



Glendover Park

Homeowners Association

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Coming Events:

August

August 16th

Teen's Rule Pool Party
Ages 14-17
7:30pm—10pm

August 15th—17th

Tax Free Weekend

August 25th

AISD First Day of School

September

September 1st

Labor Day

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President's Update

by Greg Parks

This last weekend we got a call from our granddaughter who lives out of state. She and her husband are hoping to move back to Texas soon. She found a house for rent on the Internet and wanted us to check it out.

After looking, we told her we thought it would be a great house to rent. We didn't say, however, that we would not want them to buy there. The house was perfect for their needs, but the neighborhood's appearance was lacking.

It got me to thinking: what is it about a neighborhood that causes us to think "I'd like to live here"?

It can be a range of things – schools, proximity to mass transit, convenient shopping, different things for different people. But when all of those requisites are met, why do we choose one neighborhood over another? I think I have an idea why!

The appearance of the neighborhood makes the final difference. We are drawn to nicely landscaped yards, wide clean streets without cars crowded in on both sides, fresh looking paint, among other things.

We can easily forget that letting things go and becoming careless about the maintenance around the house can make our neighborhood less desirable. And in a managed neighborhood, that can be costly.

When this happens, buyers move on to other areas and housing prices in our neighborhood drop.

Please take time to look around your house with fresh eyes. Do you see a well-kept, neat green yard without dead or damaged trees and shrubs or flower beds clear of grass and weeds? Do you see neatly pruned shrubs? Do you see a well maintained fence and fresh paint? If you have a home with a rear entrance, are you using it?

We all chose Glendover Park as the place we wanted to live. Please do your part in keeping it a desirable, vibrant community, and inviting for others who are looking to live in a **GREAT** neighborhood. Can you say YES, this is a neighborhood I want to live in?

Thank you to **ALL** our neighbors that put-in the extra effort to make Glendover Park a **GREAT** neighborhood.

GPHOA Board Vacancy

Consider becoming involved and help keep Glendover Park a desirable community. If you are interested in filling this position please send an email to president@glendoverparkhoa.org.

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 14 to 17) GPHOA Pool

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

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Friendly Reminders

By Katie Waters, CMCA

Glendover Park Community Manager

Please be reminded that grass grows quickly this time of year. To avoid receiving a lawn and/or landscaping violation, please mow weekly and keep landscape beds free of grass and weeds.

Please use your garage and driveway when at all possible, when parking your vehicle, especially overnight. It makes the community safer and protects your vehicle. It also enhances the aesthetics of the community!

Remember all bulk items must be stored out of view until pick up day. **The city of Allen has adopted a new policy for bulk item pick up- Effective July 1, 2008. residents must call CWD at 972.392.9300 ext. 2 by noon on Friday for next-day (Saturday) collection. If you do not call, your items will not be picked up, thus putting your property in violation of the CC&Rs.** The scheduled collection day for the Glendover community is the first Saturday of the month. Please visit cityofallen.org for more detailed information of will and will not be picked up.

HOA Assessments were due on July 1. If you have not paid your dues, you are now a "member not in good standing" and privileges at the community pool have been suspended. As of August 1, pool cards of those members with an outstanding HOA balance have been deactivated. When payment is received, cards will be reactivated. Please contact NMI at 972-359-1548 if need assistance.

Thank you to all residents who have either replaced or performed maintenance to their fencing, bringing it to the standard expected for the community. This type of routine maintenance and upkeep of property certainly helps the overall appearance of the community, thus protecting home values and protecting your investment.

For up to date community news and all HOA documents and information, please visit our website: www.glendoverparkhoa.org

The Glendover Park Newsletter is published monthly as a service to the residents of Glendover Park. Viewed online at 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. 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.

Troubled by Pests?

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Pestering Cicada Killers

During the warmest days of summer, we will be joined by a rather large insect, known as the cicada killer. Cicada killers are active during late July and August, coinciding with the appearance of cicadas which they sting and paralyze. Cicadas are large insects that “sing” in the trees during late summer. The female cicada killer will search tree trunks and lower limbs for cicadas, which she will sting and drag back into her burrow.

The female cicada killers usually dig burrows in areas that are sandy, bare, and exposed to full sunlight. They prefer to nest in areas of little vegetation, compared to thick areas of turf. Each female captures at least one cicada (some collect two or three) and a single egg is laid in the cicada before being sealed off. Even though an area may contain many burrows, female cicada killers are solitary. This means that each female constructs a burrow and captures her own cicadas to serve as food for her developing young.

The cicada killer develop through complete metamorphosis, with four life stages: egg, larva, pupae and adult. In two to three days, the eggs will hatch. Depending on the number of cicadas in its burrow, the cicada killer larvae can feed for 4 to 10 days. Then the larvae will pupate and the adults will emerge from July to August. This insect only has one generation a year.

Adult cicada killers feed on flower nectar and sap. The female wasps are non-aggressive and rarely sting unless touched or disturbed. Male cicada killers are usually aggressive and tend to defend nesting sites. However males lack a stinger, so they are harmless.

