

Parkwood Hill Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter July/August 2005 Edition

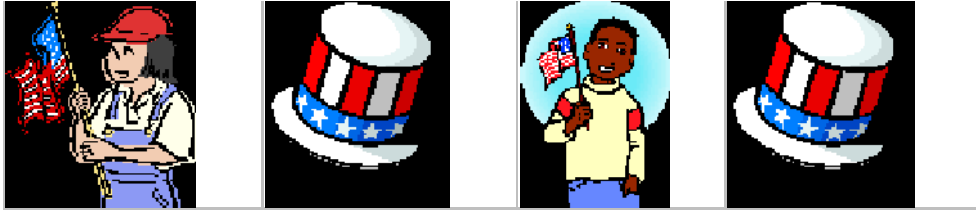
It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. You can definitely feel it with this heat, but by the looks of the beautifully landscaped yards, you're still managing to get out and work in your yards. Our community looks great and all the hard work that everyone has put into it is surely paying off. Please remember to turn in your applications to the ACC for any improvements and changes that you make to your property. We really do appreciate the time that you take to comply with the rules and regulations by turning in your applications and necessary paperwork.

We hope that everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy all the improvements that have been made at the pool and soccer field area. We've been busy this spring making all the necessary changes to bring us up to code with the City of Fort Worth, as well as making positive changes to keep our children safe. The fence was extended down Cypress Club in May and we've heard very positive comments about it. Although it looks great, the real reason for the improvement was for privacy and safety purposes. Children can now run around, kick soccer balls and parents don't have to worry about having to keep them out of the street. The stage/pavilion was a very welcome improvement and was built just in time to accommodate the band for the Luau and also for our future movie nights this summer. The Social Committee has been busy lining up family appropriate movies that we can all enjoy. We hope that you'll be able to make it out for at least one movie showing this summer. The lights were installed for safety reasons as well. If you were at the Fall Festival last year you'll recall that after the sun went down, without the lighting, everyone was running into each other. We actually had to shut the party down a little early because there wasn't sufficient lighting. The lights are available for use to anyone that needs them. If you need the soccer field in the evening please let someone on the board know and we'll make arrangements for you. These lights can be manually turned on and then set by timer, just let us know when you need them on.

One of the biggest complaints that the board has heard this spring comes from the pool. Several homeowners have noticed that not everyone that frequents the pool actually lives here. Please remember to review the rules of the pool. We all need to watch closely and report those who do not live here. Also, when bringing guests, there is a limit that is based on the number of people living in your home and you must accompany all guests at all times. There will be people on the pool committee that will be monitoring the pool area, so please be polite when they ask you for your I.D.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!

4TH OF JULY PARADE



The 3rd Annual Parkwood Hill 4th of July Parade will start at approximately 10:00 AM on Monday July 4th, starting at the soccer fields and ending up AT THE POOL!

Kiddos are welcome to ride their bikes, Big Wheels and whatever they feel like riding around the neighborhood. The parade will end up at the pool. After riding around in the heat, the pool will be a refreshing end to the parade.

The Social Committee will have organized games at the pool for the kids and adults are encouraged to bring picnic lunches to the pool after the parade.

We know that you all have other plans for your day but we hope you can spend a little time after the parade up at the pool!

See you on the 4th!

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Wow, is it getting warm or what?

July is here and the summer heat comes with it. My family likes to spend a lot of time at the pool this time of year and I am sure that yours does also. Pool related accidents escalate when the weather gets warm. Please remember these few pool related tips:

- *Never let young children swim unattended.
- *Always keep glass containers away from the pool.
- *Keep the pool gate under lock and key and always have a strong swimmer present.

The Fort Worth Police Department invites all Fort Worth Residents to participate in the this 22nd Annual National Night Out celebration, which is August 2nd this year. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors and police from the hours of 6 to 9 pm or later. NNO is designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnership, sending a message to the criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

NPOs, patrol officers and field commanders will be out in these neighborhoods visiting some of the designated NNO gathering locations: Neighborhood Crime Watches, Citizens on Patrol, Neighborhood Associations, and other neighborhood groups are encouraged to host events on National Night Out in their neighborhood.

If you would like to host this even for your area please contact Fort Worth city employee Crime Prevention Specialist Cruz Marquez by phone at 817-740-2119 or email at cruz.marquez@fortworthgov.org.

Marquez has participation applications that can be completed and your area will be listed with the police department at a location to possibly visit as well as listed in the local newspaper. I encourage you to stop by one of these locations nearest your home and say howdy. Here are a few of the designated locations that will be displaying a NNO banner, cooking BBQ and providing some give away items that help spread the word about this national event: Park Glen 1&2, Parkwood Hill, Coventry Hills, Summerbrook and Sterling Creek.

