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3 Things You Need to Know

1. Due to necessity, the in-person location for PGNA Board Meetings has changed to: **7904 Park Vista Blvd, in the Gym at the back of the Alliance United Methodist Church.** The meeting day has also been changed to the third Tuesday of the month, except for the combined November/December meeting which will be held on the first Tuesday in December. PGNA Board Meetings are both in-person and online, and all homeowners are welcome to attend. See home page of ParkGlen.org for details.
2. Latest information on the City's Redistricting Map can be found on the home page of Parkglen.org, in the Redistricting Map blue box and on [Page 8](#).
3. Eggstravaganza & Spring Festival Event to be held on April 2, 2022.
 - There will be an outdoor market at this event, so **any Vendors who are interested in having a booth, please sign up or learn more at this link:** <http://parkglen.org/exhibitor-sponsor-info.html>. Please email PGNANichola@gmail.com with any questions.
 - We need lots of help stuffing eggs for the egg scramble, so **if you'd like to help stuff eggs, please email PGNASusan@gmail.com.**
 - When we get closer to the event, we will advertise a Sign-up Genius for volunteers to sign up to help on the day of the event.

PGNA Board Meeting

Homeowners are always welcome at PGNA Board Meetings held in-person and online. The next board meeting is **Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7 p.m.,** for address and online directions go to the ParkGlen.org.





PID6 Board Meeting

PID6 is a public entity administered by the City of Fort Worth for improvements, projects and special supplemental services over and above those normally provided by the city. Homeowners are always welcome at PID6 Board Meetings held at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Manager's Office, with sign-in at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting is **February 24, 2022**. Meetings are held in-person and online (starting in Feb.) for more information go to PID6.org.



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Upcoming Events

See events on ParkGlen.org for more details when closer to the Event Date.
Board meetings are held in-person and also online.

PGNA Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Will be held both In-person and online at 7 p.m. In-person meeting location has changed to: 7904 Park Vista Blvd., in the Gym, at the back of the Alliance United Methodist Church. All Park Glen Homeowners are welcome. Agenda, online access instructions, and information for the meeting will be in the pink box on the homepage of ParkGlen.org.



PGNA Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7 pm
See information above.

Eggstravaganza & Spring Festival, April 2, 2022, 2 pm - 5 pm
Location: at the Ball field at the intersection of Fern Lake Drive & Island Circle (Google Maps address is 4900 Island Circle; Fort Worth, TX 76137)



PGNA Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7 pm
See information above.

PID6 Garage Sales, April 22-24, 2022
See PID6.org for details

Free Shredding Event, April 23, 2022, 9 am - 11 am



Ways to Learn About Upcoming Events and Activities in Park Glen

It would certainly be frustrating to find out only afterward about a neighborhood event you would like to have do. But that is also frustrating to the volunteers who invest their time to promote and put on events with a goal of having you take part. So, to prevent the all-around frustration, here is a proven way for you to **KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**:

1. Sign up here - <http://parkglen.org/sign-up.html> - to start receiving e-mails about events and activities in Park Glen. Watch for and read those e-mails.
2. "Like" the **Park Glen Neighborhood Association** Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa/> so you will see those posts in your Facebook feed.
3. Don't just wait for information to come to you. Also seek it out:
 - ⇒ Bookmark www.ParkGlen.org, and check it out twice a month or so. Especially read the homepage and the "upcoming events page" <http://parkglen.org/upcoming-events.html>
 - ⇒ Read the neighborhood newsletter. It's usually published monthly and is always available here: <http://parkglen.org/newsletters.html>
 - ⇒ Go to the PGNA Facebook page weekly to see posts you may have missed: <https://www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa/>



Wildlife in Arcadia Park and the Surrounding Area

by M.L. Keller

The Coyote

(Also known as prairie wolf, brush wolf, little wolf, medicine dog, American jackal)

Its name comes from an indigenous word that means “barking dog”.

