

**Santa
in the Park!**
December 13
10:00 am till Noon

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Fall 2014

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National Night Out 2014



National Night Out 2014 took place in Texas on October 7, 2014. Our neighborhood event was held in Parkway Central Park and was organized by C.O.P., Park Friends and neighborhood volunteers. The many volunteers shopped, prepared food, set up tables and displays, and took them down. Funding for the event was provided by the PCHA. Residents from the nearby Tree Top Neighborhood Association were also in attendance and participated in the night out. In addition to our event, more than 190 National Night Out events were held throughout Arlington.

The purpose of NNO is to promote neighborhood security by bringing neighbors together along with local and city-wide police and fire department personnel. Every available member of the APD and AFD working the North sector came and talked freely with our residents. They were joined by Charlie Parker, our District 1 Councilman, and a number of other city staffers and community leaders.

The food was great, the weather was terrific, we had an excellent turnout and every-

one had a good time. Most importantly, our residents got to meet and become better acquainted with neighbors, including several new ones, and do the same with those guests who jobs entail responsibilities for keeping us safe and secure.

As part of the Citywide National Night Out, this year, the Arlington Police Department led a book drive by participat-

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ing neighborhoods. Parkway Central collected and donated almost 200 books to the drive. Citywide, APD delivered nearly 2,000 gently-used children's books to the Arlington Independent School District and the Arlington Public Library on Sept. 18.

Thanks to Jerry Theil, Deanna Palla, Dara Wandel, Lynn Neathery and Fran McCoy for all the work they did to make this event happen. Thanks, also, to everyone that attended and please plan on attending and participating in October, 2015. We will publicize the date as soon as it is confirmed.

From the Chairman

Chuck McCoy

With the end of summer, it's time to look ahead to cooler weather and the upcoming holiday season. For some, the cooler weather is welcome and really enjoyable. For me, I prefer summer rather than this time of year, but, in Texas, spring and warmer weather will be here before we know it. During this time of year, our lawns go dormant and require little, if any, mowing. They still need to be maintained and cared for and there is an article in this newsletter about preparing your lawn for the winter weather.

We held our neighborhood National Night Out on October 7th and had a very good turnout. It was a very successful event and there's also an article with more detail in this newsletter.

With the upcoming holidays, after missing last year, we will again have Santa in the Park and our neighborhood food drive. Both of these events will take place on Saturday, December 13th. Santa will be in

the Parkway Central Park Pavilion from 10:00 AM until Noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring your children or grandchildren to meet and talk with Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus. You can also bring your camera for pictures. We will have Juice and cookies for the kids and adults.

For the Food Drive, you can put your donation of canned goods and non-perishable items on your front curb in a paper bag or box with a sign identifying it as a "Food Drive Donation" or you can drop your donation off at the Park Pavilion beginning at 10:00 AM. Last year we collected enough food to fill up a pickup bed. The Arlington Life Shelter was very appreciative of our donation.

We will also have our neighborhood yard decorating and lights contest judging this year on Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 PM. Over the years, this event has gone from very large participation to very small participation. We encourage you to decorate your yard and put up lights to help make our neighborhood cheerful and fun

during this time of year. You only need to decorate to be entered into the contest. We would like to see a greater participation this year, so let's decorate our yards.

In this newsletter you will see a new section listing new residents within our neighborhood. We would like to welcome these folks and invite them to get involved and participate in our neighborhood activities.

On a different note, we will have 4 open seats on the PCHA Board that will need to be filled this coming year. The election ballot will go out in March and more detail about the election process will be in the next newsletter. However we need residents to consider volunteering and getting involved in the neighborhood and serving on the Board. We're working hard to continue holding social activities for the neighborhood as well as managing the HOA and need help to keep it going. If you are interested in being on the Board please let one of the current Board members know, or e-mail me at chuck-mccoy@outlook.com or parkwaycentralhoa@gmail.com.

PCHA Welcomes Our New Neighbors

This new feature will be included in our newsletters, going forward. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new residents and invite them to become active within our community and participate in our neighborhood activities.

João and Mitsi Pimentel

2107 Franklin Dr.

João and Mitsi's granddaughter, Sky Lynn, lives with them.

Gary and Candice (Candi) Roden

519 Franklin Dr.

Gary and Candi's children are grown

Steve and Kathy Mize

526 Franklin Dr.

Steve and Kathy are the parents of Scott Mize who also lives on Lower Franklin

Mohamed and Tamera Gomaa

434 Washington Dr.

Rev. Terry and June Jordan

2111 Franklin Dr.

Blake and Carin Tufts

2009 Franklin Dr.

Blake and Carin have a little girl named Ramey

If you have an opportunity, please say hello to our new neighbors and welcome them to the neighborhood.

Arlington Police Join Nextdoor Social Media for Neighborhoods

In April, the Arlington Police Department announced its participation in an initiative that is opening the door for more citizen engagement in safety and crime prevention.

With Nextdoor, officers can share time-sensitive information with residents in a forum where neighbors are already communicating.

Unlike other social media platforms that are generally open to anyone anywhere, Nextdoor is neighborhood-based and can be accessed only by people who live in a specific community.

