



# Glendover Park

## Homeowners Association

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### Coming Events: July

July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Independence Day

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## President's Update

by Greg Parks

**Did you attend the GPHOA Adult Pool Party?** If you did you were among 90 of your neighbors that attended. Residents enjoyed a barbeque dinner catered by Dickey's Bar-B-Q. Entertainment was provided by a DJ that kept everyone involved with games, karaoke, as well as playing requested songs. Thanks to Dawn Wilcox for arranging the pool party and the other Board Members Nancy Hunt, Michael Wooton, and Gina Kilgore along with her husband Kim for their help in decorating as well as clean-up afterwards. If you missed this year's party, mark it on next year's calendar and enjoy an evening with your neighbors at the pool.

**Departing Board Member.** Michael Wooton provided some bitter-sweet news recently. Michael has accepted a promotion at his company. Unfortunately, Michael will be relocating. Glendover Park's loss will be his new community's gain. Michael has filled numerous Board positions including the Board President. Michael has been heavily involved in improving our community. For me personally, it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board with Michael. Michael, the entire Board bids you and your family a Fond Farewell and the Best of Luck.

**Looking for a new Board member.** Michael's departure will open the Treasurer's position. If you are interested in filling this position please send an email to [president@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:president@glendoverparkhoa.org). Consider becoming involved and keep Glendover Park a desirable community.

**It is 10 O'clock! Do You Know Where Your Children Are?** I have noticed recently that this question is being brought

back and for good reason. The HOA has once again experienced after-hours trespassing at the pool along with damage to your pool furniture. The GPHOA Board decided to hire off-duty Allen Police Officers to patrol our neighborhood on a random basis. On the first weekend of patrolling the neighborhood one of the patrols located some youths that were out after hours. Once contact was made with the parent it was determined that the parent was unaware that the youth and the sleepover friends were out without the parents knowledge. The City of Allen's Youth Curfew is Sunday - Thursday night 11pm until 6am the following morning and Saturday and Sunday 12:01am to 6am. Help keep your children safe and out of trouble. Now, It's 10 o'clock at night, do you really know where your children are?

**Need a Pool Gate Pass?** Contact NMI at 972-359-1548 to for your new or replacement Pool Gate Pass. Your Pool Gate Pass will be used year to year. Only homeowners in good standing are given a Pool Gate Pass, so get your own and please don't depend on someone else to let you in.

**Pool Safety Alert!** The No Diving Allowed sign is posted in hopes of preventing the tragedy caused by diving head-first into water too shallow for diving. It has been reported that a number of unattended young teenage boys have been diving into the pool. Far too many cases of severe brain injury occur from this single cause. This is a tragedy that can easily be prevented by insisting that your children understand the consequences of ignoring this very important pool rule.

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## President's Update

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**Pool Resurfacing.** Due to age and damage caused by pool furniture and landscape rocks being thrown into the pool it is necessary to have the pool resurfaced. Resurfacing will require the pool to be drained and shut down for 7-10 days. The Board hopes to avoid interrupting the swimming season. However, if the surface condition worsens it will be necessary to temporarily close the pool for resurfacing. I will let homeowners know and provide as much advanced warning as possible if this becomes necessary.

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## VP's Corner

### Curb Appeal Adding Value to Your Home

By Nancy Hunt

Liaison to the Beautification Committee

Want a fresh perspective on the value of your home? Walk across the street, turn around and ask yourself, "Does my house have curb appeal?" Does your home look attractive, welcoming and structurally sound at first glance?

Make a list of ways to enhance the positive and eliminate the negative. If you have a nice curvy walkway, accentuate it with flowers or lanterns. If the first thing a visitor sees is your big wide garage, try to guide their eyes into a beautiful front yard, or paint your front door red to guide the eye there. These things add value.

Take a digital photo and look at your home in black and white. When the color is removed, the truth comes out. That is where you see the cracks in the walls and the glaring flaws.

Keep things clean and tidy. Talk to your neighbors because this affects them too. Curb appeal doesn't stop at your property line. Your home will be more valuable if you live in a place where everyone pays attention to appearance.