Coyotes are members of the canine (dog) family. Although they resemble wolves, they are a completely different species with 19 subspecies. Native Americans feel a deep respect for coyotes and view them as wily and clever. Many tribes portray them as the companion of the creator. In Mesoamerican mythology, the coyote is seen as a symbol of military might.

Here are some coyote facts:

Coyotes are abundant throughout the US, Canada and Mexico and live not just in the wild but can also be found living in urban areas. Because the wolves as their main competitors have been pushed back into the far north, and because they are evading hunters, coyotes have expanded to cover almost all of North America.

They stand about 24 inches at the shoulder and are about 3.3-4.3 feet long, including its 12-16 inches long, bushy tail. Their fur is long, grizzled buff above and whitish below, reddish on the legs. Weight: 20-50 pounds.

They are fast runners (up to 40 mph), can jump as high as 13 feet, and are excellent swimmers.

They are opportunistic feeders, and although 90 percent of their diet is meat, they also eat fruit, berries, vegetables, grass, twigs, leaves, and snack on insects, fish, frogs, eggs, and carrion. They keep down the populations of rodents. If their prey is small, they will hunt alone, but if their prey is large, they hunt as a pack of up to six individuals. Urban coyotes will also eat cats and rummage through garbage. It's estimated that about 38 percent of a coyote's diet could be coming from human leftovers.

They are monogamous and mate for life, and only find a new partner after the previous partner has died.

They give birth in dens and both parents raise their pups together, sharing many parenting responsibilities.

They are very vocal and have many variations in their howling. They use urine to mark their territory.

Humans are their main predators, and even though about half a million are killed each year, there are more coyotes today than 300 years ago. If population begins to decline, more pups will survive. There's an average of 3 coyotes per roughly half a square mile. Diseases spread easily among the packs, which serves to maintain a natural balance of numbers. Also, with the wolves being reintroduced in some areas, balance will be restored.



The Project Coyote organization offered the following tips to support a co-existence, and by helping you prevent coyotes from being attracted to your home:

Don't feed coyotes, don't leave pet food out overnight, wildlife-proof garbage cans with tight fitting lids.

Take out trash the morning pickup is scheduled.

Keep compost in secure containers and keep fallen fruit and bird seed off the ground. It attracts rodents, which then attract coyotes.

Keep barbecue grills clean. If coyotes know they can find food somewhere, they are going to stay there.

Eliminate accessible water sources.

Clear away brush and dense weeds near buildings, close off crawl spaces under decks and around buildings.

Make loud noises with pots, pans, or air horns, and spray coyotes with a water hose.

Share this list with your neighbors; coexistence is a neighborhood effort.

What to do if a coyote attacks your dog:

Don't address wounds at home.

Get to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Wear gloves when handling your dog. He is vaccinated for rabies but may not be.

We can't predict the behavior of wild animals, but we can take steps to lessen the chance that our pets come in contact with them.

Wildlife in Arcadia Park and the Surrounding Area

by M.L. Keller

The Coyote—*Continued*

Coyote Conflict management – by the Wildlife Center of Texas

In all of North America, only two human deaths have ever been attributed to coyote. In contrast, in the US alone, 20-25 people per year are killed by dogs. Coyotes will readily abandon prey if they feel threatened.

Conflicts with dogs is problematic because we have bred out of them the ability to read the posturing and scent markings, or to understand the vocalizations of predators. It's possible that a coyote will target a small dog as prey, so keep them on a small leash to discourage a "snatch and grab".

Ranchers have learned that lethal means of control have proven unsuccessful in the long run. So, what to do?

The first line of defense is knowledge and verifiable research.



Coyote pack size varies as litters grow to maturity and leave to start their own families, but average between 4 – 7. The alpha male and female are monogamous and are the only ones that breed. Unlike dogs, they have a single season per year. Their existence suppresses ovulation in non-alpha females. Most males leave the maternal pack and disperse to form their own shortly after reaching adulthood. If either alpha animal is killed, all of the females will ovulate and birth litters. So, if the goal is to minimize the number of coyotes in the area, leave the alphas alone.

