

Glenhollow Grapevine

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Spring has
Sprung!



A Message from the President....

Dear Neighbors,

Well Spring is here again and we hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and taking advantage of our wonderful new Creek Trail. This is the 21st spring for our neighborhood and we want to make it the most enjoyable yet.

The General condition of the neighborhood is good and we have many new projects planned to enhance it and save on utilities. Many neighbors are busy working in their yards and doing home maintenance however there are some residents that need encouragement.

Most of the following points will be covered in depth by the individual chairs however in short we will be replacing the entrance lighting, reconditioning the West entrance facade, improving the East entrance all the while saving on power usage and improving safety. Several neighborhood events are planned which include a 4th of July picnic and parade and a home tour in the fall.

Unfortunately along with the spring comes some issues most importantly those of security and crime. We have already witnessed some which will be detailed under Crime Watch. Summer break brings with it vandalism and the economy seems have increased serious crime. We are serious about combating crime in our neighborhood and as you will see we are initiating new measures to do just that. Most importantly is your participation in contacting and informing the Plano Police and our new Crime Watch Chair, Jill Brodrick.

Also as a quick reminder those who like to go fast...our alleys ways have a **speed limit of 10 miles per hour**. Let's keep it safe and abide by the limits set. No one wants to read a report about an accident involving a child who wasn't seen until too late.

Have a Great Summer and remember the tanning lotion!

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The Secretary's Desk.....

By Julie McGlamery, Secretary
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Welcome !

We have had 2 families move into Glenhollow since the last newsletter. We'd like to extend a **huge welcome** on behalf of the entire neighborhood.

Teresa Thompson	6316 Thornbranch Drive
Adam and Kimberly Pitluk	6313 Thornbranch Drive

If you haven't already had the pleasure of meeting these families, please stop by and say "hello"! Our Movie Night gift baskets are always a hit! If there's someone new on your street and you would like to be the one to deliver the welcome basket, please let me know! Help and assistance are always a "Good Thing!"

I would also like to welcome any new arrivals to families in our neighborhood. If you have had a baby in the last year or will have one soon and would like to be included in the next newsletter, please contact me. We would love to share your exciting news!

One quick reminder: We need current information in our directory on the website. Log on to glenhollow.com and check to see that your information is correct. Please update it, if necessary OR send me the information in any format (ie., email, snail mail, a note attached to my door, etc) and I will get your info updated for you! Thanks!



Landscape Notes....

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April and May's Yard of the Month: Congratulations to James and Rebecca Stevenson at 6320 Thornbranch Drive and also to Tiffany Welty at 3800 Morningside Drive!

It is obvious that they put a lot of work into their upkeep of their flower beds and trimming of trees. So if while you are out walking during the next few months of great weather you happen to see a house that you would like to recommend, please email me for the consideration of it at landscape@glenhollow.com. Or better yet... Wouldn't you want to see the sign in your front yard sometime soon? I bet you know what you can do to get it there, right?



Now for a quick update on the Landscape Monument at Glenhollow and Communications. The monument at the entrance to Heather Glen neighborhood at Glenhollow and Communications is in serious need of attention. As it stands, it is a danger to the cross-traffic and pedestrians because of the overgrown plants and weeds. This area is a shared responsibility between Glenhollow and Heather Glen. To address the area and its improvement or retirement, we have opted for scheduling 2 volunteer work days to clean up and replace the existing plants. We welcome anyone who is interested in participating in this effort to show up with gloves, shovels, trowels and landscaping trash bags on the following dates.

Sat. May 16th at 12:30pm

Remove existing unwanted plants and decide and decide on what plants to install.

Sat. May 23rd at 2pm - Install new plants

Seasonal Tips:

1. Adjust sprinkler heads so they don't spray walls, driveways or sidewalks.
2. Use the most efficient types of nozzles and irrigation clocks.
3. Check the sprinkler system weekly and immediately replace broken or missing sprinklers with identical parts.
4. Once a month, check the drip line for breaks and emitters for clogs or broken heads.
5. For best results, shoot for "head-to-head" coverage. That means the spray of one sprinkler should reach the head of the sprinkler closest to it. Make sure grass does not block the spray.
6. Level all sprinkler heads to grade to prevent spray blockage or tripping hazards.
7. Adjust your irrigation clock seasonally and comply with Mandatory watering restrictions.
8. Monitor how many minutes you can run your spray irrigation system before water begins to run off the property. Stop the cycle at that point. Allow the water to fully absorb before running another cycle.
9. Water any areas in the shade about 30 percent less than sunny areas.
10. To eliminate runoff, set your irrigation clock to cycle 2 to 4 start times (no longer than 5 minutes each), 1 to 2 hours apart to allow water to soak into the soil. For example: water 3 times for 4 minutes, instead of 12 minutes all at once.

Don't Forget: A GOOD NEIGHBORLY SUGGESTION:
Clean up immediately after your PET POOPS! Carry a PooPer-Scooper bag.

Social Report....