Have you seen your Code Blue volunteers in your neighborhood on foot, in vehicle or on bicycle? They are assisting me with an open garage door awareness program where we go street to street notifying residents that leaving their garages open and unattended is inviting the criminals into the neighborhood. Please help me help you from becoming a victim of a theft or a burglary by closing your unattended garage door and asking your neighbors to do the same.

School is out for the summer and children are everywhere in the parks, the streets, even the shopping centers parking lots. For the safety of these children please be extra careful driving in and around these areas.

Upcoming Events

Citizens on Patrol Training 7-9-05 – at 1000 Calvert the FWPD training academy building.

Crime Watch Training anytime you want.

National Night Out – August 2nd

For more information on any of these 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.

Remember: Close your unattended garage doors!

ACC

By Bryon Chesser

The hot days of summer have finally come and a little too early for my taste. With the summer heat, those pesky weeds will start to pop up in our yards if we don't take some preventative measures. Also with the heat, if you are like me, we are less motivated to get outside and keep our yards mowed. Through some communications with Principal Management, I've noticed that one of the biggest violations of our covenants deals with those two very things - that is, homeowners are not keeping their yards mowed and weed free.

Almost every violation letter that has gone out within the last two months mentions weeds and/or a lack of mowing. Please remember that when we don't keep our properties looking the way they should, this can not only affect the homeowner of the affected lot through fines levied by Principal, but it also affects goodwill with your neighbors and makes our neighborhood look bad to people who may potentially be looking to move into the area. This also increases the homeowner associations expenses with Principal through increased postage and materials for sending out violation letters. That, in the end, affects all homeowners.

I've also noticed that many homes have made improvements to their yards that have not been approved by the ACC. This includes landscaping such as adding pave stones around flower beds and the addition of trees to the front yard, as well as the addition of basketball goals. To avoid receiving a letter from Principal, please submit your ACC application prior to making improvements. If you need an ACC application, you can go to our web site at www.parkwoodhill.net and either print one off, fill in the information and drop it of at the clubhouse, or you can fill out the application online and submit it.

Please remember that we all have a responsibility to keep our properties mowed and weeded, and keep our neighborhood clean. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Social Committee

By Richard Miller

Well, summer blew in with a great Luau party!!!! If you missed it , you missed good food, good music, good times & a lot of good people. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help set up in the heat. We fought off the heat by testing and retesting the margaritas. We wanted to make sure they were just right! After all the testing in the early afternoon we still had a few problems with the machines!! We overcame this and still managed to polish off over 25 gallons of mix that night. Taco Cabana catered our feast and it was very delicious. We managed to eat about a half of a cow in meat and a flock of chickens. This equates to 45 pounds of poultry and 55 pounds of beef!! Once the band started playing and the Rita's were flowing, the dancing began!! We saw a lot of smooth moves that reflected the days of White leisure suits & Disco balls. We had a few wannabe singers up on stage singing, while the band was on break. But, we wanted them to sing solo.... so low that we didn't have to hear them. After the party was over, there were several folks that stuck around to help clean up. I would like to personally thank you. We were short-handed

that evening. Dana & Brian (our top volunteers) had just had a baby girl Callie! They were missing in action and were home babysitting. Another volunteer had to leave early due to morning sickness and we are glad to report that Lisa & Gary had a baby boy!

We are sad to report that two blow-up Tiki stands were kidnapped that night.....mmmmmm.... if you're holding them hostage and you know who you are.. please call the voice line so we can arrange a peaceful release. There is a REWARD... NOT!! We have connections and the security cameras caught you on tape. The Tarrant County S.W.A.T. team is moving in on you.

We have three movie nights planned for the summer! The first was Shark Tale played on June 17th. Look for the banners for the next movie night. Popcorn, candy, drinks and glow sticks are provided and this event is sponsored by Fellowship of the Parks. We appreciate their dedication to the community and making this a fun place to live and relax. Don't miss out on the next movie.

The 4th of July Parade is around the corner. It will start at the soccer fields and end up at the pool. At least my family will be taking a dip! Dress your bikes, trikes, scooters, and Barbie jeeps. Wear your Red, White & Blue. This Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The social committee is still looking for outgoing people with good attitudes to help plan events and be a part of the fun.

Pool Committee

By Carey Shinneman

First, I would like to personally thank our HOA Board and committees for all of the hours that they put into our community. It's a very hard and thankless job. Our pool and park facilities are looking great!

Thank you homeowners for being so patient with all of the construction. I hope everyone is enjoying the new improvements in the park and pool.



As a reminder, please make sure you pick up your trash and take your personal items with you when leaving the pool. Our cleaning service only comes twice a week to clean outside restrooms and clubhouse. The pool area is picked up by the pool committee daily. It's all volunteer work and no one is paid. So please help us keep it clean.

When changing a baby's diaper please make sure that you use our new baby changing stations located in the women's and men's restrooms. Absolutely NO diaper changing is allowed in the pool area as it is against health code. Thank you. We have had a few accidents in the baby pool. Parents please watch your children carefully. If you should need help please call Principal Management 817-451-7300 they will direct your call to the pool cleaning service or pool committee.

