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Community SOCIAL NETWORKING links are HERE.

in our neighborhood. You can see the opportunities, ask for more information, or sign up HERE.

# Park Glen Connection

We hope that you, your family, and your friends all stay safe during this coronavirus episode. Our website (www.ParkGlen.org) has the latest COVID -19 updates from the City of Fort Worth.

Community Garage Sales

scheduled for April have been canceled.

But watch for details later regarding community qaraqe sales this fall.





# Community Shredding Event Postponed to a later date.

However the city's North Service Center at 301
Hillshire Dr. offers shredding among many other
things. Click <u>HERE</u> to see the rules for shredding and
all the things you can take to this drop-off station.

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW NEWS

- 1. The PGNA website (<u>www.ParkGlen.org</u>) has the latest COVID-19 updates from the City of Fort Worth.
- 2. Park Glen's April 20 Board Meeting will be online only. Information and instructions are on page 3.
- 3. Scholarship applications will be available at <a href="www.ParkGlen.org">www.ParkGlen.org</a> on April 24. Submission due date is June 1. More info on page 4.



#### PARK GLEN EVENTS SURVEY

EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION, AND WE WANT YOURS! IF YOU CAN SPARE 3 MINUTES TO PROVIDE YOUR IMPORTANT POINT OF VIEW, PLEASE CLICK HERE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2020 TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SURVEY ABOUT EVENTS IN PARK GLEN.

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#### **ONLINE** Board Meeting - April 20 at 7pm





# GoToMeeting

In addition to regular business, there will be a 5G Update and Presentation of City's 5G regulations, plus questions and answers, by Sevanne Steiner, Senior Planner with City of Fort Worth. The full agenda will be available at www.ParkGlen.org on Friday evening, April 17.

## You may participate in the online April 20th Board Meeting via your computer, tablet or smart phone or by calling in by phone.

- Click on this meeting link at the at the time of the meeting to join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
- https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/955310189
- You may also dial in using your phone:  $\pm 1 (571) 317-3122$
- Meeting Access Code: 955-310-189
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#### **Instructions for the meeting:**

- 1. Please mute yourself at the start of the meeting to reduce noise and ensure that everyone can hear discussions. Once you join, you should see a microphone icon (red is muted; green is unmuted) and a camera icon (red is off; green is on). You should also see a chat icon (a circle) in the upper right hand corner of the screen once the meeting has started.
- 2. When a topic is opened up for discussion to the audience, if you would like to speak, please type your name in the chat box. When you are called on, please unmute yourself and state your full name before speaking. After your discussion is done, please mute yourself once again. When computer chats are done, those on the telephone will be given a chance to speak. Please state your full name and then give your comments.
- 3. At the top of the screen in the middle, you should have the option to see all participants or just to see the person who is talking. You may select either option.

## Scholarship Program

Park Glen Neighborhood Association has authorized the 2020 Scholarship Program to recognize, reward, and develop homeowners and/or their dependents neighborhood who have exhibited commendable academic success. leadership, and volunteer extracurricular involvement. Scholarships of \$500 or more will be awarded for undergraduate graduate study in the upcoming fall semester, funded by the profits of the 2019 Turkey Trot run.

The application and guidelines will be available at www.ParkGlen.org April 24. **Applications** mav submitted between May 1 and June 1. It will be a 3-page application that calls also for 2 letters recommendation and a recent transcript. This scholarship program is for college or university study in the fall 2020 semester and is NOT just for high school seniors.



Example of PHBs mounted on a mast arm.

The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon has been completed on Park Vista Blvd. at Redwood Trail. This is a traffic light that activates when pedestrians press the button. Please be aware and teach your children to look left, right, left, backward, and forward to make sure all cars have stopped prior to proceeding across the street. Because this light activates on an irregular basis, some drivers may be distracted or not notice the red light.

We thank the Park Glen owners and residents who contributed to this month's newsletter!

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- 3. Learn what uniform coverage looks like.
- 4. Learn how to turn off a leak and keep water running in the house.
- Improve performance.
- 6. Lower your water bill.
- 7. Better curb appeal.
- 8. Keep the HOA happy.
- 9. Find out about soil saturation.
- 10. Meet someone new!





