

PARKGLEN

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

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281-530-NEWS

FOCUS



JUNTA DE MIEMBROS

**26 DE JULIO DEL 2011 - 7:30PM
EN EL CENTRO CIVICO
11212 VANDERFORD DRIVE**

BOARD MEETING 26 JULY 2011 - 7:30PM

AT THE CIVIC CENTER - 11212 VANDERFORD DRIVE

Important Numbers to be Posted near your Phone!



**To Reach Any Board Member
call 281-530-NEWS (281-530-6397)**

**and leave a message or
email: board@parkglen.net**

Important Numbers

Ambulance 911

Fire 911

Police 911

Crime Stoppers . . 713-222-8477

Graffiti...City property . . .713-754-0600

Private property . .713-525-2728

HPD Gang Division . 713-247-4264

Poison Control Cntr . 800-764-7661

Police Dispatch713-222-3131

Recycling Hotline . .713-865-4201

Weeded Lots & Property . 713-525-2525

24-hour Street/Signal/Sign Repair ...

.....713-754-0600

**You really need to call 311 for most any
problem. They will give you a reference
number for your call. Then you can follow
up on the action taken. If you are not
satisfied, contact your City Councilman at
Phone: 832.393.3002**





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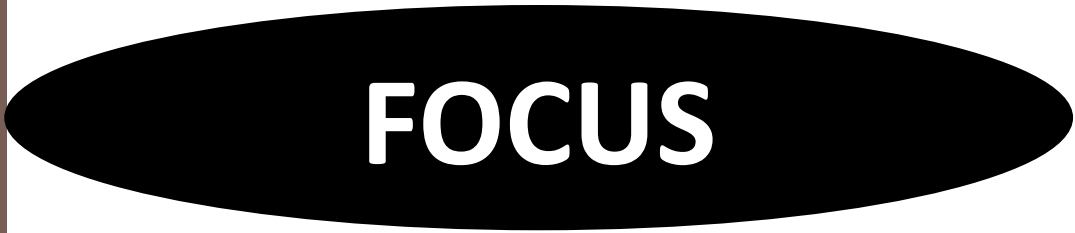
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Lina Salazar

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Parkglen Civic Improvement Association



Garage Sales — Did You Know?

SALES TAX



Garage Sales and the Occasional Sale Exemption

In general, sales tax applies to the sale of taxable items in Texas regardless of the price of the item, or the number of sales made by the seller. Texas sales tax is a “transaction tax” imposed on the sale, lease or rental of taxable items. A sale occurs when title or possession of a taxable item transfers for consideration. Each time an item is sold for consideration, sales tax is due. See Texas Tax Code Sections [151.005](#), [151.051\(a\)](#), [151.006](#), [151.151](#) and [151.154](#).

Certain transactions, however, such as the sale of one or two taxable items during a 12-month period by a person (or company) who does not habitually engage in the business of selling taxable items, or the sale of the entire operating assets of a business in a single transaction, may qualify for exemption from tax as an “occasional sale” under Texas Tax Code Section 151.304. A new category of occasional sale, (151.304 (b)(5), that affects the taxability of used items sold by individuals, became effective July 1, 2007, under House Bill 373 (80th Legislative Session, 2007).

Garage-type sales frequently fall under this new occasional sale provision. As a result of the enactment of [151.304 \(b\)\(5\)](#), sales tax is not due on the sale of items at a garage sale if:

- the items being sold were originally acquired for personal use by the person or a family member of the person selling them; and
- if the total receipts from sales of the individual's property in the calendar year the garage sale is made do not exceed \$3,000.

Meet Your New Board Member Welcome — Mrs. Lina Salazar

Mrs. Lina Salazar has been appointed to fill one of the two vacancies on the Board of Directors of Parkglen. She will fill this position through the end of the year.

Mrs. Salazar is a long time resident since 1977, when she and her family settled in Parkglen from Cuba. She is fully bilingual English/Spanish, and also works on

contract basis as a Translator and Interpreter for a Multilingual Service company. She officially retired in 2009, after a long career with Oil and Gas companies in different capacities including managerial. The Salazar’s children grew up in this neighborhood and attended Alief Hastings High School.



Mrs. Salazar has volunteered to be part of the Board of Directors and to continue helping Parkglen. Put in her own words, “from here to the nursing home or to meet The Creator” .

What Would You Rather — Increase or Assess??

Message from the Secretary of Parkglen — Debra Jambor

Diversity and uniformity

What is so wonderful about Parkglen Subdivision? Our board is constantly trying to improve our area with our small annual dues. Have YOU paid on time, or have you bellyached about how bad it is? We will shortly decide on a collection agency that will assist you. Please take seriously paying for our area so we can

continue to improve the pool and building and park. With all the heat we are still keeping our sprinklers going to keep our grass pretty. We take pride in our homes at Parkglen. Despite our diverse residents backgrounds we can all pull together and make this a wonderful place to live.