Some Control Options:

Non-Chemical Control Options:

- 1) Apply fertilizers and water turfgrass to promote growth.
- 2) Also place mulch in flowerbeds and around shrubs to cover sandy soil to help reduce cicada populations.



Cicada killer, *Sphecius speciosus* (Hymenoptera: Sphecidae). Photo by Bart Drees, Professor and Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M University.

Chemical Control Options:

Control is usually not recommended, since this is considered a beneficial insect. However these wasps can become a problem in high traffic areas around homes and in commercial areas such as around swimming pools, flower beds, and golf course greens.

If control is necessary, first the nests should be located during the daylight hours, while the female is foraging. Then at night or before dawn, sprinkle around 1 tablespoon of carbaryl dust into the burrow and then close the entrance of the burrow. Other suggestions for spray treatments that are labeled for wasp control include acephate, allethrin, cyfluthrin, cypermethrin, permethrin, and resmethrin. Repeat treatments may be needed for two to three weeks as new wasps move into the area.

Abundance of House Flies

As we venture in and out of buildings we might have a piggy-backer, the house fly (*Musca domestica*) joining us indoors. This fly is not only a big nuisance insect, but it can sometimes carry other organisms that can cause diseases in humans and domestic animals. This makes suppressing house fly populations very important.

House flies are ¼-inches in length, light grey in color and have four longitudinal black stripes on the second part of their bodies (the thorax). They also have a pair of large, red-brown compound eyes and sponging mouthparts, so they are non-biting flies.

Adult house flies live up to three weeks and are active during warmer weather. The adult female flies deposit eggs in clusters of 50 to 100 within a variety of moist, decomposing organic substrates including animal manure, accumulated grass clippings, garbage, spilled food and animal feed. The eggs usually hatch into larvae (maggots) within 12 hours. The larvae then feed on the decomposing organic material as they continue to grow in size. Then the larvae will stop feeding and migrate to drier substrates to pupate. Adult flies will emerge within three days to four weeks, depending on the temperature.

Some Suggestions for Control:

Non-Chemical Control Options:

Frequently clean surfaces and properly dispose of food and other organic materials within a sealed garbage bag. Garbage containers should be closed and placed away from doors to prevent fly breeding and entering buildings. The garbage container should be cleaned a couple of times a month with soap and water
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to decrease amount of accumulated organic matter.

Make sure that windows screens and screen doors do not have holes in order to minimize house fly access.

Retail buildings can install air curtains above exterior doors to make it harder for flies to enter. Several types of traps are available that do not contain toxic chemicals, such as sticky traps and ultra-violet light traps. All traps need to be placed at least 5 feet away from food processing areas to avoid contamination. Sticky traps need to be replaced frequently as they lose their effectiveness with time. In addition, a fly swatter can be used to kill the occasional invader!

Some Chemical Control Options:

Chemical control should not be the only control option used, since the overuse of insecticides may lead to secondary problems such as insecticide resistance and increased allergies and other health problems. Some

house fly insecticides are sold as aerosol sprays or bait formulations and can be applied to such areas as dumpsters. Several insecticidal sprays labeled for house fly control in and around buildings contain permethrin, tetramethrin or resmethrin. Fly baits are usually sugar-based and contain a compound that attracts the adult flies. The flies that feed on these baits are killed by the insecticide they ingest.

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 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!



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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.

July's GPHOA Guideline Infractions

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

Meet our New Neighbors

Khai H Nguyen & No T Tran	1426 Wallace	7/15/08
Matthew & Catherine Armstrong	1520 Scottsman	7/17/08

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

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. Family recipes welcome!!!

Teen Pool Party

GPHOA Teen's Rule Pool Party

GPHOA Board is sponsoring a Teen Pool Party for ages 14—17 on Saturday, August 16th from 7:30p.m. to 10p.m. D.J. providing music, light show and games. Did we mention free pizza? Please use this evening as a tool to help your teen get better acquainted, or just to have a safe place to hang out with friends. If you think your teen will be interested then please R.S.V.P. to president@glendoverparkhoa.org to help us order enough Pizza. Party will be chaperoned by HOA Board members and Security. We are seeking additional adult chaperones. Your Social Committee -- Working For You!

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.

Glendover Park Yard of the Month

Congratulations Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the Allens of 1301 Ballantrae, July'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 nomina-

Calloway's Timely Tip August Gardeners

Bring on the Heat- Summer Color!

During this season of hot weather, revitalize your garden beds. Fertilizing, pruning, new mulch and fresh plantings can all bring your flower beds back to life!

Fresh color is still available at Calloway's in larger sizes for instant impact. Celosia, Vinca (Periwinkle), Lantana and Moss Rose are all good, reliable summer bloomers. Plant these directly into beds or containers to replace flowers which have reached their prime. Add Calloway's Flower Food, a slow release fertilizer, and you will not have to fertilize for two months. Keep old blooms trimmed off to encourage repeat blooming. Add a new layer of mulch to flower beds and to containers to lessen evaporation and keep the soil cooler. Color abounds even in the heat of summer!

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