In populations that are not persecuted the average lifespan is 10 – 12 years and even though they are sexually mature at 1 – 2 years of age, they usually don't breed until they are 5 – 6 years of age. In populations that experience lethal methods of control, the females begin breeding shortly after they are physically able to. The reason for this is partly the fact that fractured packs can no longer exert breeding control over the non-alphas and as with most mammals, if the overall population drops then the surviving animals have larger and more frequent litters to bring the population back to optimum.



Research shows that coyotes exert enormous ecological benefit. There are 4 apex predators that determine the biodiversity of the populations below them: killer whale, sharks, tigers, and some types of wolves. Because coyotes exert tremendous influence on their entire ecosystem, there are discussions as to whether the coyote should be added to this list. Rodents are the primary food source, and an average adult routinely consumes 5000 per year, a lactating female will require 7500 per year. Where persecution has ceased and the population has returned to optimum, biologists have discovered that contrary to the accepted belief that coyotes prey on ground birds, the number and diversity of ground dwelling birds actually grows. Besides controlling the rodent population, coyotes suppress mesopredators like raccoon, skunk, and fox populations. It is the suppression of the mesopredators that allows the population and the biodiversity to grow.

The absence of natural predators makes urban and suburban living attractive to coyotes that have been displaced by development and the conversion of more appropriate territory to ranching or farming. The normally diurnal coyote shifts to nocturnal activity when they share territory with humans in an effort to avoid us. Research shows that when coyotes are left to themselves the population decreases and juveniles are less likely to risk interaction with humans.

So back to the original question – What can be done? The good news and the bad news are: not much. If you want to shrink the population of a predator, you must reduce their prey and other sources of food. So do not feed pets outdoors, do not intentionally leave food out for the wild animals, pay attention to unintentional sources of food like bird feeders that can attract mice and rats and trash cans that can be raided. Keep your cats indoors or at least from dusk until dawn and don't let small dogs outside unattended from dusk to dawn. Remove hiding places for prey and their sources of food and water in your yard. Will the coyotes become more aggressive if they are hungry? A few more free ranging cats may fall victim, but generally they will choose to drift to better territory.

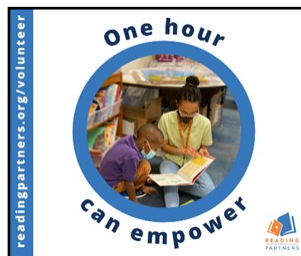
Life is all about risk management. Can coyotes physically cause damage and kill small unattended pets? Yes, they can. But while you should be aware of the potential in order to minimize the risk, about 5 million Americans are bitten by a dog every year and 20 – 25 die because of a dog attack.

Reading Partners

Reading Partners is seeking **virtual** and **in-person** [volunteers](#) to work with students in [Fort Worth ISD](#).

Volunteers are trained to work with the same K-3 grade student for a minimum of 1 hour each week. It's rewarding, fun, and makes a HUGE difference in each student's academic success. No experience is required and volunteers follow a structured lesson plan. A team member from Reading Partners is always present to lend support.

Go to <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-north-texas/> to sign up. Contact jennifer.quick@readingpartners.org with questions.



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Redistricting

Redistricting Map Update

City Council held a work session with the Redistricting Task Force, on Feb. 1st at 1 p.m. to discuss the Task Force's recommended map. On February 1st during the 6 pm Public Presentation meeting and at the City Council's Feb. 8th Public Hearing, PGNA Board President Susan Kenney and leaders of surrounding neighborhoods spoke in favor of keeping our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods in one City Council District. These meetings and future meetings (except the ones held out in the community, i.e. the Feb. 21st Public Hearing near us at Heritage Church of Christ) can be watched per FWTV at this link (no public comment is taken at City Council work sessions): <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/communications/fwtv>

The next steps and schedule can be found here:

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/redistricting/redistricting-schedule>

