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3 Things You Need to Know

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- 2. Yard of the Month Contest will be held on May 7-10, June 4-7, July 2-5, and August 6-9. See <u>page 5</u>.
- 3. Free PGNA Shredding Event continued to May 14, 9 am 11 am, Park Glen Elementary, in parking lot along Black Hills Lane. See <u>page 10</u>.



pGNA Board Meeting

Homeowners are always welcome at PGNA Board Meetings held in-person and online. The next board meeting is



Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 7 p.m., at Alliance United Methodist Church (in the gym in the back of the building) at 7904 Park Vista Blvd. for online directions go to the ParkGlen.org.

Official PGNA Facebook Page

The official Park Glen Neighborhood Association Facebook Page can be found here:

https://www.facebook.com/parkglenhoa.

Find us on: facebook

Any other Facebook pages related to Park Glen are not connected with the PGNA, but do provide a lot of interaction and information for Park Glen residents and PGNA does share information on these pages when possible.

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 meetings are May 26, 2022. Meetings are held in-person and online for more information go to PID6.org.

Upcoming Events

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See events on ParkGlen.org for more details when closer to the Event Date.

PGNA Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Will be held both in-person and online at 7:00 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.

Free Shredding Event continued, Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Park Glen Elementary, at 5100 Glen Canyon Rd., in the east parking lot along Black Hills Lane.

PGNA Scholarship Program (Applications will be accepted between May 1 through June 1, 2022 11:59 p.m.)

Scholarship Guidelines and application are available on the homepage of ParkGlen.org

PGNA Yard of the Month Contest:

Judging will be conducted during the following dates: May 7-10, June 4-7, July 2-5, and August 6-9.

PGNA Independence Parade, Saturday, July 2, 2022, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Arcadia Park #4, 4893 Glen Springs Trail

PID6 Fireworks Event, July 2, 2022, 7 p.m.

(Live Band: The Vinyl Stripes 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Fireworks approx. 9:15 p.m.)

Location: Arcadia Park #2, 8301 Island Park Drive





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 liked 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 <u>www.ParkGlen.org</u>, and check it out twice a month or so. Especially read the homepage and the "upcoming events page" <u>http://parkglen.org/upcoming-events.html</u>
 - ⇒ 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/





Eggstravaganza & Spring Pictures















Wildlife in Arcadia Park and the Surrounding Area

by M.L. Keller

The Squirrel



The squirrel family includes squirrels, chipmunks, and prairie dogs. Squirrels are rodents who have ever-growing front teeth that grow about 5 to 6 inches a year and must be worn down by gnawing. Texas is the home of eight species of squirrels, but in our park area, the fox squirrel (a tree squirrel) with a grayish-brown fur and orange hair on its belly is the one with the widest distribution. It weighs 1.5 to 2.5 pounds and averages about 18 to 27 inches from head to tail, with the tail accounting for almost half of its length. It has large eyes on the side of the head that allow it to see all around, above, and below. When it sees an intruder, it hides on the back of a tree rather than runs, peeping and moving around to keep the tree between itself and the intruder. It prefers open, parklike

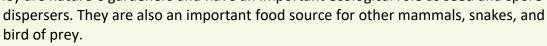
woods, but can adapt to a variety of habitats and seems to thrive around people. It ranges over an area of ten to forty acres, and they can leap up to fifteen feet horizontally. They are most active and awake during the day.

Food: The squirrels feed mostly in the early morning and late afternoon and are mainly plant eaters. During spring and summer, they eat buds, green shoots, fruits, seeds, bark, mushrooms, and occasionally insects. Acorns are the most important fall and winter food for the fox squirrel, but they also eat other nuts in their soft stage. Squirrels are well known for storing food for the winter and can smell and recover food from under one foot of snow! Sometimes they forget where they bury their nuts, which will grow

into new trees.

Breeding: Young females breed only once a year, while older females breed in March/April and again in August/September. Their preferred nurseries are hollow trees, but if that's not available, they will build an outside nest, called drey, of twelve to twenty inches in diameter from twigs and leaves. Two to four helpless, blind, and nearly naked young squirrels are borne six or seven weeks after mating and develop slowly. Their eyes open at the age of five weeks and won't leave the nest until they are about ten weeks old. They can fend for themselves at the age of about three months and reach maturity at ten to eleven months. Life span: 4 to 7 years.

