

# Parkwood Hill Home Owners Association Newsletter 2004 Winter / Spring Edition



## **Social Committee:**

This year we will be coming together to provide our annual festivities for the community. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and needed. Please check with the community website ([www.parkwoodhillestates.com](http://www.parkwoodhillestates.com)) for specific dates on the listed events.

The following events are scheduled to occur:

On April 17, we have a spring garage sale. For the new-comers to the neighborhood, there is no need for individual advertisements. Our community will provide this for you.

Please take note of the children's Easter event scheduled for the Saturday before Easter. We will provide visits with the Easter Bunny and pictures as well as the annual Easter egg hunt. Again, we would greatly appreciate some volunteers with these activities.

Coming up in the summer, we are planning an adult party some time in May which will include food, music, decorations and activities. We are also planning a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and summer picnic (hopefully the weather will cooperate!).

We will have our annual fall festival in October. The fall festivities may include food, art, crafts and other family activities.

Finally, let's not forget one of our favorite times of the year, the Christmas decorating contest. Starting December 15, the social committee will go through the neighborhood looking for festive holiday cheer.

For more information and to list as a volunteer, please visit our community website.

## From the Pool Committee:

Pool season is just around the corner and we're getting geared up to have a fun and safe summer. Over the winter we had our playground equipment checked and repaired as needed. We are adding mulch to the playground and purchasing a bike rack. This will eliminate bikes from blocking the front entry for our safety. This year our official pool opening date will be Sunday May 1st. As a reminder you will need to have your HOA dues and any other fees paid off before your pool card is active. If you have any questions on dues or other fees please contact Principle Management # 817-451-7300. If you are new to the neighborhood and haven't received a pool card please call Principle Management. Our pool rules are located on the front entry door. In the previous years we've had several pieces of clothing, shoes, pool toys, and a lot of trash left behind. Now that we have a full neighborhood, we will need and appreciate your help this summer in monitoring the pool area and picking up your stuff so that we can have a safe and clean environment to enjoy with our family and friends. You can make reservations for the Club House through Principle Management. Please keep in mind that cleaning the tables outside (if used by your party) and picking up party trash around the pool area are your responsibility.

Thank you.

If anyone would like to join the Pool Committee please let us know.

See you this Summer!

## From the Board...

**By Missy Poston**

Dear Homeowners,

I hope everyone is having a great 2004 so far. There is so much going on in our HOA to tell you about, but first let me say Thank You to those committee chairs and members that are conducting HOA business on a weekly basis. They have put countless hours into their work that no one knows about. You guys are wonderful and no one group of people can do it alone.

I would like to remind you of our HOA phone number, 817-605-1516. This number is checked regularly so if you need to contact a board member or committee chair please leave a message and someone will contact you. Also, you can reach us at our website at [www.parkwoodhillestates.com](http://www.parkwoodhillestates.com).

We would like to introduce you to a new committee we have voted in, our Audit/Finance committee. This committee was established to be another set of eyes and ears to help the board view disbursements, contracts, etc...

We welcome their assistance and appreciate their help.

Be looking for a new lit-up brick sign at the clubhouse. The new sign will be advertising important information on meeting dates and special dates in our neighborhood. Speaking of signs, check out Lisa's article about the ID street signs, we look forward to receiving your ideas for our ID logo.

We have had a lot of homeowners voice concerns about speed humps and traffic safety in our neighborhood. There will be a traffic engineer out this month evaluating traffic speeds in our neighborhood. If you can help with the Government committee get this problem under control please contact us on the website or on the call notes.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Before you know it the trees and flowers will start blooming again and the grass will go from brown to green so there's no time like the present to start thinking about preparing your yard for Spring.

Our committee has been busy re-writing our Beautification Guidelines. They are presently at our attorney's office and will be approved soon. Once it is approved, a copy will be distributed to each homeowner. These guidelines are to assist you in your home beautification projects. They are also helpful in determining whether or not a project requires ACC approval. The guidelines list information concerning your flowerbeds, trees, lighting, park benches, statues, water fountains, yard decorations, holiday decorations, storage sheds, vehicles, trailers, boats, equipment and our most recent major change, basketball goals. If you are unsure whether a building permit is needed there is a website with very helpful links to answer any questions that you may have:

[www.cityoffortworth.com](http://www.cityoffortworth.com). Portable goals now need approval just as permanent ones have. As a safety precaution, goals should never be placed on the sidewalk, blocking the path of pedestrians or placed in the street obstructing oncoming traffic. We've made lots of positive changes, so once you receive the guidelines, please take the time to read them thoroughly.

We've also made it easier to turn in your ACC applications for approval. We have a drop box located to the right of the clubhouse door that you can simply drop your application in or you can mail it directly to the clubhouse address: 5573 Eastwedge Dr. If you still have questions, our call notes number is 817-605-1516 ext. 1. I check it daily and will return your call within 24 hours.

As a reminder, when you're walking your dog please take a baggie with you. An article was written in the Star Telegram not very long ago regarding this issue. This was the first paragraph, "Pick up the poop. Or face the consequences. The city is stepping up enforcement of a long-dormant pooper-scooper law to clean up lawns, parks and walkways throughout the city." This speaks for itself but please be aware that under the new rules, a resident can lodge a complaint by filing a sworn statement that gives the name and address of the pet owner, describes the animal and cites the time, date and location of the "incident." A warning or misdemeanor ticket, with a fine of up to \$500, may be mailed to the offender. Obviously you would have to see a homeowner allowing their dog to do this in your yard to actually act upon it, so documenting an offense will be difficult. Please be courteous and respect your neighbor's yard when walking your pet.