At the Feb. 15th City Council Work Session, the Council can choose to go with the Redistricting Task Force's proposed map, make changes to that map, or create a new map. **Specifically for our area, please attend the Public Hearing that will be held on Monday, February 21st, very close to us at Heritage Church of Christ, 4201 Heritage Trace Parkway.** See home page of ParkGlen.org for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 15	9 a.m.	City Hall, Room 2020	City Council conducts special work session to consider changes to initial map and produce proposed map .
Monday, Feb. 21	6 p.m.	Heritage Church, 4201 Heritage Trace Pkwy	City Council conducts four public hearings , one for each pair of existing adjacent districts.
Tuesday, March 22	9 a.m.	City Hall, Room 2020	City Council conducts special work session to produce final map .
Tuesday, March 29	10 a.m.	City Hall, Coun- cil Chamber	City Council adopts final map.

PGNA Landscape

PGNA Landscape – Jan. 2022

By the Lazy Gardener

Happy New Year! Tis the season of giving, so I'll use that as the topic of the month. Giving – the act of transferring something to someone else from your possession to theirs, but it can mean so much more. Let's explore the concept and see how this could work for you and me and ... well the whole neighborhood.



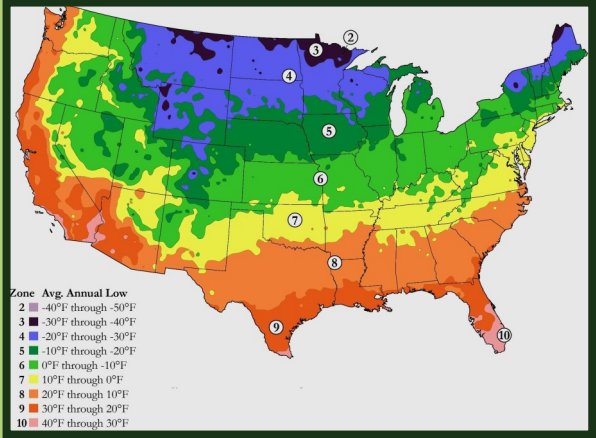
This is the time of the year to clean out my flower beds and prepare them for the spring. Many of my perennial plants have outgrown the space I set aside for them and now they need to be thinned out. But, what to do with the plants that you remove? Personally, I like to repot many of these and either replant them on some land I have or better yet, share my bounty with my neighbors. By giving away my excess plants to my neighbors, they get a little something for free which helps them get started or enhances what they already have. This way you find a new home for your excess plants, you can make new friends or improve the friendship you already have, and your neighborhood starts to look a little better with each passing year, making it a place where folks want to live. Sounds like a Win-Win situation to me.



Think about it, realtors will tell you that curb appeal is a major selling point when it comes to selling your home. Just imagine what a whole neighborhood of nicely landscaped yards does to attract those potential buyers in the first place. The PGNA plants flowers and decorates the entrances to our neighborhood, make it appealing, enticing them to want to come in, to want to join this community of homeowners who take pride in their neighborhood.

That sounds great you may say, but exactly how do I do that? Who has plants to share? Well did you know that there are a lot of gardeners right here in Park Glen, many who have plants they are willing to share? Check them out on Facebook, there is a sub-group called the Park Glen Gardening Club. With nearly 300 members, you'll be in good company with like-minded individuals who live nearby. I have never met a gardener who was not friendly and willing to talk about their garden, you might say they are "down to earth" folks.

Last point, winter is upon us once again and although we had a record-breaking December, freezing cold temperatures await. This is a great time to plant new trees and shrubs but be sure to check the tags that come with the plant or do a quick look up on your phone to ensure that whatever you buy will like north Texas weather. For that you need the plant to be listed as a Zone 8 plant so that it can tolerate our hot and dry summers, and if you don't want to fret over what freezing temperatures will do to your plants, they should also list Zone 7, which will ensure that it can tolerate a few days of freezing weather.



Happy gardening, talk to you next month...