Arlington Police Chief Will Johnson said social media platforms such as this are helping to restore a sense of community.

To date, Arlington has 229 neighborhoods using Nextdoor. Parkway Central is one of those neighborhoods and you can find the link to our site in the Social Media article in this newsletter.

Neighborhood Directories

New, updated directories were recently printed and should have been distributed to you by now. If you did not receive your directory, please let your Block Captain know (see listing in this newsletter). If needed, you can also request a new binder.

Fall Lawn Care Guide

Ensure a greener yard in the spring by preparing your lawn in the fall

Surprisingly, fall is the season to develop a lusher, greener, healthier lawn. This is the time for aerating, the critical time for fertilizing, and mowing shorter than usual. Plus, even though the grass is entering its big sleep for winter; you'll need to stay on top of the watering. All of this is to prepare your grass for its wake-up call in the spring. You'll want it waking up with a belly-full of food, hydrated and free from disease. Here's how to give your lawn everything it needs this fall

Aerate heavy soil

If you have heavy, clay-rich soil, it's really important to aerate. Forget those gadgets that look like golf spikes that you strap to your shoes; rent a power aerator from any rental center for around \$40 a day. The aerator extracts plugs from your lawn and topsoil to loosen compacted soil and break up thatch. Your lawn will look like a mess when you're through but don't worry, the plugs will dissolve in a few days. Don't bother aerating if you have sandy soil--you're just wasting your time. In warmer, or more arid states aerate in the spring before warm-weather grasses go dormant in mid-summer. Mow your lawn and water it the day before aerating. Make two passes across the lawn with the aerating machine, perpendicular to each other, so that the aeration holes are spaced 2-3 in. apart.

Reseed bare patches

Late summer and early fall is the best time to reseed those dead areas. Summer is just too hot for the seed to thrive. Water the new seed a couple of times a day until the grass is around 1-1/2 in. high. Don't use normal fertilizers, however. Use a product like Scotts Starter Fertilizer, which is designed for new grass. Spread the seed so that you have around 15 seeds per square inch. Don't overdo it or the grass won't thrive due to overcrowding

Fertilize in the fall

Well after the grass appears brown and

dormant, the roots are still hard at work absorbing nutrients and moisture. Just as bears gorge themselves before hibernating, your grass is storing up reserves to make it through the winter and thrive in the spring. Set your broadcast spreader for half the recommended setting on the bag. Then make a "header strip" around the perimeter of the lawn. Next fertilize the entire lawn first in one direction, then the other (just as you did with the aerator). Be sure to shut off the spreader as you reach the spreader strip or you'll over-fertilize the grass at the end of each pass.

Rake and mow

Get out that rake and remove all of those dead leaves before the snow flies. Otherwise they'll be sodden mats in the

spring and smother the sprouting grass below. (Plus it's lots easier to rake dry leaves!)

Just this one time of the year, set your mower to cut 1-1/2 or 2-in. and mow your grass short. That'll do a couple of things. First it'll lessen the chance of snow mold forming. And secondly, tall grass blades won't lie down and smother the new grass next spring.

Major lawn-care manufacturers, such as Scott's, have a full line of fall lawn-care fertilizers and other products to help you make your lawn the greenest yard in the neighborhood come spring.

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Ya Better Watch Out!...

Santa is back!

**Bring the kids, moms
and pops, grandparents,
cats and dogs to meet
and greet SANTA!**

Holiday Fun

**Get your selfies with
Santa and you favorite
love ,be it man or beast,
some cases booth.
Holiday fun, fun, fun for
all, All, ALL!**

Upcoming Events

Santa in the Park

December 13, 2014

Parkway Central Park Pavilion

10:00 AM until Noon

Annual Food Drive

December 13, 2014

10:00 AM until Noon

Holiday Decorating/ Lights Judging

December 14, 2014

6:00 PM

PCHA Board Meeting

January 5, 2015

6:30 PM until 8:30 PM

Location to be determined



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PCHA Social Media Activity

Over the past year, we have worked to expand our presence on the internet and social media sites. We have established a Facebook page and a presence on neighborhood community site called Nextdoor. Both of these will help us communicate more quickly to our neighbors as well as share important information with you, as necessary. An e-mail was sent to everyone with an invitation to register on the Nextdoor site. As of this newsletter, we have 69 residents registered and using the site. The Board encourages everyone interested in utilizing social media to register and begin communicating with others within Parkway Central as well as nearby neighborhoods.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas as to how we can better utilize the internet and social media sites, e-mail me at chuck-mccoy@outlook.com

NEXTDOOR

<https://parkwaycentraltx.nextdoor.com>
Nextdoor is a private social network that

allows communities to easily create private websites to facilitate communication among neighbors and build stronger neighborhoods.

Nextdoor was created based on the idea that the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life. Nextdoor's mission is to use technology to help neighbors build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

This is the newest site we have established for routine communication with our residents. PCHA currently has 69 residents signed up to use Nextdoor.

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/ParkwayCentralNeighborhood>

The PCHA Facebook page is being maintained by Kari Summers and Chuck McCoy. We don't have as many people using our Facebook page as are using Nextdoor. However, current information is being posted to Facebook in conjunction with Nextdoor.

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