The benefits of squirrels: They are nature's gardeners and have an important ecological role as seed and spore





Controlling Tree Squirrels in urban areas: Tree squirrels sometimes become pests in urban areas. Sounds of running or gnawing coming from the attic during the day often indicate the presence of squirrels. Running, squealing, and gnawing sounds at night generally indicate the presence of rats. Squirrels can cause extensive damage to the insulation in the attic or walls, and also may gnaw and damage electrical wiring. Where squirrels are a problem, several things can be done to discourage them. See: Controlling Tree Squirrels in Urban Areas - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (tamu.edu)

In the next newsletter: the fox

Free PGNA Shredding Event

Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Location: Park Glen Elementary School, 5100 Glen Canyon Rd., in the parking lot along Black Hills Ln., just south of Glen Canyon Road.

Shredding will be done onsite via a professional Shredding Truck. Bring your personal papers to be shredded (open to Park Glen residents and homeowners, at no cost). Please put items in trunk or truck bed or put items outside of vehicle, so a volunteer can retrieve them.



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Redistricting

Redistricting Map Update

Background Info. on Redistricting Boundaries for City of Fort Worth On March 29, 2022, The City of Fort Worth adopted a new Redistricting Map, titled "Anna as amended on 3/23/22" which creates ten (10) City Council Districts, currently there are eight (8) City Council Districts. Details are below:

Update 3/29/22

The City Council, on March 29, 2022, adopted a Redistricting Map, which will take effect for the general election to be held in May 2023. The map is the same that the City Council agreed to at their March 23, 2022 Special Work Session. The adopted Map, titled "Anna as amended on 3/23/22", keeps the Park Glen Neighborhood in one City Council District and keeps our surrounding neighborhoods in our same City Council District.

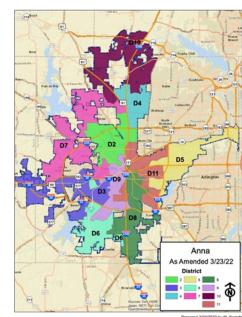
This map, brought forward by our District 4 Councilmember Moon and District 8 Councilmember Nettles, splits Heritage into two City Council Districts, a portion north of Heritage Trace Parkway was put in the District (District 10) to the north. The southern boundary for our District 4 is 820.

Thank you to all who wrote emails to/or contacted our Mayor and City Council asking to keep our Park Glen Neighborhood in one City Council District and in a District with our surrounding neighborhoods with whom we share similar interests and concerns.

The adopted Map and accompanying Data Table are below and the links are here:

https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/redistricting

and also here for a more detailed map https://cfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?
id=215cb336489b40ecb5655423f9d201e6



PGNA Landscape Corner

Late Spring (or Early Summer) 2022

by the Lazy Gardener

The weather is getting warmer and although May is technically a spring month, here in Texas it is more like a summer month. Now is the time to nourish your soil with its first application of fertilizer and time to pull out the lawnmower, quite possibly your number one defense against weeds. Your first, and possibly second, mowing can be done at the lowest setting (Bermuda, Zoysia, Bent grass and Centipede) or next to the lowest setting (for St. Augustine, and all other varieties). This will accomplish



three important functions: pick up most of the leaves, discourage weed growth, and warm your soil. Be sure to reset your mower to the appropriate height for your type of grass after your first mowing since cutting it too short will create health problems for your lawn as the summer heats up. Using the groupings above as a guide, set the mower to 1.5 to 2 inches for the first group and 2.5-3.5 inches for the second group. I have St. Augustine and allow mine to grow to 4 inches since I have fairly heavy shade, this allows me to go up to three weeks between mowing's. If you don't have grass, now is the time to seed and or sod before it gets too hot.