EGGSTRAVAGANZA & Spring Festival

Saturday, April 2nd: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Arcadia Park near the intersection of Island Circle & Fern Lake
4900 Island Circle

- Fun for All Ages!
- Food and Music
- Outdoor Market
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- Age-Appropriate Egg Scrambles
- Inflatables
- And MORE!

Egg Scramble Times (by age)

2:30 pm - 2 and under

3:00 pm - 4 and under

3:30 pm - 6 and under

4:00 pm - 8 and under

4:30 pm - 12 and under

Children are encouraged to participate in the first scramble designated for their age group but may participate in a later one than their designated age group.

****ONE SCRAMBLE PER CHILD PLEASE****

Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets and a camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny! Parking is very limited near the park so we ask you to walk to the event if you can.

- Vendors are needed for the Outdoor Market! Sign up [here](#), or email PGNANichola@gmail.com
- Volunteers are needed for egg stuffing, please email PGNASusan@gmail.com
- When we get closer to the event, we will advertise a Sign-up Genius for volunteers to sign up to help on the day of the event.





Park Glen's
eGGSTRAVAGANZA
and
Spring Festival

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND - 2 PM TO 5 PM

4900 Island Circle

**Arcadia Park near the intersection of
Island Circle & Fern Lake**

Volunteers are needed for egg stuffing, please email PGNASusan@gmail.com

Vendors are needed for the Outdoor Market! Email PGNANichola@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for planning & preparation of the Event! Email PGNACHelsey@gmail.com
For those wanting to volunteer the day of there will be a signup genius coming soon!

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Update on PID6 Athletic Equipment (Phase 2) Planned for Arcadia Park

In a recent [survey](#), Park Glen Homeowners and neighboring homeowners overwhelmingly expressed their opinion that they would like to see the PID6 planned Phase 2 athletic equipment (\$100,000 cost) placed at the Arcadia Park Playgrounds #6 & #1.

At the November 18th PID6 meeting, Robin Willits, PID6 Manager, stated that PID6 will not be placing the equipment at the playgrounds and will go forward with placing them along the trails. See locations [here](#).

If you would like to contact the PID6 on this topic, and our City Council member, contact info. is below:

Robin Willits, PID6 Manager:

robin.willits@fsresidential.com, Ph#: 817-380-7003

Cary Moon, City Council member,

cary.moon@fortworthtexas.gov, Ph#: 817-392-8804

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New Book

Details Early Days of Park Glen History

Park Glen history is honored in a new book about the Perot family authored by Dallas Morning News Watchdog columnist Dave Lieber.

Lieber, a 20-year Park Glen resident (1993 to 2013), wrote *SEARCHING FOR PEROT: My Journey to Discover Texas' Top Family*. In it, he shows how Ross Perot Jr. created Park Glen in the late 1980s. It was Perot's first master-planned community. Seventy more planned Perot communities have followed, but Park Glen helped set a standard.

In a chapter called "Life in Perotville," Lieber writes, "By design, Park Glen was a manicured vanilla hamlet with a tall white church steeple, tiny YMCA, its own neighborhood public school and strict rules ('drying of laundry in public is prohibited')."

Lieber begins the book with a scene in which Perot Jr. flies him above Park Glen on a tour in Perot's helicopter. Lieber writes that Perot did not find Lieber's nickname of Perotville very amusing.

In addition to the book, Lieber has written a new companion play about Ross Perot Sr. called *PEROT! American Patriot*.

The play's world premiere is set for Feb. 11 with nine shows at the new \$22 million Coppell Arts Center.

In the play and book, Lieber tells classic Perot stories such as a hostage rescue mission in Iran, a landmark battle with General Motors, the creation of no pass/no play and other educational reforms – and, of course, Perot's two runs for the presidency.