Host a neighborhood cleanup party. Team up with neighbors to mow lawns and trim hedges. See who wants to go in on a few flats of border flowers. By adding curb appeal to your entire neighborhood, you will all boost your home values.

When you're looking at your curb appeal, don't forget the side and rear views. Buyers walk around and peek over fences.

Courtesy of HGTV network

## Upcoming Social Events

The Social Committee looks forward to providing our community with fabulous get-togethers. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

### Aug. 16th

Teenagers Rule (ages 13 to 19)

### Oct. 7th

National Night Out (Texas only date)

If you are wanting to get more involved with our community and aren't sure how, helping plan the social events is a fun way to start!

Please contact Dawn Wilcox at

[safetywatch@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:safetywatch@glendoverparkhoa.org)

# Troubled by Pests?

## Courtesy of:

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## Hungary, Hungary Ticks Appear!

Don't be surprised if you venture outside and find ticks crawling on your body. Ticks are in the class Arachnida, since adult ticks have eight legs. The female ticks occur in large numbers in early summer, in order to feed on blood. After engorging itself on blood, the female will drop off and lay clusters of thousands of eggs in ground litter. The female will die soon after laying eggs and the male tick will die after mating with one or more female ticks. The eggs will hatch into "seed ticks," since they are small in size. The seed ticks will feed on a host and then drop off to molt into the nymphal stage. There will be two or three nymphal stages before molting into an adult, depending upon the species of tick. It can sometimes take up to 3 years for a tick to complete its lifecycle, from egg to adult.

Ticks have piercing-sucking mouthparts that allow them to ingest blood from a host, in order to survive and produce eggs. They feed by making a small cut into the skin with their piercing mouthparts. Then they set the barbed teeth onto the anchoring device and secrete a fluid to cement their mouthparts onto the skin.

Some of the most common ticks in Texas are the Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*), the American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), and the Brown Dog Tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*). The Lone Star tick is brown to tan in color, with males being 1/3 inch in length and females being 1/2 inch in length when engorged. The females will have a single silvery-white spot on its back, while the male has scattered spots around the entire margin of its body. The American Dog Tick has pale whitish or yellowish markings on its back, with males being 1/8 inches in length and females being 1/2 inches when engorged. The preferred host is dogs, but it can feed on other animals, including humans. The Brown Dog tick is reddish-brown in color, with males being 1/8 inches in length and females being 1/2 inches when engorged. It prefers dogs and other animals and rarely attaches to humans. It is the most commonly found tick in and around homes, since it feeds on dogs and then drops off.

Ticks can be dangerous animals since they can cause anemia and they have been linked to transmitting disease agents that can cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease and tularemia. Rocky Mountain spotted fever can cause high fever, muscle aches, chills and a rash that develops a few days later. Lyme disease can cause rashes on the skin and problems to the joint, heart and nervous system. Tularemia can cause such symptoms as enlarged lymph nodes, headaches, fever, muscle aches, and weight loss.

Remember that ticks must be attached for multiple

hours before disease-causing bacteria are injected into its host. Always check yourself when you leave a tick-infested area. If you find a tick attached to you or your companion animal, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the surface of the skin and pull straight out. If no tweezers are present, use a tissue to protect your fingers from exposure to the tick's bodily fluids.



Adult female Lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum* (Linnaeus) (Acari: Ixodidae).

Photo by Dr. John Jackman, Extension Entomologist and Professor at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

### Some Ways to Prevent Tick Bites:

- 1) Tuck your pant legs into your socks and apply a repellent to your clothing, such as DEET.
- 2) Mow grass to a short length. Shorter grass is hotter and less humid than tall grass.
- 3) Do not leave pet food outside and fix fences to avoid stray or wild animals from entering yard. This should decrease the number of ticks entering your area from wild animals.
- 4) Ticks can hide in almost any crevice such as in bricks, under the edges of siding and along walkways or paving stones. Granular and liquid insecticides can be used in these areas, such as those containing permethrin or bifenthrin. Read the product label before applying. Ticks are hard to control, so persistent treatments are needed.