#### CONS:

- 1. Understand how you could have sent your kid to college from your wasted water bills.
- Mow the improved lawn more often.
- 3. Spouse might want other things improved.

Make the Call to Save 817-968-5753



#### **Quick Facts about the U.S. Census**

We conduct a census every 10 years per Article 1, Section 2 of the US

Constitution.

- **Results determine representation** in the US House and Senate.
- **Results determine the distribution** of over \$675 Billion in annual funds.
- Responding helps identify areas that may need more federal funds for important programs.
- Census results are confidential.
- You can now respond online (once you receive your code in the mail), but mail and phone options are still available. Not responding



makes it necessary for a census worker to visit your home.

# 30 Family Friendly Stay-At-Home Activities To Do This Spring

Is quarantining getting you down? Make staying at home fun for your family by trying some (or all) of these activities. If you complete any of these activities, we encourage you to post your photos or videos on the Park Glen Neighborhood Neighbors Facebook page. Show us how much fun you're having!

- 1. Play a board game.
- 2. Make a backyard obstacle course.
- 3. Complete a puzzle.
- 4. Bake cookies, cupcakes or other sweet treats.
- 5. Sidewalk chalk.
- 6. Make sock puppets.
- 7. Make a pillow fort.
- 8. Camp in your backyard overnight.
- 9. Write a song about being stuck inside (see Rapunzel's performance in Disney's Tangled for inspiration).
- 10. Stargaze.
- 11. Fly a kite.
- 12. Lip sync battle.
- 13. Eat lunch picnic style in the backyard.
- 14. Write a play starring your loved ones. Record your performance.
- 15. Paint rocks.
- 16. Write actual letters to family and friends.
- 17. Make your own play dough.
- 18. Go on an indoor scavenger hunt.
- 19. Do a family art project.
- 20. Make a decoration for the outside of your front door to bring joy to passersby.
- 21. Interview your grandparents (over the phone, of course).
- 22. Make origami animals and shapes.
- 23. Make a photobook.
- 24. Make paper airplanes. Chart the flights in your backyard.
- 25. Play dress up and have a silly photo shoot.
- 26. Make a time capsule and bury it in your backyard.
- 27. Family charades.
- 28. Take pictures of flowers.
- 29. Write a list of things for which you are grateful.
- 30. Hide something & make a treasure map for your kids to find it.

Looking for more ideas? Check out this post with <u>87 Active</u> <u>Indoor Games and Activities to Burn Energy</u>



# Renovations Coming Soon to Three Playgrounds

The City of Fort Worth will soon start the renovation of two playgrounds in the Park Glen Neighborhood. The city is currently waiting on everyone to sign off on the contract. After that they will have a pre-construction meeting, then demolition will start. Once demolition starts, you should expect a new park within 90 days.

The parks being renovated are Arcadia #2 (at the west end of Ash River Rd.) and Arcadia #5 (Wind Ridge Park, at the corner of Hibbs & Quachita Crossover). In addition, Arcadia Park #6 (not in Park Glen on the west side of Arcadia Park) will also be renovated.

Any questions, please contact <u>Patrick.Vicknair@fortworthtexas.gov</u> or PGNAStephen@gmail.com.



Now is a perfect time to start maintaining your landscaping including regular mowing, edging, weed control and trimming of shrubs and trees.



Trash cans may be placed out the evening prior to a scheduled pickup day and put away by night following removal. Receptacles must be stored in an area not visible from the street.

Any items inappropriately stored on the driveway or in the front of the home need to be placed away and out of sight. This includes tools, grills, tires, building and landscaping materials, kids' toys, debris, etc.

Remember: Most significant external property modifications require prior approval of the Park Glen homeowners that make up the Architectural Control Committee. That includes sheds, pools, patio covers, retaining walls, concrete, walkways, driveway expansion, significant change in landscaped or lawn area, and removal of trees. Examples of projects that require and do not require ACC approval may be found in the yellow box <u>HERE</u>.

Tree rings / tree wells must be well maintained and contain a tree. The picture on the left is what is expected in our community; the two on the right are in violation of community covenants.







## Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards



At the Fort Worth Community Awards Luncheon in February, Daniel Guido was recognized by Mayor Betsy Price as the



winner of the 2019 "Neighbor of the Year" award for all of Fort Worth, honoring his creation and leadership



of the Park Glen Bike Gang and his other tireless work in and around Park Glen to "Build the Neighborhood You Want to Live In." The award recognizes an individual who has given outstanding service to positively affect the lives of individuals in their neighborhood.

The Park Glen Bike Gang program ("PeeGeeBeeGees") was selected as winner of the 2019 "Health & Wellness Award" for outstanding achievement in helping improve the health and wellness

of neighbors.



This online newsletter (The Park Glen Connection)



received an award for outstanding achievement in communicating news about neighborhood events and issues.

#### Update on Trees in Basswood Median from 377 to Teal

The trees behind the Park Glen entrance sign on Basswood near Highway 377 will be coming down in the future because Fort Worth will be putting in two left turn lanes heading north onto 377 from Basswood Blvd. Construction is scheduled to take place between April 2020 and December 2021. The Park Glen monument sign near 377 will be removed, and a new smaller one will be constructed in the median just west of Parkwood Hill Blvd.

The trees in the median just west of Parkwood Hill Blvd. will come out when the city starts working on the construction of the turn lanes. They will be replaced after construction is completed. PID6's tree expert has said that the trees in the medians west of Parkwood Hill Blvd. and at Teal were at the end of their lives and needed to be replaced. The city does not allow Bradford Pear trees to be planted anymore because they are considered brittle and not long-lived trees.

The Bradford Pear trees in the Basswood median at Teal were recently removed and replaced with different trees. PID6 stayed with their plan of 3 crepe myrtles, 3 chinquapin oaks and 2 lacey oaks, but they did agree to increase the size of the 5 oaks from 65 gallon to 100 gallon trees. PGNA had tried to get PID6 to put in closer to the 13 large shade trees that were previously in the median and to use one type of tree, such as an oak, in order to have a symmetrical grand entryway as before.

| HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19                                     |  |
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| DO NOT DO THIS 🗶   | INSTEAD, DO THIS 🗸   |
| Treat this as an extended Spring Break vacation.                     | Treat this as the public health crisis that it is, and act accordingly.  |
| Gather in social groups for any reason.                              | Only gather with members of your household.  |
| Use public park spaces as a gathering place.                         | Use public park spaces as an outlet for mental and physical health, practicing social distancing from those around you at all times. |
| Invite over a group of friends to catch up.                          | Plan a video or phone conference hangout to catch up with your friends virtually.  |
| Attend a gathering of your neighbors.                                | Check in on your on neighbors by calling or messaging them online.   |
| Gather together with a group of any size to go to the park together. | Go to the park with members of your family unit only, while practicing social distancing from others.                                |
| Visit the grocery store every day.                                   | Send one member (if possible) of your household to the grocery store to pick up essentials once a week.                              |
| Gather with a group outside of your household for dinner.            | Support local businesses by ordering take-out or delivery from restaurant to enjoy at home with your household.                      |
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Do not gather in groups of any size. Stay home as much as possible.

## Fort Worth COVID-19 News



- Fort Worth extends Stay at Home Declaration in response to COVID-19 until April 30. Details are <u>HERE</u>.
- Social distancing means no egg hunts, gatherings or parties in the city parks. Details on appropriate and inappropriate use of city parks are <u>HERE</u>.
- Click <u>HERE</u> to view Fort Worth live updates (6pm Monday through Friday) and past video updates.
- IRS issues warning about COVID-19-related scams
- The "Visit Fort Worth" homepage <u>FortWorth.com</u> has been restructured to serve as a resource for information on restaurant curbside and delivery options, virtual tours of area attractions, event updates, small-business resources, and other COVID-19 health resources.
- Knowing some customers are unexpectedly unemployed because of COVID-19, Fort Worth is suspending charging late fees on its utility bills with due dates from April 1 through June 30. Click <u>HERE</u> for full information.
- City emergency declarations and the list of city programs and services that have been impacted by COVID-19 are being updated regularly. Information is <u>HERE</u>.
- Fort Worth residents seeking assistance during the COVID-19 outbreak have a valuable new resource: an <u>online database</u> listing agencies and organizations that are willing to lend a hand.





