty who all live on Shell Creek Drive:

Thank you for welcoming us to the neighborhood.... you've mowed and fertilized our lawn, cooked us meals, moved furniture into our house, given us numerous household items, helped us with home improvements, watched and fed our dogs, and countless other selfless deeds. Thank you for being the best neighbors! Love,

Blake and Kayla

Shout Out to Ralph Robb – When the parking lot filled up at the December 3 Holiday in the Park event, Ralph volunteered to stand outside in the rain for hours to direct traffic and help everyone avoid accidents.



