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Relationships based on respect, trust and effective communication are the cornerstone of our success.



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Grand Prairie TEXAS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scrooge - The Musical

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Date: 11/30/2018 - 12/02/2018 8:00 PM

Location: Uptown Theater

120 E. Main Street

Grand Prairie, Texas 75054

The Grand Prairie Arts Council presents Scrooge!, the musical. In 1970, renowned writer-composer-lyricist Leslie Bricusse adapted the classic Charles Dickens tale, A Christmas Carol, into the hit screen musical "Scrooge!" Now a charming stage musical, Scrooge! Is a sure-fire audience favorite, and a new family tradition! For more information visit: www.artsgp.org

Christmas Tree Lighting

Date: 12/06/2018 6:00 PM

Location: City Hall

317 College Street

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Have a very Prairie Christmas in downtown Grand Prairie this December. The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place at City Hall, and will include choral entertainment from students in the Grand Prairie Independent School District: elementary school ensembles, middle school carolers and high school choirs. For more information, call 972-237-8115

Snow Ho-Ho

For all ages!

Date: 12/08/2018 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Main Library

Join us for Snow Ho Ho 2018. Come do fun crafts, get your picture taken with Santa, watch holiday performances and ride the Polar Express!



Mira Lagos Annual HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, February 28th

Sign In: 6:30 pm | Meeting: 7:00 pm

Mira Lagos Clubhouse

3025 S. Camino Lagos, Grand Prairie, TX 75054

Annual HOA & PID Review | Board Member Elections

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

Please express your interest by emailing Stacy McGrath at manager@miralagoshoa.com or by phone 817-473-6787.

At FirstService Residential we have very strong values!

We strive to meet these values every day for our residents and hope you will join us in recognizing those individuals who go above and beyond in delivering great customer service.

- ▶ Have you witnessed an associate doing something great?
- ▶ Have you been exceptionally pleased with the service you have received?
- ▶ Do you want to let others know how awesome someone is?

Help us show recognition to our Star Performers. Please email your feedback to starserviceonsite@fsresidential.com. Be sure to list the Star performers' name and community. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Your HOA Management Team

Something is Hidden. Can you find it?

We have hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger, search for a light bulb. Please email 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 \$25.00 gift card.

Cream Cheese Pound Cake

- 3 sticks of butter
- 8 oz. Cream cheese
- 3 cups Sugar
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups of flour
- 1 tsp. Vanilla

Preheat oven to 325. Cream butter and cream cheese together; add sugar until fluffy. Add egg and flour alternately ending with flour. Add vanilla. Pour into greased and floured Bundt pan or 10 tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 25 minutes. Do not open oven door until the time is up to prevent falling. You may frost with cream cheese icing or sprinkle with powdered sugar.



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 or call city offices at 972-237-8000.

HIDE LOCK TAKE

What is Hide Lock Take?

**HIDE YOUR THINGS
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



LIBRARY EVENTS

Late Night at the Library: Craft and Wine

For adults 21 and over.

Date: 12/07/2018 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Main Library

901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Select Fridays, 7 p.m.

Join us for these non-traditional, after hours programs to explore new topics, have fun and make new friends. All events are 21 and older with a \$5 cash-at-door cost to enter. Registration required, please email Kristi Olabode at kolabode@gptx.org.

- December 7: Craft and Wine

Late Night at the Library - Brought to you by the Friends of the Library

Intro to 3D Design

For teens in grades 6-12.

Date: Mondays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Location: Tony Shotwell Library

2750 Graham St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Learn the basics of 3D Design using TinkerCAD, a free online 3D design program. After completing the introduction exercises, teens will be able to design a simple object to be printed with the library's Makerbot 3D printer. A valid email address is required for this program. Space is limited; registration is required. Email teenlibrarian@gptx.org to register or with questions.

Toddler Time

For toddler ages 1-3.

Date: 12/14/2018 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Location: Main Library

901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Get ready to shake, rattle and roll as your toddler dances, marches and runs their way to literacy success! This interactive discovery time gives your child the opportunity to explore their world with new friends as they begin to move about.