#### 5G Poles in Park Glen (3/11/2020)

Many Park Glen residents have noticed that 5G poles (also known as Micro Network Node, Network Node Network Support Pole and Related Ground Equipment) are being installed around the neighborhood. As of September 12, 2019, the City of Fort Worth adopted an updated Wireless Facilities and Infrastructure Ordinance that regulates the placement of 5G poles and related ground equipment.

Per this updated ordinance, the wireless company is required to notify all property owners within 150 feet of each proposed NEW 5G pole or ground equipment location. Notification is not required if 5G equipment is added to an existing pole or if an existing pole is replaced. If you receive a notice from a wireless company stating that they will be placing a 5G pole within 150 feet of your property, you have the option to respond and state any objections you may have. The city's ordinance states that if property owners within 150 feet object to the city staff in writing within 15 days of the postmarked date of the notice received, then the wireless company needs to work with the city and property owners to find an alternative location or the permit application will be denied.

Here is the link to the city's Design Manual. Pages 2-3 contain the regulations about notifications and objections. <a href="https://fortworthtexas.gov/developmentservices/pdf/wireless-facility-design-manual.pdf">https://fortworthtexas.gov/developmentservices/pdf/wireless-facility-design-manual.pdf</a>

A map of those wireless facilities (5G) that have been issued a permit or are in the process as of 2/17/20 can be seen at this link: <a href="http://cfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?">http://cfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?</a> id=b4e0da8995484d759542dc6f120c7c34

The red dots for our neighborhood are permits that have already been issued. By far the majority were issued before the Wireless Facilities and Infrastructure Ordinance was amended on September 12, 2019. The blue dots represent that the wireless company is currently going through the permit process, and the City is awaiting reply from the client (applicant).

If you receive a notice from a wireless company about placing a 5G pole or ground equipment within 150 feet of your property and you wish to object to it, you must submit protest in writing to the City staff within 15 days of postmark date on notification sent by service provider. If protest is received, the network provider will work with the City and property owners to find an alternative location. If an alternative location is not identified, the permit will then be denied.

This City of Fort Worth webpage has the Design Manual and Permit links and other information: <a href="https://fortworthtexas.gov/developmentservices/permits/wireless-facilities/">https://fortworthtexas.gov/developmentservices/permits/wireless-facilities/</a>

Reports and Information published by the National Toxicology Program, part of the National Institute of Environmental Health can be found below:

- NTP Scientist weighs in on 5G technology: <a href="https://factor.niehs.nih.gov/2020/1/community-impact/5g-technology/index.htm">https://factor.niehs.nih.gov/2020/1/community-impact/5g-technology/index.htm</a>
- Cell Phone Radio Frequency Radiation: <a href="https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/cellphones/index.cfm">https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/cellphones/index.cfm</a>
- A report on "High Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation Associated with Cancer in Male Rats" <a href="https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/high-exposure-radio-frequency-radiation-associated-cancer-male-rats">https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/high-exposure-radio-frequency-radiation-associated-cancer-male-rats</a>

**Note: 5G Update and Presentation of City's 5G regulations,** plus questions and answers, by Sevanne Steiner, Senior Planner with City of Fort Worth, at PGNA's ONLINE Board Meeting at 7pm on April 20. See page 3 for meeting instructions.

#### The PGNA Board recently revised Community Bulletin B1.13. The revised bulletin follows:

#### **Political Signs**

In accordance with Texas Election Code 259.002, Park Glen homeowners and residents are permitted to display one or more signs advertising a political candidate or ballot item for an election between the 90th day before the date of the election to which the sign relates and the 10th day after that election date. Signs must be ground-mounted. A property owner or resident is limited to displaying only one sign for each candidate or ballot item. This bulletin does not permit a sign that:

- 1. contains roofing material, siding, paving materials, flora, one or more balloons or lights, or any other similar building, landscaping, or non-standard decorative component
- 2. is attached in any way to plant material, a traffic control device, a light, a trailer, a vehicle, or any other existing structure or object;
- 3. includes the painting of architectural surfaces;
- 4. threatens the public health or safety;
- 5. is larger than four feet by six feet;
- 6. violates a law;
- 7. contains language, graphics, or any display that would be offensive to the ordinary person; or
- 8. is accompanied by music or other sounds or by streamers or is otherwise distracting to motorists.

The Association may remove a sign displayed in violation of this bulletin or other covenants.