Did you try to leave us a message on our phone system? We call back promptly despite

not even having an office staff. You can count on a quick reply. Use board@parkglen.net to get the fastest response. Enjoy life in a comfortable place. Please volunteer and participate, don't make excuses and complain. Thank you residents. We love you.



Parkglen Has A Lot Of Different Trades!!!!

Parkglen has a variety of different trades in which you make your living. Some of the trades are: Air Conditioning, Mechanics, Plumbers, Carpenters, Flooring, Roofing, Concrete, Landscaping, Lawns, Painting, and probably others. It would be fantastic if the Board of Directors could have access to your abilities.

One of the best things could

happen is that some of you good hard working individuals would offer to help upgrade the subdivision. That would be like money in your pocket because any upgrading of the subdivision would enhance the value of your home. But of course when value of your home rises your taxes will increase the next year.

However, when that happens, if you ever have to move from

Parkglen your home would sell for more money. More money in your pocket all because you and others volunteered your expert knowledge and abilities to improve this great subdivision.

If you want you could help get more money in your pocket simply by helping to upgrade just the area of your expertise. The Power of ONE!

Association Fees - Pagos a la Asociación

From the Treasurer — Mariana Mejia

Como tesorera de Parkglen Civic Association, quiero agradecer a los propietarios de viviendas que han pagado la cuota de mantenimiento a tiempo. Y a los que aun no lo han hecho, les pido encarecidamente que se

pongan al día en sus pagos, para evitar multas y recargos extras por cobros atrasados.

En los últimos meses se han realizado algunos proyectos para mejorar el aspecto del centro cívico y del vecindario. Aun hay mucho más por hacer;

pero sin estos fondos es imposible realizar estos proyectos.

Gracias a los voluntarios y las los quede alguna manera colaboran en el funcionamiento de Parkglen Civic Association.



Safety Moment—Hurricane Safety Checklist!!!!

Hurricane season officially began June 1. We need to be able to answer the three questions that the American Red Cross addresses:

1. What should I do?
2. What supplies do I need?
3. What do I do after a hurricane?

Be prepared!!! Be Red Cross Ready - Hurricane Safety Checklist

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life and property threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes. Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane.

Know the Difference:

Hurricane Watch—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

Hurricane Warning—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

What Should I Do?

Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).

Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.

Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).

Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.

Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.

Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.

Fill your car's gas tank.

Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at www.FloodSmart.gov.

What Do I Do After the Hurricane?

Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.

Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.

If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.

Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.

No Parking On Any Lawn in Parkglen!!!!!!!!!!

Parkglen Civic Improvement Association has submitted an application for the establishment of a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area (Section 28-303 of the Code of Ordinances) for the subdivision known as Parkglen.

Once established, violating the Prohibited

Yard Parking Requirement Area will be a misdemeanor and violators will receive a fine not to exceed \$150 a day.

Our deed restrictions also state no truck, tractor, trailer, automobile, boat, motor home or other vehicle shall be stored, parked or kept on any driveway of any Lot or street within Parkglen

unless such vehicle is in day-to-day use, off the premises or used for day-to-day travel; and if such vehicle is not in day-to-day use, such parking shall be allowed for a temporary time only. No vehicle shall be parked on any Lot's lawn area visible from any street except pedal-powered vehicles.



ELECTIONS DURING OUR NEXT MEETING — 25

The Parkglen Civic Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting on October 25th 2011. At that time you will be electing members to the Board of Directors to represent you for the upcoming year.

The Board is in need of new enthusiastic members that have a

high interest in the quality of Parkglen and are willing to volunteer their time to help achieve that goal.

If you would like to run for a position on the Board, please contact the President, Secretary or send an email to board@parkglen.net by early September to have your name placed on the ballot.



Reported Happenings in Parkglen

Improvements to West Bellfort

In case you haven't heard, The City of Houston is set to start

work within the next 60 to 90 days to repave West Bellfort between Wilcrest Dr. and Kirkwood Dr. We understand that this will be a complete repaving job

with new concrete and curbs with gutters.

This is going to be a difficult six month period for Parkglen resident while this job is underway.



I Am A Plumber - What Can You Do?

My name is Mario Correa and I am not only a plumber, I am also a Volunteer

After living in Parkglen for 5 years I decided it was time to give back to my community. I am a plumber, so two years ago I started my community service by doing repairs at the Parkglen Civic Association Community Center.

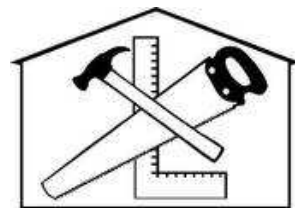
Since that time I have become a member of the Board of Directors and have been involved in several other repair/renew projects for Parkglen.

