



MIRA LAGOS

# Messenger



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### Committee Chairs

Chair Meetings: Bi-monthly



#### Communications

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Meetings: monthly

#### Social

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Meetings: 2nd Wednesday monthly

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Meetings: 1st Wednesday monthly

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Meetings: monthly/electronically

#### Pool and Sports

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[poolsandsports@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:poolsandsports@miralagoshoa.com)

3rd Tuesday (Apr-Sept)

**New Members welcome  
on all committees!**

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1st Tuesday monthly



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## Are you new to Mira Lagos and want to meet new folks?

If so, I am the person to come to. My name is Elissa Sherlock and I chair the Mira Lagos Welcome Committee, but along with that; I am social/active in several groups (mostly ladies!!). For you gents, there is a poker night (info in the Messenger). For ladies, we have Bun-Ko, LCR (Left, Center, Right) & a Ladies Group, The Home Girls that do just about everything from crafting to week-ends away!! Our group is all ages ~ we just want to have fun!!

If you are interested in any of these groups, feel free to contact me at [welcome@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:welcome@miralagoshoa.com).

Been in Mira Lagos for awhile and want an evening out? Then this applies to you too! The good thing is, try it and if you don't like it ~ then you can go right back to doing what keeps you happy. Ya never know tho, you may just meet that special friend. I have met several!!

Elissa Sherlock



# We Want You!

You're committed to bettering our community, so why not put that passion to work and run for a spot on the association board.

The association will soon be holding elections for board members, and we're looking for dedicated homeowners like you to help us shape and implement our governing rules, handle association finances, make important decisions that affect the entire community and much more. If you're interested in running for the board, please speak with a board member to find out more information, including responsibilities of the open positions and how to get your name on the ballot.

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## SANTA COP TOY AND FOOD DRIVE!



**Toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted throughout November and packing will be in progress 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1-Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014.**

### Donation boxes are available at the following locations:

- Station #1, 321 W. Main, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #2, 3102 Bowles, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #3, 1702 Robinson Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75051
- Station #4, 1502 Duncan Perry, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #5, 3202 S. Great Southwest, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Station #6, 602 Stonewall, Grand Prairie, TX 75051
- Station #7, Lake Parks Rescue Facility, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Station #8, 3017 Roy Orr Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #9, 315 E. Polo Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Public Safety Building, 1525 Arkansas Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- City Hall, 317 W. College St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- GP Credit Union, 209 N Center St, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Development Center, 206 W. Church St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Phat Daddy's, 3502 S. Carrier Parkway, Suite A, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Mira Lagos HOA will be taking donations December 12th 9am-2pm at the onsite office at 3025 S. Camino Lagos! Drive by or stop by for some coffee and donuts! **Santa Cop is really in need of teenager appropriate gifts (purses, wallets, hand held electronic games, makeup, hair care products, etc.).** For more information call Heath Wester at 972-237-8882 or email at [hwester@gptx.org](mailto:hwester@gptx.org).

*Mira Lagos Safety Committee is teaming up with the Santa Cop and Santa Spot programs that are collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for Grand Prairie families in need during the holidays.*



## Upcoming Events

### Santa Pictures at Prairie Lights

Date: 11/27/2015 6:00 PM

12/23/2015 10:00 PM

Location: Lynn Creek Park

5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy

Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Prairie Lights, the popular drive-through holiday light park, features 4 million dazzling lights set along 2 miles of path. Half way through the drive, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village where you will find food, gifts, Santa, the all-new indoor laser show, and the Holiday Magic Lighted Walk-Through Forest. The Grand Prairie Chamber presents photos with Santa (pictures starting at \$10). Although Prairie Lights runs November 27 through January 4, Santa is available for picture November 27 - December 23. Once back in your vehicle, the second half of the drive ends with the very animated light tunnel → the perfect finale to a night you will never forget!

Information: [www.prairielight.org](http://www.prairielight.org)

### Traders Village:

#### Holiday Market with Santa

Date: 11/28/2015 - 12/20/2015

Location: Traders Village

2602 Mayfield Rd

Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Santa is at Traders Village Grand Prairie weekends from November 28th through December 20th. Kids and families of all ages can have their photo taken with Santa for just \$5. All proceeds benefit the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Come out and enjoy the holidays, shop among the hundreds of vendors, eat, and kids can play in the Rumpus Room under the Red Expo. Information: 972-647-2331

### Wrapping 101

#### Learn to gift wrap with style

Date: 12/02/2015 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Main Library

901 Conover Dr.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Get ready for the winter holidays with great gift wrapping tips & techniques. Some paper, tape, scissors & ribbon will be available - bring your own, too!

