

Parkwood
Hill
Estates
HOA



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From Your HOA President:

Happy Holidays Neighbors!

Has this season been as hectic for you as it has for our family? I can't believe it's that time of year again, so soon!

The clubhouse is very busy, as usual at this time of year, with parties and events thrown by our homeowners. I'm so glad to see it being used by so many of you!

Unfortunately, Santa wasn't able to visit our clubhouse this year due to lack of volunteers. Our Social Committee consists of 4 people, including the chair. If one or two are unable to help out then it leaves the remaining members with a lot of work to do. In the past I've pleaded and begged our community to step up and help out where and when they can but have received very little to no response. Unfortunately, when a social event is cancelled we are bombarded with complaints. Again, it seems to us that everyone wants to complain but no one wants to help out. I know we have a terrific community with people out there that have the ability to help... so again, if you have a little bit of time to spare we would love for you to volunteer!

Remember the surveys we sent out with our last newsletter? Unfortunately out of 527 homes we received 15 surveys back. Out of the 15 only 8 stated that they had actually read the guidelines, 10 had read the Covenants and only 6 had read the fining policy. I can't tell you how disappointed I was. We have no basis now on improvements this year and we will surely be criticized on what the board decides to do with HOA money. Only half of the 15 surveys returned stated that they wanted a basketball court. We can't justify the expense of doing this when only 7 out of 527 homes request it. We did receive an overwhelming response on the perimeter fence, 13 out of 15 stated that they would love to see a brick/stone fence erected in place of the wooden one we have now. Again, the expense of doing such a job can't be justified when only 13 out of 527 respond. At this time the board will most likely move forward to redecorate the clubhouse.

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From Your HOA President Cont.: This was planned a year ago while all the upgrades were being done to the soccer field area. We will paint, re-carpet, put up window treatments and replace the furniture. The wooden tables will be replaced with hard plastic ones because of the wear and tear caused by hot dishes being placed on them. The wooden chairs will be replaced with padded folding chairs that can easily be stored out of sight along with the tables when not in use. Anyone interested in the redesign of the clubhouse should contact Carey with the Pool Committee. I'm sure she would love the advise and help.

And one final note. Please direct all complaints to our management company; 817-451-7300. The board would greatly appreciate it if you would not come to our homes to make complaints. To me, my home provides privacy and enjoyment with my family. I don't feel that it's fair when someone knocks on the door to my home, especially around dinner time, to complain. I will, however, be more than happy to talk to you on the phone or make arrangements to meet with you if you have a problem or concern. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!



**Neighborhood Police Officer
R.V.DESSELLES #2**

BRRRRRRR It's cold out. OK guys and gals, the winter weather has finally arrived and I welcome it. Especially after a summer like this last one. I pray that you all drive safely in these icy road conditions. I have seen more accidents so far than all of last year combined. With the icy roads one must avoid locking up the brakes which is what causes the vehicle to slide out of control. Remember to just steer your way through it and to drive slowly. It's better to be late than to not get there at all.

The month of November was a very good month for the Park Glen area as we did not experience even one home burglary that was caused by open garage doors. Your COP's members get the credit for the new concept of going to each unattended open garage door and informing the resident that these open doors are inviting the criminals to take their property.

I know for a fact that some of you received citations for not being secured in your safety belts as I issued over 100 of these citations during the month of November. Please buckle up. Safety belts save lives and wearing them will save you money.

The Thanksgiving Turkey Trot was a huge success with the runners finishing in record times and one elderly man whom was a great inspiration to us all as he completed the run with great vigor and enthusiasm.

I pray each and every one of you have a pleasant new year's celebration and I look forward to suppressing crime in this area for yet another year.

I will miss my long time work companion and close friend, Fort Worth Officer Hank Henry Nava. He was mortally wounded during the process of serving a felony warrant on November 29th on C11's beat, which is near here. Please include his family and friends in your prayers.

For information on upcoming events or for starting a crime watch group on your street or joining Citizens on Patrol contact me by E-MAIL, ronny.desselles@fortworthgov.org

This area has been experiencing a large number of auto thefts. Please secure your vehicles in the garage or at least lock your doors and remove all your valuables from plain view from the criminals whom might be interested in removing them. Never leave your vehicle unattended to warm up as you go back inside the home. Criminals have been targeting and taking advantage of this type of activity.

Criminals are still targeting yard ornaments... please help reduce the possibility of becoming a victim by not allowing these items to be left outside for extended periods of time.

Social Committee: Dana Charpentier

Wow, it's hard to believe another year has passed! The social committee has been hard at work this year beginning with the Easter Egg hunt in the spring and following up with the annual Luau in May, family movie nights throughout the summer, the annual July 4th parade and family fall festival in October. We have had great turnouts from homeowners at each of these functions and have been amazed at the growth that we continue to see each year! Unfortunately, Santa's elves were short handed this holiday and we had to cancel Santa's holiday visit to the clubhouse this year. As usual, we are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to continue to have the fun neighborhood events that the social committee hosts, then your involvement is greatly needed and appreciated. We hear a lot of "I just don't have time". Well, does anyone really have the time? The social committee is a fun group that only meets before an upcoming event and could use extra hands when hosting an event. There is not a huge time commitment. We currently have four members on the committee, who like all of us, have very busy schedules. Those four members alone can not continue to service events for over five hundred homes. Your involvement is crucial! Please contact Richard Miller if you would like to get involved. Happy holidays to you all! We look forward to seeing you at the annual Easter egg hunt this spring!