I noticed some of you are still holding out for a miracle that your plants that suffered in last winter's cold snap will return. If they haven't shown promise by now, they never will. When replacing your "brown" plants, be sure to take into consideration the light and size of your space and buy plants that will fit and tolerate the level of light you have. Don't purchase a plant that naturally will grow to 10+ feet and place it in front of your window unless you really like having to prune regularly. Also remember to look at the zoning label on each plant, we live in a Zone 7b or 8a, depending on which gardening reference you look at. Anything zoned 8 and above will require TLC the next time we get a cold snap to survive, and anything that is zone 7 and below will need lots of water and placed where it does not get the hot Texas sun in the afternoon and evening.

Now is also a good time to be thinking of getting your trees trimmed. Being a pet owner, I am consequently also a

street walker (pun intended). On my walks I see many trees that encroach on houses, especially the roofs and eaves. This will cause serious damage to your roof and could eventually create a way for water to get into your home. Too much shade can also have a negative impact on the health of your lawn, shrubs, and flowers. You



might want to consider having a professional come trim a few branches back. Talk to your neighbors, they might have a similar desire to also have a few branches removed and if you go in together to contract a tree trimming service, they usually will cut you a deal.

Which brings me to the last point I'd like to make this month... neighbors. Did you know that Park Glenn has a Gardening Club? Check them out on Facebook. There are thousands of books out there about landscaping, but many are not written for our particular environment. People who live here and grow here know what works and does not work, often through trial and error. The Fort Worth Botanical Garden or Dallas Arboretum are also great places to learn about what works best in our small corner of the world. The best way to get a vibrant and healthy yard is to use these readily available resources to help you get started on creating the yard you have always wanted. Who knows, maybe someone in the PG Gardening club may even provide you with a plant or two to help you get started. I can't think of a better way to get to know your neighbors!



PGNA 2022 Yard of the Month Contest

- Judging will be based on overall attractiveness and adherence to Deed restrictions and meeting Community standards.
- All Park Glen Residents are already entered.
- Properties must not have any open violations or have a past-due balance on their account.
- Judges are VOLUNTEERS from a different Vil-

lage than they are judging.

- Judges will be by ANYTIME between the following dates:
 - May 7-10 June 4-7 July 2-5 August 6-9
- Winners will receive a "Yard of the Month" sign that will be displayed for the month in their yard; plus, recognition of their address in the upcoming newsletter.
- Last year's winners are not eligible this year. Share the fun!

Questions or comments?

Contact Beth Rutkoski at PGNABeth@gmail.com



PGNA 2022 Scholarship Program

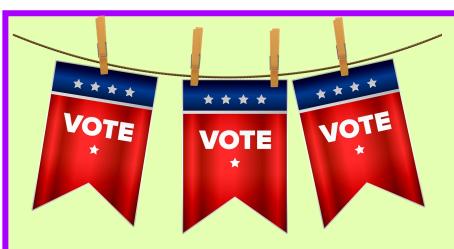
PGNA Scholarship Applications due by June 1st.

Applications may be found on the home page at <u>www.ParkGlen.org</u>.

The Park Glen Neighborhood Association has authorized the 2022 Scholarship Program to recognize, reward, and develop homeowners and/or their dependents in our neighborhood who have exhibited commendable academic success, leadership, and volunteer/extracurricular involvement. Scholarships of \$500 or more will be awarded for undergraduate or graduate study in the upcoming fall semester, funded by the profits of the 2021 Turkey Trot. The application and guidelines are available on the home page at www.ParkGlen.org.

Applications may be submitted starting on May 1 and are due by June 1, 2022. It is a 3-page application that also calls for 2 letters of recommendation, a recent transcript, and 1-2 paragraph written response to a topic question. This scholarship program is for college or university study in the fall 2022 semester and is NOT just for high school seniors.





Information on Upcoming May 7th and May 24th Elections

Election Day closest locations are: Hillwood Middle School and Bluebonnet Elementary School (voters can vote at any voting location)

Election Day is Saturday, May 7th (7am to 7pm) for Constitutional & Joint Elections, which includes but is not limited to our District 4 City Council member, School Board Election, City Charter Amendments, City Bond packages.

Election Day for Primary Runoff is Tuesday, May 24th.