### Holiday Tree Lighting

Date: 12/03/2015 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: City Hall

317 College St.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

For more information, call the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department at 972-237-8100.

### Farmers Market - Holiday Gift Market

Date: 12/05/2015 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Market Square

120 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Grand Prairie Farmers Market presents its annual Holiday Gift Market Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, 2015. Come out and see what GRAND finds you can get for your holiday shopping.

Grand Prairie Farmers Market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays March through December, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and more. For more information about the Grand Prairie Farmers Market, call 972-237-4599.

## Happy Holidays!



Join the ML HOA-Social Committee for its final event in 2015!

### Event: BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Time: 11am-2pm

Place: Anna May Daulton Elementary, 2607 N Grand Peninsula, Grand Prairie, TX 75054.

There's sure to be something for the young and young-at-heart this holiday season!

We'd appreciate an RSVP to ensure everyone has an opportunity to visit with Santa.

Go to NextDoor or send an e-mail to [social@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:social@miralagoshoa.com).

## Holiday Vacation Watch!



The City of Grand Prairie Police Department offers Vacation watch on your home. Log onto the City of Grand Prairies Police Department's website (<http://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/departments-g-z/police-department>) and click on the Vacation Watch Form. Your home will be checked by uniformed police officers or Citizens on Patrol when time and call load permits.

## Christmas Tree Recycling Drop Off



Recycling drop-off locations for your tree (beginning Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 -Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016) will be at:

- Charley Taylor Recreation Center – 601 E Grand Prairie Rd.
- Parkhill Park – 5100 Block of S. Robinson Rd.
- Grand Prairie Landfill – 1102 MacArthur Blvd.

Please remove all ornaments, stands and plastic bags. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow cannot be accepted for recycling. Acceptable trees will be recycled into mulch. Free mulch is available at the landfill to all Grand Prairie residents. Trees may also be left at curbside on your normal garbage collection day. However, these trees will not be recycled into mulch and will be collected as garbage. For more information, please call 972-237-4566.



Covenant Corner

## Holiday Decorations

4.25 Other (f) - All exterior holiday decorations should be removed within 30 days after the holiday to which they relate.

## Something is Hidden.

### Can you find it?

We have hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger, a HOLLY. Please email [manager@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:manager@miralagoshoa.com) in the subject line put "I FOUND IT", a random drawing, WINS! Provide page item is on, name, address and phone number in the email.

Good Luck and have fun!

If you find it there is a \$20.00 random gift card waiting for you.





The Mira Lagos Social Committee takes this opportunity to send a heart-felt “thank you” to all of the Social Committee volunteers and the HOA Management Team who donated so much of their time and energy to ensure every activity was spectacular! All of our events in 2015 had a record number in attendance and received lots of accolades from the community!

Planning is underway for 2016 and we are always open to new suggestions for activities in the neighborhood.

Our 2015 community-wide events included:  
 MARCH: Neighborhood Garage Sales  
 APRIL: Spring Fling

MAY: Luau/BBQ Cook-Off  
 Yes it was rescheduled for weather and it was great even when the mini-tsunami rolled in!  
 AUGUST: Community-Wide Back to School Sharing Event (Fill-A-Back Pack)  
 SEPTEMBER: Neighborhood Garage Sales  
 OCTOBER: Fall Festival – Vendor Fair – Classic Car Show October  
 DECEMBER: Winter Holiday Party/Brunch with Santa

Have you thought about joining the ML Social Committee? We’d LOVE to have you on our team!

The purpose of the Social Committee is to foster a cohesive community by organizing fun, interesting events for the entire community so neighbors can meet and socialize with each other. We attempt to plan at least one community-wide event quarterly and welcome new residents and teens alike...we’ll help you achieve those community service hours towards graduation!

The Social Committee functions best with an active membership of at least (10-12) people. The ideal situation is to have enough members so each can choose one or two events to be involved with during the year, rather than just a

few people being involved with everything.

The responsibilities of the committee include:

- Brainstorm ideas for HOA-sponsored social events and plan events for the year in advance
- Create an annual social committee budget with an estimated cost for each event.
  - o HOA funds can only be used for events which are all-inclusive of the community members. They may not be used for small group activities.
- Report planned events to the Communication Committee for notification to the neighborhood
- Execute planned events
- Submit a newsletter article each month to the Communication Committee
- Report activities to, and work at the direction of, the HOA Board of Directors.