DECEMBER GARDEN CHORES

Planting:

- Plant pre-chilled tulip and hyacinth bulbs (late December/early January). Plant daffodil and grape hyacinth.
- Plant pansies, flowering kale and cabbage, dianthus, cyclamen, violas and other cool season annuals.
- Continue to plant shade trees, fruit trees, and evergreen shrubs.

Pruning:

- Prune evergreen trees such as magnolias, live oaks, and wax myrtles if needed.
- Re-shape evergreen shrubs if needed.

Plant Care:

- Mulch leaves from the lawn. Shred excess leaves and add to planting beds or compost pile.
- Water lawn and all other plants once every three weeks or so, if supplemental rainfall is less than one inch in a three-week period.
- Fertilize cool-season color plants early in the month. Apply root-stimulator fertilizer to all newly transplanted trees and shrubs.
- Protect pansies, tender shrubs and other plants from hard freezes by covering with lightweight landscape fabric weighed down with bricks or rocks.



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.

CLUBHOUSE/OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

November 22-26:
Onsite Offices Closed

December 22-26:
Onsite Offices Closed

December 29-31:
Onsite Offices Closed

January 1, 2019:
Onsite Offices Closed



2018 MIRA LAGOS FALL FESTIVAL

The Mira Lagos Social Committee hosted the annual Mira Lagos Fall Festival on Saturday October 20th from 12pm-2pm. The event was a huge success and the weather was perfect. Residents came out and enjoyed food, bounce houses from DFW Bounce, face painting, balloon artist, pumpkin patch, horse and carriage rides and who could forget the very tall scarecrow welcoming everyone at the club house entrance. There were so many wonderful photo opportunities. Community Entrepreneurs/Crafters were able to showcase their business or products to the community. The music provided by DJ Shon was awesome as always getting everyone to join in on the fun. Thanks to our Mira Lagos residents for making this year's Fall Festival amazing. Truly a wonderful community to be a part of. A special thanks to the onsite staff, Cynthia Prox and Matt Urbaniak, for setting up the event in a timely manner to help things run smooth. Looking forward to next year's festival!



2018 MIRA LAGOS FALL FESTIVAL





Cut Down Your Own Christmas Tree

Christmas memories are some of the best memories for many of people. The traditions that have been passed down, delicious holiday dishes served year after year and families gathered around the Christmas tree are favorite celebrations during the season.

This year perhaps make a new memory or bring the tradition back to your family and go to a Christmas Tree Farm to cut down your own tree. There are several Christmas Tree Farms near the North Texas area. Here two farms you might want to visit.

4D Christmas Tree Farm Weatherford

3900 Upper Denton Rd • Weatherford, TX 76085

(817) 313-2914

www.4dfarm.com

Saturday: 9-4

Sunday: 1-4

Take the family to 4D Farm, just 30 minutes west of Fort Worth to choose and cut your Christmas tree or select a pre-cut Frazier Fir, enjoy a tractor pulled hayride, shop in the artisan holiday market or sip hot apple cider and eat homemade holiday cookies.

Mainstay Farm

1004 W. Bethesda Rd • Cleburne, TX 76031

817-295-6772

www.mainstayfarm.com/christmasfarmadventure

Saturdays 10-5:30 and Sunday 12:30 - 5:30

Open November 27-29, and following Saturdays and Sundays through Dec 16.

Mainstay Farm, 25 miles south of Fort Worth has over 70 acres of fun activities, rides and attractions for hours of holiday entertainment. You can search the fields for your perfect Christmas tree, choose a pre-cut Christmas tree, shop in the Haymarket, take a ride on a tubing hill or roast marshmallows at the S'more Station. Your kids can also visit Santa in the barn. Tickets purchased online are available at a discount or full price purchased at the gate.

Are you familiar with what a porch pirate is?



It is a thief that targets front door packages.

It's the holiday season, so there is a higher spike of package thefts, but can happen anytime of the year... a package is delivered to your home, and someone sees the delivery truck drop off a package to your front porch, near or at your front door- the delivery driver drives off a porch pirate steals the package right off your front porch.