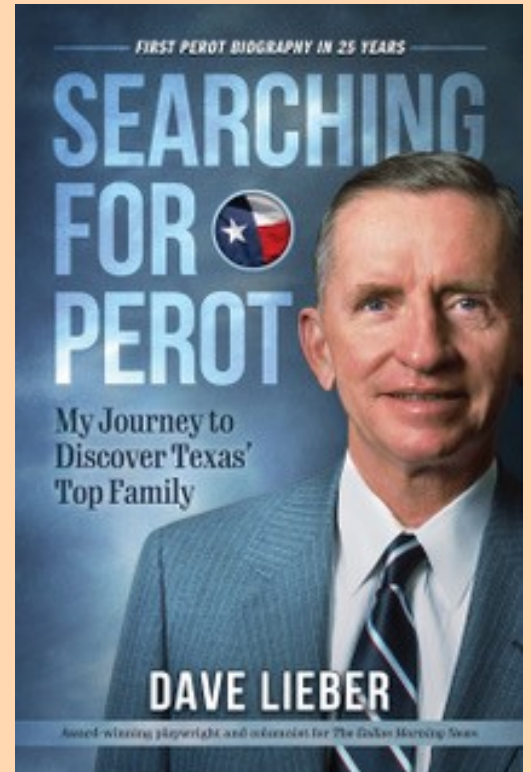
Lieber previously wrote a hit play on Amon "Mr. Fort Worth" Carter. *AMON! The Ultimate Texan* was performed 36 times in six Texas cities.

"My interest in the Perot family was certainly sparked by living in their Park Glen community," Lieber says. "I grew up in Manhattan, so I was quite pleased to live a quieter life in a 'manicured vanilla hamlet.'"

Lieber worked as a columnist for the Star-Telegram while living in Park Glen. In 2013, he moved his Watchdog column to The Morning News.

The new Perot book (192 pages, hardcover, 60 photos) is only available for sale at PerotBook.com.

Tickets for the new play *PEROT! American Patriot* are also available at PerotBook.com.



PGNA - 2022 Calendar and Event Ideas		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event / Activity</u>
1/17/2022	Mon	Board Meeting
2/15/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
3/14/2022	Mon	Spring Break Week starts (KISD & BISD)
3/15/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
4/2/2022	Sat	Eggstravaganza & Spring Festival
4/17/2022	Sun	Easter
4/19/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
4/22-24/2022	Fri-Sun	PID6 Garage Sales
4/23/2022	Sat	Free Shredding Event
5/1/2022	Sat	Start Accepting Scholarship Applications
5/17/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
		Yard of the Month Judging (winner selected end of May, Jun, Jul, Aug)
6/1/2022	Tue	PGNA Scholarship Application Deadline. Selection Committee reviews in June
6/11/2022	Sat	Pool Movie Night (if iExploreMontessori Pool is open) ??
6/21/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
7/2/2022	Sat	PID6 Independence Celebration
7/2/2022	Sat	PGNA Independence Parade
7/16/2022	Sat	Pool Movie Night (if iExploreMontessori Pool is open) ??
7/19/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
8/13/2022	Sat	Pool Movie Night (if iExploreMontessori pool is open) ??
8/16/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
9/13/2022	Tue	Annual Meeting & Board Election 7:00-8:30pm
9/20/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
10/4/2022	Tue	National Night Out Block Parties
10/18/2022	Tue	Board Meeting
10/20-25/2022	Thur.-Tues.	Halloween/Harvest Decorating Contest
10/21/2022	Fri	PID6 Garage Sales
10/22/2022	Sat	PID6 Garage Sales
10/23/2022	Sun	PID6 Garage Sales
11/24/2022	Thu	Turkey Trot
12/3/2022	Sat	Holiday in the Park
12/6/2022	Tue	November / December Board Meeting
12/8-13/2022	Thur.-Tues.	Holiday Decorating Contest Judging
		* All events are subject to change and cancellation.