Directions to find Sample Ballot and Voting Locations:

See link below for Sample Ballots and Early Voting and Election Day locations. **Directions after clicking on link:** Find the Sample Ballot, above Election Information, by clicking on the down arrow to the right of Select Election, then go down to Ballot(s) and click on the down arrow and choose the language and if applicable the party, then click Download.

Sample Ballot and Voting Locations:

https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/TCVL/



Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

Another month and Scouts are doing their thing. You can drop by at Alliance United Methodist Church on Monday's, Thursday's & weekend's and you will find some Scouting going on, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, & as well as a Venture Crew are either meeting or coming and going from some sort of adventure or activity. Spring is here, the perfect time in Texas for these Scouts to get out and have fun.

The Troop traveled to Sid Richardson Boy Scout Camp to attend the Mustang District Camporee, where over 400 Scouts and Scouters got together for a great time rock climbing, shooting rifles and shot guns, land fishing, and much, much more. They held their annual "scouting skills" campout last month where they help all of the newest Boy Scouts learn basic skills setting up camp, cooking etc..

The Cubs had their monthly pack meeting celebrating and recognizing them for all the work they have done. Lots of fun and games and many awards. They also had their Spring Family Campout at Hills and Hollows Boy Scout Camp in Denton. Lots of fun camping, playing games and working on activities to help them earn their rank badges. Hiking and Campfire were the words of the day. Smores, skits and songs rounded out the day.

Crew 205 was just as busy, and they lead the way in adventure. They did a "Mud Run" in Fort Worth, how crazy is that – more mud than you can imagine, A "Chopped" campout, like the TV show, they were given food items and competed to see who could make the best meal with everything they were supplied with. They did a scavenger hunt in Grapevine, and the competition came down to the wire. It started at the Ironhorse train station in North Richland Hills and ended up at Grapevine Mills Mall. I want to be on that Crew.

Thanks to all who participated in our annual mulch sale.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

Contact Bob Kilburn at 817-789-9907 or bobkil-

burn@sbcglobal.net

or visit our websites:

For the Venture Crew 205: www.crew205tx.com
For Scouts BSA (Girls)(Troop 2205): https://www.crew205tx.com

troop2205Gtx.org

For Scouts BSA (Boys) (Troop 205): https://troop205.tx.org

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

















Homelessness and Panhandling in North Fort Worth

Below are contacts for issues or concerns related to homelessness, homeless encampments or aggressive panhandling.

Report a Concern:

- · Download the MyFW App
- Call 817-392-1234
- Email 1234@fortworthtexas.gov

Provide Help:

- Create a welcome home basket: gary@whenwelove.org
- Volunteer your time: jglover@journeyhome.org (Judi Glover)
- Donate money: audrey@ahomewithhope.org



Questions? Contact:

Fort Worth Police HOPE Team

(Homeless Outreach Program and Enforcement)

- Lt. Gorrie, 817.392.4014 christopher.gorrie@fortworthtexas.gov
- Sgt. Stary, 817-392-4071, joel.stary@fortworthtexas.gov

North Division NPOs, by beat

- E11 Ekrem Halim, 817-991-1309
- E12 Drew Hernandez, 817-372-6848
- E13 Derrick Simpson, 817-988-1076
- E14 Billy Ward, 817-994-3428
- E15 Ryan Perales, 817-965-9036

Code Compliance

- Ty Kitchens, 817-392-6255, ty.kitchens@fortworthtexas.gov
- Autumn Jacobo, 817-392-8658, autumn.jacobo@fortworthtexas.gov

Directions Home (City's homelessness unit)

 Tara Perez, 817-392-2235, tara.perez@fortworthtexas.gov

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

 Lauren King, laurenking@ahomewithhope.org
 Homeless facts: https://ahomewithhope.org/knowthefacts/

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Strawberry Lemon Blondies

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 45 minutes
Servings: 12 pieces

Ingredients

Blondies

1 cup (2 sticks or 228 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature

3/4 cup (164 grams) granulated sugar

1 large egg

1/4 cup (55 grams) fresh squeezed lemon juice

2 1/4 cups (306 grams) all-purpose flour (use the fluff/scoop/level method for measuring)

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup (127 grams) diced fresh strawberries