Volunteers save us money that we can then use to purchase items like the new playground swing seats, the entrance signs and the water fountains.

All of us have some talent or knowledge that could be useful to our community. With your assistance, we can make our civic center a beautiful place for recreation and a moneymaker. Presently we rent the building for \$200 for meetings and parties but the building needs paint and repairs. We could probably rent it more often if it looked

better. If we hire the repairs done we may be forced to do another special assessment to pay for it.

Did you know that, as a homeowner in Parkglen, you own 1/648 of all of the common areas here which includes the centers of the cul de sacs, the park, swimming pool, community center and soccer field? We have a lot to maintain! Even if you don't have a special trade, we need your assistance. A few hours here and there can make a big difference.



Did You Know This Was 235 Years Of Freedom!

free-dom

The condition of being free of restraints.

1. Liberty of the person from slavery, detention, or oppression.

2.

a. Political independence.

b. Exemption from the arbitrary exercise of authority in the performance of a specific action; civil liberty: *freedom of assembly*.

3. Exemption from an unpleasant or onerous condition: *freedom from want*.

4. The capacity to exercise choice; free will: *We have the freedom to do as we please all afternoon*.

5. Ease or facility of movement: *loose sports clothing, giving the wearer freedom*.

6. Frankness or boldness; lack of modesty or reserve: *the new freedom in movies and novels*.

7.

a. The right to unrestricted use; full access: *was given the freedom of their research facilities*.

b. The right of enjoying all of the privileges of membership or citizenship: *the freedom of the city*.

8. A right or the power to engage in certain actions without control or interference: *"the seductive freedoms and excesses of the picaresque form" (John W. Aldridge)*.



What Is Happening At The Swimming Pool?

Over 240 residents and their guest are enjoying the clear blue water of the pool this summer. There has been a couple of occasion where the Life guards had to call in for more help. The Life guards are to be commended for their great jobs they are doing this

summer. Parkglen is lucky to have such a great staff.

One note on the downside, on a recent Sunday evening several people were heard to be in the pool area after hours. A broking life guard stand was found on Monday morning. We would ask that any one

who lives near the pool and hears something going on after normal pool hours, to call HPD and report this as trespassing. We do not want any of our equipment damage nor do we want anyone drowning in our pool.



What to do with your Tree and Junk Waste!!!



Tree Waste



Junk Waste



In alternating months, residents may dispose of their Tree Waste, and Junk Waste at their curbside. This new method of collecting your large waste comes with the benefits of diverting materials that can be recycled from landfills, saving landfill space and your valuable tax dollars. The Tree/Junk Waste schedule changes each month from Tree Waste to Junk. Tree Waste months are January, March, May, July, September, and November. Junk Waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December. "Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted).

"Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Junk Waste may not be placed for collection during a Tree Waste Month.

A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not including brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the resident's property will be collected on your Junk Waste collection date. Please Note: Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months. However, to ensure that your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or bring it to a Neighborhood Depository.



Solid Waste Management Department

TREE WASTE SCHEDULE	
January	Tree Waste ONLY
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste ONLY
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste ONLY
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste ONLY
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste ONLY
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste ONLY
December	Junk Waste



Placement Instructions for Tree and Junk Waste!!!

Placement Instructions:

Tree/Junk Waste should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle

between the hours of 6:00 p.m. the Friday before, and 7:00 am. on the scheduled collection day.

Tree/Junk Waste material should not be stacked under low overhead electrical wires or other cabling, signs,

or mailboxes, next to fences or posts, or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, or other exposed utility

components.

Materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner which would

interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Tree/Junk Waste collection is limited to residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in

connection with the maintenance of the property.

Styrofoam blocks or loose packing material should not be mixed with Tree Waste/Junk Waste piles. Styrofoam

does not decompose. We encourage you to bring your styrofoam to the Westpark Consumer Recycling Center or your local

Neighborhood Depository. Styrofoam in peanut shape is accepted by Mailboxes, Etc. They can be reached at 713.667.5116.

The last alternative is to bag your styrofoam and put it out for your weekly garbage collection.

Basura pesada y mapa de recolección de reciclaje Instrucciones de colocación:

Los residuos arbóreos / basura pesada deben colocarse en la acera en una ubicación de fácil acceso para el vehículo

de recolección entre las 6:00 pm del viernes anterior, hasta las 7:00 am del día de recolección programada.

Los residuos arbóreos / basura pesada no deben ser apilados encima o próximos a cables eléctricos, cerca de señales

viales, buzones de correo, junto a vallas y postes, en la parte superior de medidores de agua o gas, hidrantes, o de otros



Tree Waste



Junk Waste