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Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookies

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 8 minutes
Total Time: 28 minutes
Servings: 22 pieces



Ingredients

2 cups mini chocolate chips
2 cups milk chocolate chips
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup cold salted butter, cubed
½ cup dark brown sugar
½ cup light brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 cups all-purpose flour



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl combine all of the chocolate chips. Stir to evenly mix. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment mix together the butter and all the sugars together for 30 seconds on low speed. Turn the mixer up to medium speed and mix for 4 minutes until combined and fluffy.
4. Add in the eggs, vanilla, salt, and baking soda and mix for 1 minute until smooth, scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary.
5. Turn the mixer to low and add in the flour, mixing until just combined.
6. With mixer still on low, add in 1 1/2 cups of the chocolate chip mixture, mixing until incorporated.
7. Using a large (1/4- cup) cookie scoop, portion the dough and roll it into a ball. Coat the ball with the chocolate chip mixture, leaving the bottom of the ball free from chocolate chips. Make sure the chips are pressed firmly and evenly into the dough. Place the dough balls onto the prepared baking sheet 3- inches apart. I baked 6 – 8 cookies at a time.
8. Bake for 8-9 minutes, until the edges and tops are lightly golden.
9. Allow the cookies to cool for 2-3 minutes on the baking sheet, and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. If there are open gaps on the cookie after baking without chips, you can press chocolate chips into them immediately on removing from the oven.

Notes: Store airtight for 3 days for best freshness. You can make these smaller if you prefer, but you will need to adjust the baking time down as needed.

Link: <https://cookiesandcups.com/ultimate-chocolate-chip-cookies/#tasty-recipes-48551>

Cupid Float

Prep Time: 2 minutes

Total Time: 2 minutes

Servings: 1 drink

Ingredients

1 scoop vanilla ice cream

8 oz cheery soda

1 piece red licorice

Instructions

1. Add a scoop or two of vanilla ice cream to a drinking cup or mug.
2. Fill the cup with cherry soda.
3. Cut the ends off of 1 strand of red licorice, then place into the cup to use as a straw.

Link: <https://www.somewhatsimple.com/cupid-floats/>



Valentine's Day Dirt Cake Parfait

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6 parfaits

Ingredients

4 oz cream cheese softened

¼ cup butter softened

½ cup powdered sugar

8 oz cool whip

1 box instant white chocolate pudding mix or vanilla or any

pink pudding mix

1 red food coloring (if you use a white pudding mix)

Instructions

1. Begin by smashing up Oreos. I put mine in my food processor and blended until they were crumbs. Set aside.
2. Mix cream cheese, butter, and powdered sugar with mixer in a medium bowl. Fold in cool whip until well blended. In a separate bowl mix pudding mix and milk with a whisk. Once combined well, add pudding to cream cheese mixture.
3. Place a few tablespoons of Oreo crumbs in your cup or small jar. Add some of the creamy mixture (I do this by adding the creamy mixture to a gallon bag and cutting off the corner so it goes in the jar more easily.) Bang down on a washcloth on the table to get all bubbles out. Add a few more tablespoons of Oreo crumbs. Top off with some more cream mixture and sprinkle on a few more crumbs. Top off with a whole Oreo on top.
4. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



Link: <https://lilluna.com/dirt-cake-parfaits/#wprm-recipe-container-102292>

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Easy Homemade Beef Stew

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 2 hours 30 minutes
Total Time: 2 hours 45 minutes
Servings: 6 pieces

Ingredients

2 lbs Beef Chuck Roast cut into 2-inch chunks, excess fat removed
1 Tsp Kosher Salt
½ Tsp Coarsely Ground Black Pepper
2 Tbsp Gluten-free All-Purpose Flour or Whole Wheat for non-gluten
2 Tbsp Olive Oil
½ Yellow Onion Chopped Large
4 Garlic Cloves minced
1 Large Carrot or two small-medium, cut into 2-inch chunks
2 Yukon Gold Potatoes diced into 2-inch pieces
2 Cups Beef Broth
¼ Cup Tomato Paste
1 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
1 Bay Leaves
2 Tsp Fresh Thyme Leaves to garnish