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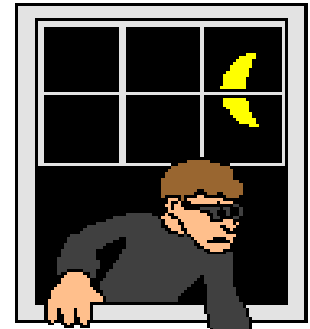


Hey Kids! What time is it now? It's time for a Summer Social at Glenhollow! My social committee has convened and the best date for this Super Social event is Saturday, July 4th! With a special day like that in the works, a Super Special Social event better take place. Our plans are to have as many kiddos as possible participate in a Patriotic Parade in the morning hours and then in the late afternoon, we would close down Woodway Lane to BBQ, Bouncers, Parties and Potluck.

Sound good so far? **Anybody who wants to be a participant in the parade should plan on decorating their bicycle, wagon, stroller or scooter (No electric ones, please) with a Patriotic color scheme or theme.** You know, decorate with Red, White & Blue streamers, American Flags, wear a Statue of Liberty crown, etc. The Glenhollow Social Committee will be judging all entries and will choose the **three top entries as Grand Prize Winners**; but don't fret! Everyone's a Winner! We'll have a Plano Fire Truck be a part of the parade to keep the pace, and at the end we'll have a quick demonstration on "What's on a Fire Truck and Why." The parade will begin on Woodway by the entrance to Coyote Creek Park. We will travel through the neighborhood and end up at the park again.

Later that day, we'll close down Woodway for the BBQ and more fun. A flyer will go out to the neighborhood with more details as the event approaches. Thanks to anyone who would like to participate in planning and executing this event.

I AM STILL WANTING TO PUT TOGETHER A WALKING TOUR OF REMODELED HOMES FOR THE FALL. IF YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN SHOWING OFF YOUR HOME, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, Contact me at your earliest convenience at social@glenhollow.com.



Crimewatch Update....

By Jill Brodrick

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Crime watch points may be painful to read but it is reality and a fact we must face. With the rise in temperature, we typically also see a rise in neighborhood crimes.

Already this spring we have experienced the following:

1. Iranian National exposing himself along the trail. Full grey head of grey hair 50's usually wears grey t-shirt and green sweats with yellow stripe down the leg. Police caught him and he was released. He has been seen since.
2. Gang graffiti on fence in Heather Glen.
3. Recent SUV break-in and stole 3rd row seat. Grey GM/Chevy pick-up was seen in the ally previous to the theft.
4. Repeated auto eggings along Brimwood.
5. Auto break-in stealing miscellaneous items in the alley behind Brimwood.
6. Teens were noted flashing cars on Glenhollow. AND
7. Late night illegal activities at the Coyote Creek Park entrance. AND
8. *More Graffiti on the sidewalks and fences at the Front Entrances **just this week!***

To combat this, the Crime Watch Chair and the GH Board has decided to inform and request the following:

1. We are seeking individuals to volunteer for Block Captain duty. If you are home during the day and can keep an eye out on your street, that would be greatly appreciated. Each block will have a contact to report to and collect data for the Chair. This gives neighbors someone to call.
2. Investigate late night weekend entrance (all 3) patrols. We will seek individuals for 1-3 hour shifts.
3. Issue refrigerator notes with Crime Watch Chair, Police, Board Members phone numbers to report suspicious vehicles and/or individuals.
 - Remember any vehicle other than your neighbor's in the alley is not supposed to be there unless it's a maintenance vehicle.
 - Late morning and afternoon home break-ins happen between 11am-3pm.
 - Auto break-ins usually happen late night.
4. We want to have a "Light Up the Alleys Week". Many of our alleys are not lit up and anyone can take advantage of this to steal, vandalize or even worse. Make sure you have at least motion sensor drive way lights or better yet....put energy efficient lights out and leave them on all night long.
5. Secure your front and rear doors with security jams available at Home Depot.
6. Park you vehicles in the garage (take advantage of Spring Cleaning to get this done).
7. Pad lock your fence gates. If they get inside your fence they are home free!

Finally, it is stressed that a neighborhood crime watch program is only as good as its members. People need to know their neighbors and keep an eye out for and report suspicious behavior. If you see suspicious persons or activity in your area, please call the Plano Police Department at (972) 424-5678.

Please help keep our neighborhood safe - report any suspicious activity to the Plano Police Department at 972-424-5678 or dial 911 for an emergency. Official Plano Police Department Crime Watch Bulletins are posted on the Glenhollow website. However, these are only crimes in which there is a suspect description and only a small sample of crime in the Plano area. If you have been a victim of a crime, seen suspicious activity, or have input that you would like to share, please send me an email and I will send an email blast to the neighborhood and/or post to the website.

Stay safe and remember you only have 1 family.

Web Corner....

By Pat Doyle

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Once again it is that time of the year when we request each and every one of you to

1. Verify that your information in the Glenhollow directory is correct.
2. Verify that your neighbors have registered to use our website.

Updating Your Information

If it is not, simply select My Information from the Directory menu and correct your data. Any changes you make will take place immediately except for the Additional Directory Information section which will have to be approved by the secretary before distribution.

Are your neighbors registered?