If you are interested in joining the Mira Lagos Social Committee, want more information, or have questions regarding a specific event email the Social Committee at social@miralagoshoa.com. Also, be sure to check NextDoor, FB, and of course the Messenger for current information on social activities in Mira Lagos in 2016.

Mira Lagos HOA Social Committee



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# Mira Lagos Safety Committee Hosted **National Night Out**



items during the event, which lasted from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

The fire department from Fire Station #7 was on hand with their fire truck and the vintage 1939 fire truck. Fire fighters were on hand to explain all of the equipment on the trucks that help them perform their jobs. Did you know each fire truck holds 500 gallons of water for fighting fires? Also, did you know most firefighters are paramedic certified? Feel free to visit their station located on Lake Ridge Parkway at the entrance to Lynn Creek Park.

The Grand Prairie Police Department was on hand to mingle with residents and answer questions about their role in keeping our community safe. Chief Steve Dye made an appearance and

answered many questions. The Grand Prairie Citizens on Patrol program had four members in attendance to pass out safety coloring books and stickers for kids. They brought one of their five cars for residents to see. The police department also brought the drunk driving awareness vehicle - Shattered Dreams to educate residents on the dangers of drunk drivers on our roadways.

The City of Grand Prairie Code Enforcement Department Mr. James Simmons and his wife were on hand to discuss their role in keeping our community beautiful and safe.

Children and adults alike enjoyed the balloon artist and bounce houses throughout the night. McGruff the crime dog could be

found mingling around the event while residents feasted on the chicken sandwiches provided by Chick Fil A on Broad Street and the delicious ice cream creations provided by Purple Berri from Broad Street. Residents even had the opportunity from our own Grand Prairie Mayor, Ron Jensen, and City Council Members Jeff Wooldridge, Richard Fregoe and Greg Giessner.

The event provided a wonderful evening of education, fellowship, fun and food – thanks to our wonderful community and the residents that make it great.

Looking forward to next year  
Mira Lagos Residents!

~ Your Safety Committee

On October 6, the Mira Lagos Safety Committee hosted the annual National Night Out event at the Church on Rush Creek. Over 300 residents were treated to many activities and yummy food

## Grand Prairie Snap & Send!



Grand Prairie residents using the city's new "Snap and Send" app can now report issues, such as street light outages and code violations, using their smartphones. The app, currently compatible with iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, allows users to specify the location of an issue and attach a photo to send directly to city staff as well as track the status of their service requests.

Search "Snap and Send Grand Prairie TX" in the Apple App Store and download for free. The city plans to make the app available for Android users in the future.

Residents can also report issues directly through the city's website at [gptx.org/report](http://gptx.org/report) or call city offices at 972-237-8000.

# Fall Festival 2015



The weather was perfect for the 700 or more Mira Lagos residents, family, and friends who attended the 2nd Annual Mira Lagos Fall Festival held at Mary Lillard Intermediate School on October 10, 2015!

This year's Festival offered a variety of options for everyone to enjoy as kids of all ages checked out Miss Purdy's Ole Time Pictures and families waited patiently for the opportunity to ride the horse-pulled wagon. Classic car and truck enthusiasts were excited to see "true classics" on display sponsored by S&H Classic Cars, individuals who stood in line for face-painting were not disappointed as they all looked like "works of art" and several of our local vendors and crafters showcased their goods and services to all in attendance.

The afternoon was filled with laughter, music, games, food, and a pumpkin patch that provided ample opportunities for family photos and sparkle on the faces of all the children who picked the largest pumpkin they could find!

A very special "Thank You" to Stacy McGrath and her daughters Catherine and Carissa McGrath, "Muscle" Matt Urbaniak, Anita Walker and her son, Joshua Walker, Monique Paul and the Paul Crew-Xion, Kennedy, and Rheece, Shirley Coggins, Brittnee Thornton, Cecilia White, Gage Griffin...the young man who rode by on his bike to "check out the event" and stayed to help unload hundreds of pumpkins, Classic Car judges: Matt Urbaniak, Bakahri Thornton, and Reggie Arnold, and the Lake Ridge High School Key Club teen volunteers Jocelyn Gonzales, Sierra Quarzaza, Imani Quarzaza and President Vivian Brinegar for working with the Social Committee to serve hundreds of people pizza and Chic-Fil-A sandwiches! We couldn't have done it without you!!!