Glaze

1 cup (112 grams) unsifted weight powdered sugar, sifted

1 Tbsp strawberry puree

(you'll need about 2 large strawberries, instructions below)

1 Tbsp lemon juice, or just enough to thin the glaze to a spreadable consistency

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350F
- 2. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper with long edges. This will help you lift out the blondies for easy glazing and slicing later.
- 3. Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg.
- 4. When the egg is fully incorporated, beat in the lemon juice. The lemon juice will probably not completely incorporate at this point, that's ok.
- 5. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt, and add to the wet ingredients, mixing until no more dry flour is present.
- 6. Gently fold in the diced strawberries. Spread the mixture into your pan and spread out as evenly as possible. The dough is thick, so take your time.
- 7. Bake for 30-35 minutes, just until starting to turn golden around the edges and the center is set. A toothpick inserted in the center will be moist but not wet. Don't over-bake these, or they will dry out. Let cool on a rack.
- 8. Trim the strawberries for the glaze and puree in a small food processor. Strain the puree through a small strainer to get 1 Tbsp of puree. Whisk together the sugar, puree, and lemon juice until no lumps remain. If your glaze is too thin, add a touch more sugar. If it's too thick, add more lemon juice.
- 9. Spread the glaze over the cooled blondies. Let the glaze set before slicing.

Notes: Do a little test before glazing your blondies. Spoon a little on and see how it does...if it's too thin you can add more sugar, and if it's too thick you can thin it down with more puree or lemon juice.

If you don't want to bother with the strawberry puree for the icing, just use lemon juice.

For a variation, try this with diced rhubarb, or a combination of strawberries and rhubarb. Or how about blueberries or raspberries.

Link: https://theviewfromgreatisland.com/wprm print/85606/









Caprese Salad with Avocado

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 0 minutes

Total Time: 15 minutes **Servings:** 6 servings

Ingredients

16 oz grape tomatoes or cherry tomatoes

6-8 oz fresh mozzarella

1 avocado

2 tbsp fresh basil chopped, more if needed

1 tbsp olive oil

A pinch of salt and pepper

1 tbsp balsamic vinegar, more if needed

Instructions

- 1. Slice grape tomatoes into halves and cut avocados into small pieces. Slice fresh basil into thin strips.
- 2. Drain liquid from fresh mozzarella and pat dry. Cut fresh mozzarella into halves (optional).
- 3. Bring grape tomatoes, avocados, fresh mozzarella and fresh basil into large bowl. Add olive oil, salt, and pepper. Toss to combine.
- 4. Bring everything into a serving plate or bowl. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.



Link: https://www.joyousapron.com/caprese-salad-with-avocado/



Volunteers Needed for Events Planning Committee

This Events Planning Committee will help with the planning and coordination of events. If you are interested or would like more information, please email PGNASusan@gmail.com. Volunteers could help with one or more events.

Volunteers Needed for Turkey Trot

10-12 Volunteers are needed to help plan and coordinate the Turkey Trot Event to be held on Thanksgiving morning, on November 24, 2022.

Having a successful Turkey Trot depends on having a good number of volunteers. Please email PGNASusan@gmail.com if you would like to help this year with the planning and coordination of the event or learn more about it. When we get within a month of the event, a signup genius will be advertised for those who want to volunteer on the day of the event.

The Turkey Trot is an event that has been held for 16 years in Park Glen. Participants can run or walk a 2K "Fun Run" course or a timed 5K course through Arcadia Park. This event brings our community together, shows off our wonderful park, and provides funds for the PGNA Scholarship Fund (scholarships are awarded to homeowners and dependents after applications are accepted in May of each year).

Here are some of the key volunteer roles:

Advertising and Promotion
Awards, Shirts, and Logo
Course Layout
Course Monitors
Goodie bag preparation and Pre-Race "Packet Pickup"
Parking on event day
Traffic Cones



Police and Citizens on Patrol (COP)
Presenter/Announcer
Race-Day setup and Coordination, Facility Reservation
Race Timing
Registrations

Permits and Insurance

Sponsors, Exhibitors, and Local Businesses
Supplies/Refreshments
Recruit Volunteers for Day of Event and Coordination of Volunteers
Water Station halfway through Race