The PGNA Board also recently adopted a new Bulletin (1.22) referencing the following policy for Electrical Generators:

## Guidelines Regarding Electric Generators, in accordance with Texas Property Code 202.019

#### Generators Other Than "Standby Electric Generators"

Any generator that is not considered a "standby electric generator" as defined below (e.g. a portable electric generator or a generator not continually wired-in to the home's electrical system and that does not require installation) may:

- 1. not be located on property not owned by the homeowner nor on common areas, property owned or maintained by the property owners' association, property owned in common by the property owners' association members, nor property owned or maintained by the city and/or Public Improvement District.
- 2. not be in any location visible from any street, sidewalk, common area, or neighbor's property, unless specifically approved by the ACC.
- 3. not create a nuisance or noise problem.

#### Standby Electric Generators

A "standby electric generator" means a device that converts mechanical energy to electrical energy and is:

- 1. powered by natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, or hydrogen;
- 2. fully enclosed in an integral manufacturer-supplied sound attenuating enclosure:
- 3. connected to the main electrical panel of a residence by a manual or automatic transfer switch; and
- 4. rated for a generating capacity of not less than seven kilowatts.

A standby electric generator may not be located on property not owned by the homeowner nor on common areas, property owned or maintained by the property owners' association, property owned in common by the property owners' association members, nor property owned or maintained by the city and/or Public Improvement District. Standby Electric Generators may generally be installed only in a location not visible from any street, sidewalk, common area, or neighbor's property. The location of a standby electric generator must be approved by the ACC prior to installation, with the condition that a restriction on location may not increase the cost of installing the standby electric generator by more than 10 percent or increase the cost of installing and connecting the electrical and fuel lines for the standby electric generator by more than 20 percent. An owner is required to effectively screen a standby electric generator in a manner directed or approved by the ACC if the standby electric generator is visible from any street, sidewalk, common area, or neighbor's property (e.g. located in an unfenced side or rear yard of a residence and visible either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining common areas; located in a side or rear yard fenced by a wrought iron or residential aluminum fence and visible through the fence either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining residence or from adjoining common area).

A standby electric generator must be installed and maintained in compliance with the manufacturer's specifications and applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes. All electrical, plumbing, and fuel line connections to be installed only by licensed contractors. All electrical connections to be installed in accordance with applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes. If a permit is required by the city or any other government, the permit must be obtained before installation. All natural gas, diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, or hydrogen fuel line connections must be installed in accordance with applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes. All liquefied petroleum gas fuel line connections to be installed in accordance with rules and standards promulgated and adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas and other applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes. Nonintegral standby electric generator fuel tanks must be installed and maintained to comply with applicable municipal zoning ordinances and governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

A standby electric generator and its electrical lines and fuel lines must be maintained in good condition. An owner is required to repair, replace, or remove any deteriorated or unsafe component of a standby electric generator, including electrical or fuel lines.

Times for the periodic testing of a standby electric generator, consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations, must be reasonable and not create a nuisance to neighbors or the community.

The use of a standby electric generator to generate all or substantially all of the electrical power to a residence is prohibited, except when utility-generated electrical power to the residence is not available or is intermittent due to causes other than nonpayment for utility service to the residence.

# Seeking help?

The City of Fort Worth and local organizations are ready to offer support!

Fort Worth neighbors seeking assistance during the COVID-19 outbreak have access to these valuable resources:

- Call **2-1-1** and be connected to a broad scope of resources from United Way.
- A list of local community resources provided by area agencies, faith-based groups and other organizations willing to lend a hand. Whether it's meals for senior citizens, food pantries, last-resort financial assistance for children or free dog or cat food, visit
   FortWorthTexas.gov/COVID-19/Community-Resources or call 817-392-1234.
- For questions about local restrictions and to report violations, call 817-392-8478 or email Covid19@FortWorthTexas.gov.
- For city services questions (trash, water, etc.), call
   817-392-1234 or email 1234@FortWorthTexas.gov.
- For questions about COVID-19 and how to limit its spread, call **817-248-6299**.

#### For information online:

Visit **cdc.gov** for the latest information on COVID-19 and how to protect yourself. Visit **fortworthtexas.gov/COVID-19** for local information and resources.