Pool Committee: Carey Shinneman

Friends and neighbors we're so excited to start the New Year off with a BIG BANG! This year we are redecorating the clubhouse! We have plans to paint, put in new carpet/tile, new sofas, new tables, and window treatments. We are calling ALL homeowners that would like to make this happen. We need painters, interior decorators, seamstress, constructors, or anyone that has interest in helping out with these projects. The more homeowners that we can get involved, the quicker we can successfully finish the tasks. As a community we will have the gratification knowing that we did it, and it was done right. If you would like to help please contact Carey Shinneman 817-605-1516 and leave your name, number, and a brief message. We would like to get started on these tasks as soon as we get enough homeowners to dedicate. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon. If you are interested in joining the pool committee or would like to help out occasionally with projects call Carey Shinneman 817-715-1516. Have a Happy New Year!

Website Committee: Reta Reed

Hey neighbors! I'm Reta Reed, your friendly webmaster. My husband, Jeff, and I have lived in Parkwood Hill for four years. We have three kids, Alex and Kristen Ramirez, and our newest addition, Travis Wayne Reed, born August 11th. I have previously served on the ACC and have been lovingly caring for the Parkwood Hill Estates HOA website since April 2004. If you haven't seen it yet, please visit the website at www.parkwoodhill.net. There you'll see announcements, the online version of the newsletter, financial information, forms, an event calendar, HOA policies, notes of Community Meetings, and essential contact information. If you have ideas or suggestions for the website, please email me at webmaster@parkwoodhill.net.

HealthPointe 2.0

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Are you ready to begin an exciting journey towards a lifetime of optimal health and wellness? If so, please join us on Saturday, January 14th from 10:30 – 11:30 at the Clubhouse to learn about proven weight loss and health management concepts in a simple and easy to use program called HealthPointe 2.0. Please RSVP to

Bryon Chesser at

blm7617@sbcglobal.net

or call 817-485-2095.

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ACC Committee: Kyle McAdams

Seasons Greetings from the ACC Committee!

Let me introduce myself. My name is Kyle McAdams and I am your newly appointed ACC Committee Chairperson. I am the Fleet and Facility Administrator for the City of Eules. My wife Jill is the Human Resource Director for the City of Bedford. We have lived in the Parkwood Hills community a little over 5 years now along with my three sons Justin, Michael, Christopher and our beagle Gracie. I enjoy restoring antique automobiles as a hobby and am very active with my sons in Boy Scouts.

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce my two other ACC committee members, Lino Viereck and Jason Lam. Both long time community home owners. They are both well qualified and devoted to keeping the aesthetics of Parkwood Hills at the fore front of the ACC's mission. The ACC committee holds its meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month as needed.

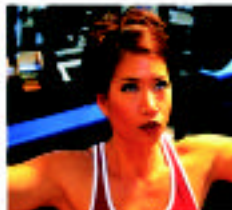
This time of year the ACC typically does not get many requests to approve. But that does not mean we are idle. We will be spending time reviewing past approvals and updating files as needed. But should you feel the urge to spruce up the homestead do not forget to submit an ACC request and follow the proper approval process.

With the winter season and cold weather bearing down on us not much time is devoted to outside chores or repairs. Thoughts of the family get together and driving off to grand mother's house are everywhere. Before you leave, you may want to consider taking the time to insulate and wrap your exterior pipes from the chilly weather. Any exposed pipes can freeze quickly and result in leaks while you are away. Be prepared and avoid a surprise and a mess when you come home.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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Holiday Decoration Contest
For 2005!



And the winners are.....

Most Festive - 5570 Park Haven

Best Theme - 7712 Parkwood Plaza

Best Overall - 5556 Seabury

Congrats.... It was a hard decision.. everyone
did such a terrific job this year!

Happy Holidays to everyone!!!!

Home Cookin'

Apple Coffee Cake

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Yield: 12 servings

Cake:

1 stick plus 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
 1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
 2 large eggs
 2 cups all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup sour cream
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 2 cups peeled, cored and chopped apples

Crumble Topping:

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/2 cup all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

Brown Sugar Glaze:

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 2 tablespoons water



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 13 by 9-inch glass baking dish with 2 teaspoons of the butter. In a large bowl, cream together the remaining stick of butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs 1 at a time, beating after the addition of each. In a separate bowl or on a piece of parchment, sift together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, and salt. Add to the wet ingredients, alternating with the sour cream and vanilla. Fold in the apples. Pour into the prepared baking dish, spreading out to the edges.

To make the topping, in a bowl, combine the sugar, flour, cinnamon, and butter, and mix until it resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle the topping over the cake and bake until golden brown and set, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool on a wire rack for at least 10 minutes.

To make the glaze, in a bowl, combine the sugar, vanilla, almond extract, water and mix until smooth. Drizzle the cake with the glaze and let harden slightly.

Serve warm, for a special occasion try serving with a dollop of whip cream on top.

Please Submit your recipes to Parkwood Hill Newsletter at newsletter@parkwoohill.net

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 KISD Off	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 7:15pm HOA Board Meeting	13	14
15	16  Martin Luther King Day—KISD off	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9 7:15 pm HOA Board Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17  newsletter submission deadline	18
19	20  President's Day—KISD off	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



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