Homeowners,

As a reminder there are NO water balloons allowed in pool area. They clog the filters and pumps. These are very expensive items for our homeowners to replace. So please make sure your parties have no balloons in the pool area. They also melt to the patio surface and it's very hard to get them off.

Trash from your party is to be taken with you and disposed of. Some days we have three parties and we don't have the space to accommodate everyone's trash along with the daily trash from the pool. So please make sure that you take your party's trash home with you.

Both the balloons and trash reminders are on the contracts that you sign and date that Principal Management sends to you before your party date. Your deposit for use of the clubhouse will be kept if the contract is broken. Thank you for your cooperation.

When cleaning up after your party, please make sure to check the pool area and outside restrooms. Our pool committee has picked up plates with food, napkins, cups, cake, balloons, party hats and favors after parties. We volunteer to help keep our pool picked up and we don't get paid for this. So please make sure you don't forget the pool area.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a great summer! Carey Shinneman

Pets Can Succumb to Heat Stroke. Don't Let it Happen

From: City of Fort Worth Community Relations Department - Neighborhood Office

Although most of us humans have a cool place to stay and avoid the rising temperatures, many pets are left outside to bear the heat.

While temperatures are hovering in the 90s, the Texas humidity can make it feel much hotter. Perspiration does not evaporate as readily in humid air, making it difficult for animals to cool down.

It does not take extremely high ambient temperatures to produce heat-related illnesses in cats and dogs. For example, a heat index of 105 degrees can be reached when the air temperature is only 90 degrees, and the relative humidity is 70 percent. What's more, on a 90 degree afternoon, temperatures in cars can exceed 140 degrees, even with windows cracked.

Heat-related illnesses include heat cramps, exhaustion and stroke. These heat illnesses can occur in all animals and Fort Worth Animal Care and Control officials are warning pet owners to take adequate precautions.

Precautions to avoid heat illness in pets:

- * Give pets plenty of fresh water, and always restrain pets within a secure enclosure that provides shady and ventilated shelter.

- * Walk pets early in the morning or late in the evening, and minimize exercise in hot weather.

- * Don't leave pets in cars for any reason at any time.
- * Keep pets inside in a comfortable environment during extreme weather conditions, if possible.
- * Limit sun exposure during the middle of the day.
- * Allow pets to acclimate to sudden temperature changes.

If an animal shows symptoms of heatstroke, act quickly using the following tips:

- * Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area.
- * Apply ice packs or cold towels to the animal's head, neck, and chest or put the animal in cool (not cold) water.
- * Let the animal drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- * If symptoms persist, take the animal directly to a veterinarian.

Local Student Awarded Presidential Commendation

In May, local student Andrew McKee was awarded The Gold President's Volunteer Service Award. He volunteered over 100 hours, giving up afternoons, weekends and even days during his vacation. Andrew is shown here with Glenda Wilson, his teacher at Parkwood Hill Intermediate School, who worked with him on preserving endangered plants and helping bring beauty to the school campus for all to enjoy.



Home Cookin'

Chocolate Chip Cherry Cheesecake

By: Lance Pelton

Crust

1 1/2 cups crushed Oreos (filling and all)

2-3 tbsp butter, softened

Crush cookies and butter in food processor. Press evenly into bottom of 9-inch spring-form pan

Filling

3 8-oz packages cream cheese

1 14-oz can sweetened condensed milk

3 eggs

2 tsp vanilla

1 cup mini chocolate chips

1 tsp flour

1/2 cup maraschino cherries, cut into halves or quarters



Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually add in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Coat 1/2 C. chocolate chips with flour. Stir into cheese mixture. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle remaining chips and cherries on top. Bake at 300° for 55 minutes or until set.

Email recipe submissions to newsletter@parkwoodhill.net

Congratulations



Brett Burdick
Born: June 7, 2005
Time: 8:13 p.m.
Measurements: 7 lbs 7 oz, 20 inches long



Brett on left - parents Gary and Lisa Burdick
Callie on right - parents Brian and Dana Charpentier

GOOD DEAL!

Submitted by: Dianne Sterling

Artisan Center Theater

Artisan Center Theater is a live, family-friendly theater-in-the-round at 404 E. Pipeline (in the historic Bellaire Plaza) in Hurst. Mondays & Thursdays all seats are \$8.00. The weekend, including the Saturday matinee, prices aren't bad either at \$13 adult, \$11 senior/student, and \$8 child.

Our family has LOVED it. The shows have all been excellently done. The show schedule can be found at www.artisanct.com. Their # to make reservations, which I recommend doing, is 817-284-1200.

Prices and Performances are subject to change please consult the www.artisanct.com website for up to date information.

Know of a **GOOD DEAL!** submit the information to the newsletter committee.

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