## Irritating Fleas Jumping Around

The most common type of flea is the cat flea. However, there are a number of other flea species which occur in Texas, including the dog flea, *Ctenocephalides canis* (Curtis), and the oriental rat flea, *Xenopsylla cheopis* (Rothschild). All of these fleas are around 1/8 inches in length, dark brown in color and have a wingless flattened body. Mated female fleas lay eggs that are white and round, after consuming host blood. Eggs fall to the ground in the area where the host spends time and rests. Whitish, legless larvae hatch from eggs in 2 to 3 weeks. The larvae develop in 9 to 15 days under optimum conditions. Fully developed larvae will then pupate by spinning a cocoon of silk that becomes covered with soil particles and debris. This protects the pupa and makes them hard to detect. The pupal stage lasts from 7 days up to a year before adults emerge. Under optimum temperature and humidity conditions, fleas can complete their lifecycle from egg to adult in 30 to 75 days.

Adult mouthparts are modified for piercing and sucking blood and they can bite repeatedly. Not only are flea bites irritating due to an itchy reaction, but they can also transmit diseases such as murine typhus.

Sometimes buildings can become infested with fleas even when there are no pets around. Other animals such as bats, roof rats, squirrels, raccoons, and wild dogs and cats commonly have fleas and may bring them within structures. The building should be inspected and all openings should be sealed so wildlife can not enter.

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# Troubled by Pests?

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## Non-Chemical Control Suggestions:

Change pet bedding regularly and vacuum thoroughly. Vacuum under furniture, cushions, chairs, beds, and along walls. Make sure to discard vacuum cleaner bags at least once a week, since fleas can continue to develop inside vacuum cleaner bags.

## Some Chemical Control Suggestions:

**Treat your pets.** One suggestion is to use a product containing an insect growth regulator that are available as sprays, spot-ons, pills or food additives. Insect growth regulators work by disrupting the normal development of flea eggs and larvae. With all products, read and follow label directions carefully. Products designed for use on adult dogs should not be used on puppies or cats, unless specified on the label.

**Treating homes.** The pet's living area should be treated at the same time that the pet is treated. This will hopefully kill immature and newly emerging fleas and will prevent re-



Photo of a cat flea, *Ctenocephalides felis* (Bouche) (Siphonaptera: Pulicidae), larva, pupa, adult and pupal case (bottom). Photo by Bart Drees, Professor and Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M University.

infestation of the pet. Citrus sprays containing d-limonene is one suggestion that can be applied to rugs, carpeting and pet bedding. Also, insect growth regulators such as methoprene and pyriproxyfen can be used indoors. Methoprene is unstable in sunlight so it is an effective indoor treatment. However pyriproxyfen sprays, can be applied both indoors and outdoors. Outdoors, treat areas where pets spend most of their time, such as bedding areas or under shade trees.

Remember to inspect your pet for fleas regularly and carefully follow the label directions on the insecticide products.

Mention of commercial products is for educational purposes only and does not represent endorsement by Texas AgriLife Extension or The Texas A&M University System. Insecticide label registrations are subject to

change, and changes may have occurred since this publication was printed. The pesticide user is always responsible for applying products in accordance with label directions. Always read and carefully follow the instructions on the container label.

## Glendover Park HOA Wants Your E-Mail Address!

Are you getting the Glendover Park HOA eNews updates via E-mail? If not, visit our homepage and sign-up for e-News or send your name, address, and e-mail address to [president@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:president@glendoverparkhoa.org) and we'll add you to our list. Don't be the last to learn about incidents such as thefts & robberies in the community or upcoming events/meetings!



**EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL!**

## June's GPHOA Guideline Infractions

Street	Lawn/Landscape	Home Maint	Trash Can	Prohib Vehicle
Ballantrae	6	3		1
Canterbury	5	5		
Glendover	6	4		
Greenwich	3			
Kenshire	3	5		
Kingsley Ct.	1			
Kingsley Dr.	9	2		
Landsford	2	1		
Lochness	1	2		
Macrae	3	1		
Marwood	3	4		
McClure	3			
McKenzie Ct.	4			
McKenzie Dr.	1	3		
Scottsman	8	1		1
Shetland	4	1		
Sunderland	4			
Tartan	2	1		
Tudor	7			
Wallace	1			
Woodmoor	1	3		

## Social Committee

The Adult Pool Party was a success. Dickey's Barbeque delivered fabulous food. The D.J. brought the right kind of music and entertainment. If you missed it, he had the Board members race in the pool, can't beat seeing that. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed this night out with fellow neighbors and adults. Next gathering is for the teens in August.

**Glendover Park HOA**

**Committee Membership Sign Up**

I would like to join the following committees:

**Architectural Modification Committee**

Responsible for reviewing requests from homeowners to insure that they are in compliance with the existing rules and regulations when making a modification to their property

**Pool Committee**

Responsible for overseeing the upkeep of the pool and surrounding space

**Beautification Committee**

Responsible for overseeing common area landscape maintenance and facilitating a "Lawn of the Month" program

**Communication Committee**

Responsible for maintaining the website, publishing the neighborhood newsletter and sending timely emails to the community announcing events

**Social Committee**

Responsible for organizing social events in the neighborhood

**Neighborhood Watch Committee**

Responsible for implementing an effective crime watch system in the community and distributing timely information regarding suspicious activity

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return by fax: 972-359-1171

**Safety Watch**

We have assigned some off duty police officers to patrol our neighborhood on various nights and times. It has proven to be a worth while investment. We have already redirected some young teens back home after curfew. We also had a very quick response to a call of a man looking inside a window. Please keep your blinds closed at night and especially in your private rooms. Never hesitate to call on something out of the ordinary. Your first response should be a phone call to the Police Department Non Emergency Dispatch at 214-509-4321. Or to report criminal activity and remain anonymous call the tip line at 972-272-8477.

**SUMMER VACATIONS**

A few tips to make your home safe while you are on vacation.

- Cancel your newspaper delivery for the time that you are away. Newspapers piled up at your doorstep could make your home an easy target for a break-in
- Have a neighbor pick-up your mail or have delivery stopped while you are away
- Use an automatic timer to turn on lights. Leave a television or radio on at a low volume
- Turn your phone and answering machine volume off
- Make sure you lock all doors and windows
- Never hide a spare key under a doormat, planter, rock, or above the front door. These are all common areas criminals will check
- Leave shades and drapes in a position they would normally be in if you were home

**Semi-Annual HOA Assessments**

The statements for the Semi-Annual Assessments have been delivered. Just a reminder that payments are due on or before July 31, 2008. Payments received after this date are subject to a late fee. If you have questions on your account or have not received your statement please contact NMI at 972-359-1548. Many residents are taking advantage of on-line bill payment systems. Please see the tips on page 8 of this newsletter to help ensure your payment is properly credited.

**Meet our New Neighbors**

Christopher and Margaret Kaseta	1410 Lomond	6/16/2008
Sujin Kim	1428 McKenzie	6/18/2008

## Glendover Park Yard of the Month

### **Congratulations Yard of the Month**

Congratulations to 1209 Scottsman, June's Yard of the Month. Yard of The Month winners receive two \$50 gift cards, 1 sponsored by Calloway's Nursery and the other gift card sponsored by the Glendover Park Homeowners Association.



Yard of the Month is chosen by "you" the community. We begin every month asking for your nominations. The rules are simple: The yard must be well maintained and neatly groomed. Yards may be planted with seasonal color or perhaps landscaped for curb appeal. The committee and the board get the list of nominations and the voting begins. Be involved in selecting the GPHOA YOM, submit your YOM nominations to [vp@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:vp@glendoverparkhoa.org).

## Calloway's Timely Tip July Gardeners

### Summer Hibiscus Blooms

The heat of summer can be lessened with the bright, vibrant flowers of the Hibiscus. This popular bloomer can be confusing if you don't know which type you are planting. We'll briefly discuss the different ones and their uses.