There are a couple of ways to find this out. One is to view the directory online sorted by street and look at the houses next to yours. Is your neighbor missing from the list? If so, then they are not registered.

Another way is to go the Glenhollow Street Plan and, after logging in, place your cursor over your neighbor's house. If they are registered then their directory info will appear in a popup otherwise they are not registered.

<http://www.glenhollow.com/StreetPlan.asp>

Look at the information of your neighbors. In a neighborhood of our size (e.g. not too big) there is no reason to not have everybody represented in our directory. If you have not met your neighbors now is a good time to do so. If they have not registered for the website, perhaps because they do not know about it, please encourage them to register. If everyone would take it upon themselves to do these two things we would have a very accurate directory and all residents would be registered.

Neighborhood Notes.....

By Gary Williams, Architecture Chairman

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By June 1st we should have a slightly brighter look to the pediment and entrance off Midway. The illumination is being replaced with energy-efficient LED and fluorescent light fixtures. Not only will the entrance look great at night it will be cost-effective and low-maintenance for years to come due to the new technology in the fixtures. A wider and brighter beam will create attractiveness.

Property Maintenance & Home Improvement Reminders

Throughout the past years, homeowners have engaged in many projects to restore and improve the properties in Glenhollow Estates. For those who have continued to focus on these important activities of up-keep and improvement, thank you!

However these projects have become fewer and farther between for many properties, and as a result, we have several homes within the neighborhood that require attention. This fall, please take a few minutes to review the following areas of your property and create a plan to improve throughout the fall and next spring:

Fences



Glenhollow Property Owners Association

Is there visible damage to boards, planks, or posts?

Is the fence leaning into your yard or out over property lines/alleys?

Has the fence been stained for protection and appearance in the last 5 years?

Trim & Siding

Is paint peeling and cracking? Are trim or siding boards rotting, falling off, warping or missing?

Gutters

Are gutters or downspouts falling, hanging without proper attachment or missing? Have gutters/downspouts been cleaned within the last year? Have you considered gutter screens to keep leaves and other debris from clogging gutters and spouts?

Soffits

Is paint peeling and cracking? Are soffit boards rotting, falling off or missing?

Alley Views

Is the trim around the garage rotting or falling off?

Before you begin your project:

Please remember that **all exterior property projects must receive approval prior to commencement.**

While the Covenants are a legal requirement of each and every property owner, they were created to ensure that we have an esthetically pleasing neighborhood as well as maintain property values. The simple approval process allows us to make sure that all projects will stay within the guidelines of the Covenants. Approvals also help us maintain accurate records of property maintenance and improvements that help improve neighborhood property values. **(Please Note:** Projects may require approval from the City of Plano in addition to approval from the Glenhollow Architecture Committee. Please contact the City of Plano Building Inspection Department at <http://www.plano.gov> or 972.941.7140)

Examples of projects that require prior approval include, but are not limited to:

Any on-property construction - examples: swimming pools, storage sheds, outdoor fireplaces, etc.;

Home exterior repairs and painting – even if only repainting existing trim, front doors, siding, etc.;

Fence repair, replacement and staining;

Landscape changes, including removal, replacement or addition of trees, plant beds or any landscape walls;

Any projects that may change drainage on your property;

Any project that changes the existing roof-line and/or footprint of your home; and

Any project that changes the cosmetic appearance or materials of your home exterior.

In short, if you are going to make any changes, repairs or improvements, submit an approval request form!

Glenhollow Estates Architecture Project approval process:

Log-in to <http://www.glenhollow.com>;

In the “Association” menu, select “Forms”, then “Architectural Permit”, or go

to <http://www.glenhollow.com/adobe/architecturalpermit.pdf>;

Download or “Save a Copy” of the form;

Complete the form electronically or print and complete by hand;

Submit completed form to Glenhollow Board Architecture Committee Chairman via email

at Architecture@Glenhollow.com or hardcopy to 6332 Brimwood Drive;

A signed copy with approval will be returned to the property owner, or an email response will be sent

providing approval. **If you don't receive a response, please call 214-336-6468. It is your responsibility to assure Glenhollow Neighborhood Association is aware of your pending needs.**

PS. Many of us are making renovations and improvements to our interiors and this is great not only to keep our home value up but to make us feel good about our homes. Don't feel you have to wait on those

improvements until you get ready to sell. Do them now and enjoy a new look. To help you in the process there is a section of www.glenhollow.com referring to Contacts Vendor Recommendations. You can get some names and telephone numbers of contractors that some of your neighbors have had success using.

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We are always on the lookout for anyone who would like to be a presence on the Glenhollow Board. Currently, we would like to have a 1st Vice President, i.e., President aide. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our neighborhood, please contact Jim Steinert at his contact info above. Also, anyone who would like to give some time as Committee Members and as Block Captains, please contact the appropriate Chair.

WANTED

Anyone who knows anything about the recent graffiti on the fences and sidewalks at the front entrance of our neighborhood!

\$500 REWARD

To the person who comes forward with significant information regarding that graffiti.

Please contact our president, Jim Steinert at 972-403-1303