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325° F.
2. Season the beef chunks on all sides with salt and pepper. Sprinkle the flour over and toss the seasoned beef to coat it on all sides
3. Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Brown the beef in batches, on all sides, for 3-4 minutes per batch. Don't worry about cooking the beef all the way through at this stage. Transfer the browned beef to a plate and set aside.
4. Add the onions, garlic, and carrots to the Dutch oven, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2-3 minutes, or until slightly browned.
5. Add the potatoes, beef broth, tomato paste, bay leaf, thyme, and Worcestershire sauce, and use a wooden spoon to scrape the browned bits from the bottom of the pot.
6. Bring the mixture to a simmer, stirring, and return the beef to the pot. Cover the Dutch oven, and transfer to the preheated oven
7. Cook the stew for 2-2.5 hours, or until the beef is very tender. Remove the bay leaf. Taste the stew and season with additional salt and pepper, if necessary. Serve warm.

Notes: You may add an additional 1-2 cups of water or more broth if you like to have more broth on your stew.

Link: <https://healthyfitnessmeals.com/homemade-beef-stew/>

Baked Potato Slices

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 40 minutes
Total Time: 50 minutes
Servings: 5 pieces

Ingredients

3 Russet potatoes (scrubbed clean)
1 tbsp vegetable oil, (canola or olive oil work as well)
Salt/pepper (to taste)
1/2 cup butter at room temperature
2 ½ cups cheddar cheese (shredded)
6 slices bacon, uncooked
1 tbsp Italian seasoning
2 green onions, diced

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Take out the bacon and set it aside for 5 minutes (this makes it crispier).
2. Cut the potatoes into approximately 1/2-inch slices. Use a pastry brush to lightly coat the tops with oil. Flip and repeat. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Bake the slices on a baking sheet in the oven for 25 minutes.
4. As the potatoes bake, cook the bacon over low heat. Use kitchen tongs to flip them periodically for even cooking. Set them aside once finished, leave the bacon drippings.
5. Remove the potato slices from the oven and lightly brush with bacon drippings. Flip and repeat. Bake for 10 more minutes. Meanwhile, crumble the bacon
6. Decrease the heat to 350 degrees. Top the potatoes with grated cheese and crumbled bacon. Place back in the oven until the cheese is melted, about 5 minutes
7. Remove the slices from the oven. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning, then top with green onions. Serve with sour cream and enjoy!

Notes: Monterrey Jack is a good cheese to use as well. Don't have bacon? Top these with some steamed broccoli instead. Ranch seasoning can be sprinkled over the cheese instead of Italian seasoning as well.

Link: <https://thecozycook.com/baked-potato-slices/>



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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. The Cubs (webelos) finished up 2021 with a campout at Mineral Wells State Park to complete one of their required activities to earn their rank. At the Pack meeting the Cub Scouts had a special visitor, yes that's right, Santa Claus came with gifts, a pinewood derby car kit for every scout and sibling to race in our annual pinewood derby to be held in January. We also had our annual tree lighting where we ate smores and did some caroling with Troops 2205, 205 and Crew 205.

The Cubs began the year with a bang participating in "Cub-O". One of the largest orienteering events in the history of North America! Over 2000 Cub Scouts, leaders and parents participate each year in the CUB -O orienteering competitions. We had 2 teams competing this year, one had all Bears and one lone Tiger and the other team was made up of all webelos and a wolf.

The Boys Scouts had a campout at Lake Meadowmere, practicing scout skills and attended Merit Badge College at Weatherford College in January. They Spent 2 weekends there, completing Merit Badges to help them advance in rank. This month the Troop added 2 more Scouts to the rank of Eagle. Congrats to Jacob Cross and Christian Kilburn.

Our Crew, went on a few shooting and hunting campouts, shooting geese & ducks, they had a Court of Honor recognizing everyone for all their achievements, and they have been working food concessions at UNT to raise money for their trip to Scotland this summer.

Annual Mulch Fundraiser will be starting soon, so get your mulch delivered to your doorstep. For more info contact Deanna Kilburn at 817-229-4051 or mommadeanna@gmail.com

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For Cub Scouts: <http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com>