Tropical Hibiscus is great for containers on the patio or poolside. The glossy green foliage and bright colorful blooms provide a touch of the "tropics"! They are not cold hardy in the northern part of Texas and need some winter protection in Houston. Full sun and regular feedings will keep them happy and blooming throughout the summer season.

Hardy Hibiscus, or sometimes known as Perennial Hibiscus, will freeze back in the winter. Cut the stalks to ground level, mulch well and it will return in the spring. The foliage is not as shiny as the Tropical Hibiscus but the blooms are much larger (8-9 inches in diameter). Hardy Hibiscus grows 2 to 5 feet tall depending on variety and grows well in full sun in perennial gardens.

Lastly, the Rose of Sharon or Althea is also a member of the Hibiscus family. This deciduous shrub or small tree is an upright grower to 10 feet tall. Single or double blooms appear in summer in an array of colors. Plant in full sun in well drained soil. The Althea is a good background plant or small specimen tree.

As you can tell, we have a Hibiscus for any location. For more information on these colorful summer bloomers, visit your nearest Calloway's/Cornelius store and ask for a Texas Certified Nursery Professional!

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## Report Suspicious Activity and Crime

Law enforcement cannot overcome crime without the support of citizens individually and as a community. Alerting the Police to suspicious activity can prevent you or someone else from becoming a crime victim. It's an individual responsibility!

The City of Allen has a Juvenile Curfew from 11pm Sun – Thurs evening until 6am the following day and 12:01am until 6am Sat and Sun. Please report any juveniles that are at the Pool Area or in other areas of the neighborhood during Curfew times.

If you see a crime being committed, report it immediately and accurately. If you are a victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible. Even a five minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the chance of catching the criminal. Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think what could happen if you don't act.

## Community Clubs

Do you have a Book Club, Bunko Club, Mah Jongg Club that needs new members? Are you interested in starting a Community Club?

Would you like to advertise your club in the Glendover Park Newsletter? Please forward your club information and contact details to [secretary@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:secretary@glendoverparkhoa.org).

## Calling All Cooks!!!

There are plenty of great cooks (or chefs, if you will) in our neighborhood. How would you like to have a piece of the action, or at least say your recipe is in the monthly newsletter? Do you have recipes for meals, or for appetizers, desserts, punch, low-carb? How about an accompanying picture? If so, and you would like to share those recipes with other aspiring chefs in our neighborhood, send a copy of the recipe to: [president@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:president@glendoverparkhoa.org). Family recipes welcome!!!

## Privacy Fence Maintenance

It's that time of year when outside repairs are inevitable. Please remember that fence pickets need to be maintained consistent with the appearance of your home in terms of structural integrity, consistent stain/paint color, and general consistent appearance. When selecting stains and paints for your fence please refer to the Architectural Modifications Guidelines Booklet for additional information.

## PET REMINDERS

It's easy as A..B..C..

**A**lways leash your dog when outside the confines of your own home/yard.

**B**e aware of your pet's actions while you are away. Check in with neighbors to see if your pooch is a barker while you're out.

**C**lean up after your pet.

**The Glendover Park Newsletter** is published monthly as a service to the residents of Glendover Park. Viewed online at [www.glendoverparkhoa.org](http://www.glendoverparkhoa.org).

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Do you have a photo or article you would like to submit? Email the editor at [president@glendoverparkhoa.org](mailto:president@glendoverparkhoa.org). Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 15th of the preceding month. Submit your ideas before the deadline and you may see it in next month's newsletter.

## Does Your Home Need Paint?

With the age of our neighborhood approaching 6 to 8 years of age, it is probably a good time to check your home for painting needs. Weather takes its toll on the siding and chimney areas on your home. Pick a sunny day and check your home for faded, chipped, or areas that need paint. Questions on acceptable outside paint color can be answered in the DCCR document given to you should have received at closing for acceptable outside colors.

You can also visit the community website at [www.glendoverparkhoa.org](http://www.glendoverparkhoa.org) and go to the Architectural Requests Section. There you will find the *Modifications Guidelines Booklet*.

Maintain the beauty of your home while maintaining our community appearance.