What a super turnout for the Fall Festival 2015!

Deirdre K Garrett  
ML HOA Social Committee



## Get Involved, Stay Informed, Do Your Part

When most of us decided to buy our home and live within our community association, the last thing that probably came to mind were the possibilities that community association living presented. After all, anytime a group of homeowners work together for a common goal, practically anything is possible. From increasing our community's aesthetic appeal and eliminating neighborhood crime, to creating a more influential voice in regional issues, the opportunities to benefit from being a part of a community association lie waiting to be seized. The possibilities are limited only by our ability to work together.

Unfortunately, without a clear understanding of how and why our community association operates, those possibilities will elude us. When we can grasp the theory that underlies our governing documents and the reasons that our Board and management company must, at times, do what they do, then we take a giant step towards realizing the potential of our community.

Our community association is no different than any other organization. In order to succeed and reach its potential, it needs the support and involvement of its members. Just think of the goals that can be achieved when we all work together for the betterment of our community. Instead of perceiving our association as an obstacle to overcome, try thinking of it a tool to help us create a more comfortable life-style. But, like any tool, we need to learn how to use it effectively before it can do any good. Get involved, stay informed and do your part. You won't be sorry!

*We are currently seeking assistance in the Communication Committee, Social Committee, Landscape Committee.  
Please email your management team at  
Manager@MiraLagosHOA.com.*

We have a  
**Pinterest**  
page check it out!





## When you are Traveling

When you're planning holiday travel, plan for the unexpected. With millions of people traveling at the same time, accidents, mistakes and traffic are all bound to happen.

So if you get stuck in a traffic jam, are involved in a fender-bender or have to wait in the airport security line, take a deep breath, relax and be patient. The happiest holiday gift you can give your loved ones is your safe arrival!

### By Car:

- Have your vehicle serviced before long trips.

- Make sure you have any maps you may need.
- Have a cellular telephone with you, if possible.
- Check on road conditions before you leave at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us).
- Don't stop in remote areas to ask directions.
- Don't advertise that you're from out-of-town by pulling over to the curb to read a road map.
- When you get out of your car, keep holiday packages and other valuables out of sight.

- Make sure you have a Vehicle Safety Kit in your car.
- Don't drink and drive and beware of intoxicated motorists.

### By Plane:

- Double-check your reservation a few weeks before your departure date.
- Make copies of your itinerary for yourself and the people you're going to visit.
- Check out current Federal Aviation Guidelines about safety, carry-on baggage and airport arrival time recommendations at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).
- When traveling with children, pets or individuals with special needs, make special arrangements with the airline and bring needed supplies.
- Dress so you can breeze through safety checkpoints without stripping down.
- Call ahead to find out gate information to save time.
- Bring contact numbers and a bag with extra clothes and personal items in case you get stranded or the airline misplaces your luggage.

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- 1 package of chocolate dessert cups
- 12 strawberries
- white sparkling Sugar Sprinkles

**Instructions**

Combine all ingredients except the chocolate cups and strawberries. Beat well on high until the Cheesecake Cream is light and fluffy.

Put the mixture into a piping bag and fill each chocolate cup up and over slightly around the rim. Place a strawberry (with the top cut off) on top of the Cheesecake Cream layer and press down slightly. Put a little Cheesecake Cream at the top for the top of the hat. Sprinkle with some white sugar sprinkles if desired. Enjoy!

Santa Hat Cheesecake Bites!  
No Bake!

**Ingredients**

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 package of Cheesecake Pudding

*Recipe by Bubbly Nature Creations  
at <http://bubblynaturecreations.com/2013/12/santa-hat-cheesecake-bites.html>*



**Looking to meet new people with your same interests and have fun doing it? Look no further, Mira Lagos has many Activity Groups to choose from.**

**Lucky River Poker Club for ML Men**  
Contact Mike Watkins, [Watkins9111@att.net](mailto:Watkins9111@att.net)

**Lucky River Poker Club for ML Women**  
Contact Lisa Watkins at [watkins9111@att.net](mailto:watkins9111@att.net)

**LCR for ML Ladies**  
Contact Elissa Sherlock, [Esherlock@me.com](mailto:Esherlock@me.com)

**Bunco for ML Ladies**  
Contact Julie Jordon, [jordanjules@gmail.com](mailto:jordanjules@gmail.com)

**Singles Group**  
[AdventurousEvents@gmail.com](mailto:AdventurousEvents@gmail.com)

**Wine Down Wednesdays**  
[Winedownwednesdays@hotmail.com](mailto:Winedownwednesdays@hotmail.com)

Have an organized group not listed?  
Please contact [communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com).