Also, the city is cracking down on trashcans and recycle bins left out in view after the midnight deadline. We are required to store our trashcans and recycle bins out of view by midnight on the day of pick-up. If your trashcan or recycle bin is out on Tuesday you could be faced with a warning the first time and then a citation on the second offense. The ideal place for your bins is either in the garage or backyard behind your fence. If the bin is placed in front of your vehicle or beside your air conditioner unit it will be seen by the city officer and a warning or citation will be given. A complete list of what you can and cannot put in your bins is listed on our website under the Information link; [www.parkwoodhillestates.com](http://www.parkwoodhillestates.com).

Overall, I am so proud of our community. It's obvious that our homeowners take great pride in their neighborhood and their homes. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

## Landscape Tips for March:

March is the time that everything wakes up in our lawns. Be prepared, and enjoy the work outdoors while the weather is still very comfortable. Get those projects done now. Remember-The AVERAGE last killing frost date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. We could get a killing frost after this date. If you put out tender new plantings too early and we get a hard freeze, you will have a bunch of dead new plantings. We all get excited to plant, but use some caution too! When choosing your plantings, keep in mind we are located on the border of planting zones 7 and 8. A plant meant for zone 10 or zone 4 probably will NOT survive here, so save your money even though it is very pretty at the nursery. Try to get plants, bulbs etc. that were started in Texas or from other states with the same zones; they will perform better here as a result. Annual plants live and die in one season while perennial plants live for more than one season, therefore are a better bargain.

There is a lot to do this month so let's review some of the items. Turn on your sprinkler system to make sure everything works well. You'll get quicker repair service now if it is needed. You can still apply pre-emergent weed control to the lawn if you have not already done so. You can apply post-emergent weed control (or weed and feed) later in the month to try to get those weeds that have already come up.

Prepare your beds for planting warm season flowers or vegetables by incorporating organic materials with a tiller or a hand tool. Top your beds with a layer of mulch (2 inch minimum). Plant trees, shrubs, and roses as early in the month as possible. Fertilize your roses every 4-6 weeks from now until September. You can still prune your roses this month, but do it soon and do NOT prune your climbers.

St Augustine lawn grass needs a minimum of 4 hours of sunlight; Bermuda needs 8 hours to do well. Keep this in mind if you are planning on modifying some turf areas. Get a soil test done to determine exactly what nutrients your lawn needs to be at its best. Some local nurseries have soil test kits available or you can call the Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 817-884-1945 and ask for one to be mailed to you. The Extension office is there to serve you. They have a world of information there and are a part of Texas A&M University; so all the resources of the University are available to them also. They will mail you free information on specific topics at your request.

If we can help you, please give us a call. May God Bless you and Yours.

Ron & Debbie Kerwin, Owners  
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CODE BLUE (Citizens on Patrol)  
By Lisa Burdick

I am so happy to report to you all that we live in a very safe community. You may have seen our Citizens On Patrol Team out patrolling on the weekends. We are easy to recognize with the magnetic signs on the sides of our vehicles. Currently we are out mainly on Friday and Saturday nights but will soon start more patrolling during the weekdays. Not only do we patrol our own Parkwood Hill Estates, but our area stretches from the new community across Basswood, Basswood Estates, all the way to North Tarrant, which includes Parkwood Estates on the other side Redwood, behind Parkwood Hill Intermediate. We have a large territory to cover and are even called to other areas when needed. One problem I would like to talk about is open garage doors. A lot of the burglars are moving from other areas in Fort Worth and Keller and coming over to ours because of the open garage doors. When we drive by your home at 11:30pm or even later and see your garage door open that's an invitation for crime. We are not allowed out of our vehicles so we have been told to write down the address and report it to the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO.) Please make it a point before you go to bed at night to close your garage door. All it takes is one bad guy to drive through the neighborhood, see the open garage doors and tell all his buddies. We don't want to start this in our neighborhood.

I really need more volunteers! If you have mentioned interest in the past I really would like to hear from you. Our group is not affiliated through the HOA. We work with the Fort Worth Police Department and side by side with our NPO, Ronny Desselles.

I truly believe that our group is making a difference. The best part is that you determine how many hours you want to volunteer, a couple during the week or for the whole month. Once you've patrolled once, you're hooked and you'll want to do it more often. You can contact me by phone: 817-605-1516, ext. 1 or by email, use the ACC link.



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**These are just examples but wouldn't it be great if we had street identification signs similar to Park Glen and Parkwood Estates? Street ID signs are the small decorative signs that you see over the actual street name.**

**The Board has approved the signs so now we again are asking for your suggestions. The rules are simple. Come up with a drawing similar to what you see in Park Glen and Parkwood Estates and either drop it off at the clubhouse drop box or mail it to 5573 Eastwedge (our clubhouse.) The contest ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to one of our local restaurants and the right to say, "I came up with that design!"

**Good luck and get busy coming up with ideas!**



# The Park is coming!

If interested in helping out please contact a board member at:

817-605-1516 or email us at:

[www.parkwoodhillestates.com](http://www.parkwoodhillestates.com).

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\*voice messages may be left with Principal

## Important Phone Numbers:

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency Police	817-335-4222
Police Local Storefront Office	817-234-9301
Ronny Desselles (NPO-Fort Worth)	817-994-3453
Councilperson Becky Haskin	817-871-6193
Action Center	817-871-8888
Neighborhood Dispute Mediation	817-877-4554
Parks and Recreation	817-871-5700
Street Division /Lights and Signals	817-871-8700
Water Department	817-871-8210
City of Fort Worth Website	<a href="http://ci.fort-worth.tx.us/">http://ci.fort-worth.tx.us/</a>

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