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**Take your keys**  
**Lock your car**

This is a proactive crime prevention program that was created between the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority and the Central Business District (Dallas).

As the Holidays approach, we would like to remind you that theft tends to increase during this time of year. We point this out, not to scare you, but to better prepare you to take preventative action. Happy Holidays,

Mira Lagos HOA Safety Committee

**Notary Services**



On-site manager, Stacy McGrath, is a Notary for Mira Lagos Residents needing services.

Please make an appointment at [manager@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:manager@miralagoshoa.com).



# Who to Call



- Non-emergency Police .....(972)-237-8700
- Fire Department .....(972)-237-8300
- Animal Services
- Loose animals, barking dogs ..... (972)-237-8575
- City Code Enforcement
- storing vehicles, unkempt yards .....(972)-237-8049
- .....or (972)-237-8296
  
- Oncor - Street lights out.....(888)-313-4747
- <https://www.oncorstreetlight.com>
  
- Grand Prairie Peninsula PID ..... (972)-237-8091
- Garbage and Recycling ..... (972)-237-8151
- Water Department - .....(972)-237-8200

## Considering Running for the Board?



If you're considering running for the board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

**Do I have the time?:** As a board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee

**Can I make tough decisions when it's required?:** The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

**Can I do all this and have fun, too?:** It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our picnics and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board's responsibilities, please contact the manager or a current board member.

## REPORT STREET LIGHT ISSUES



Street lights are vital to our everyday lives, lighting the way for drivers and pedestrians. Oncor has approximately 400,000 street lights in its service area, and we always appreciate your help identifying lights that are in need of repair. The sooner our Oncor teams know lights are out, the sooner we can get them fixed!

Standard repairs can take up to three weeks, but we try to get the job done in five days or less.

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# Mira Lagos Christmas Decorating Contest 2015

This year we are going to have the community vote for the best decorated house. We realize that everybody is busy with kids, work and home life so we are trying a new way to make it easy for people to vote on their favorite Christmas House!! There will be 1 winner per village and will receive a prize for Best Decorations!!












The way it will work is as follows:  
To the right you will see 1 ticket per Village.  
When you are out and about and see a home you like write down address (s).

Fill in address of your vote in your village or all villages if you choose. After you have entered your addresses on tickets below take a picture and text photo of ticket to 707-410-6666. If you are unable to take a picture and text you may also send a email with your choice to [landscape@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:landscape@miralagoshoa.com).

Votes will be accepted until the evening of December 20th. Winners will be announced when all votes are tallied and winners will be in the February Messenger.

Remember to tear page out and hang on fridge so it will be ready for voting!! If you have any questions please contact via email [landscape@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:landscape@miralagoshoa.com)

Thank you for your participation!!  
Landscape Committee

<p>CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WRITE THE ADDRESS AND TEXT TO: 707-410-6666</p>	<p> EL SENDERO Address: _____</p>	<p> SONORA Address: _____</p>
<p> ESCONDIDO Address: _____</p>	<p> LA ENSENADA Address: _____</p>	<p> CORDOVA Address: _____</p>
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<p> LA TIERRA Address: _____</p>	<p> LA MIRADO Address: _____</p>	<p>Happy Holidays!</p>

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*Wishing you and your family many blessings this Thanksgiving.*  
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## Easy Ways to Keep Your Home Safe & Cozy This Winter

- Add more insulation to your attic.
- Caulk cracks around windows and doors to eliminate drafts.
- Add weather stripping to doors and windows when winterizing.
- Cover outdoor faucets and leave water dripping in freezing weather to help prevent burst pipes. Open sink base cabinets on cold nights.
- Install outlet gaskets on outlets located on outer walls.
- Change smoke detector batteries and test smoke detectors and fire extinguishers to make sure they are operational.
- Have a professional chimney sweep come out to clean your chimney and dryer vents to keep them clean and safe.
- Make sure your gas fireplace has a c-clamp on the flue to prevent carbon monoxide from building up in your home.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

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