To detour or catch a porch pirate, increase your security by installing cameras on or around your home. There are many new technologies out there to video activity, such as a doorbell at your front door. Most of these types of devices are easy to purchase at a local store and very easy to install and easy to watch the activity from your phone.

New smart locks are available now, so the delivery driver can set the package inside your door with either an access code or your unlocking then locking from an app on your phone.

Also think about having packages delivered to your work, an Amazon locker box, a post office box, or in- store pickup.

Help a neighbor watch out for their packages. If you see something, say something.

Let's keep our community from being victims of this rising crime.

THAT STREET LIGHT IS OUT!



ONCOR Electric owns and maintains the tall street lights scattered throughout Mira Lagos. Should you observe a nonfunctional street light in need of service, please report the issue directly to ONCOR Electric for a prompt repair.

The company's website is www.oncor.com or call 1.888.313.4747.

The website is very user friendly, allowing you to input your street address and navigate with ease to the light in question. As ONCOR says, "Thanks for helping keep the lights on!"



Join us on Saturday, December 15th for the annual Candy Cane Course 5k and 10k in Grand Prairie. The Candy Cane Course is a Christmas themed race that is perfect for the whole family. The fun includes a costume contest, free kids dash, great post-race food, and plenty of fun activities and vendors! You are not going to want to miss this one.

All Candy Cane Course 5K, 10K participants will receive:

- Chip-timed run on a Garmin-certified course with live results
- Everyone's favorite custom event hoodie (must register by December 6th)
- Custom 3" finisher medal for all 5K, 10K participants
- Awards for top 3 male and female finishers in each age group (every 10 years)
- Free race pictures (with searchable bib)
- Custom race bib
- Special youth pricing for 12 and under

Race Location, Parking & Course Map:

C.P. Waggoner Park
2122 N Carrier Pkwy
Grand Prairie TX 75050

5K Course Map | 10K Course Map – coming soon!

Parking is available on site in the designated parking lots. ***All participants and spectators must be in the park before 7:45 a.m.** as the gates will be closing to through traffic in order to protect our runners. After passing the gatehouse entrance of the park, take your 1st left, then your 2nd right

Race Start Time:

The Candy Cane Course 5k & 10k will start at 8:00 A.M.

Race Packet Pickup:

Friday, December 14th from 3 to 7:30 PM
Lynn Creek Park GP Building
5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

*Packet Pickup is also available on race day at the race location from 6:45 to 7:30 AM.

Race Pricing & Registration:

Candy Cane Course 5k & 10k fees are the same

- \$31 through Oct. 21
- \$34 through Nov 25
- \$38 through Dec 13
- \$42 at packet pickup and on race day

*Virtual Race entries will have a \$5 charge for shipping.

Candy Cane Course Walk

- \$23 through Nov 25
- \$27 at packet pickup and on race day

Youth (12 & Under) – if they want a t-shirt, finisher medal, and bib. Otherwise, they can run in the kids dash for free!

- \$24 through Nov 25
- \$28 at packet pickup and on race day

Volunteers – can't run or have someone coming to cheer you on, we are always looking for help! It's rewarding and we will reward you with a free entry for helping out!

***You must register by Dec 6 to be guaranteed a shirt,** we cannot guarantee a shirt or size for registrations placed after this date.

Race Day Schedule

We aim to provide a great race experience by keeping everything organized and on time. If any adjustments need to be made we will make announcements to keep you up-to-date. Thanks for your understanding and support.

- 6:45-7:30 – Packet pickup & race day registration
- 7:40 – DJ led, fun warm up

- 7:45 – Costume contest
- 7:50 – Kids dash
- 8:00 – 5k and 10k race start

Immediately following your finish you will have live results, post race snacks, and finisher medals waiting for you!

Age Group Awards

Prizes for the Candy Cane Course will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in the 5k and 10k races. The age categories are: 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

*If your award is not picked up on race day you will be emailed with arrangements made for pick up.

Charity Partner



Our mission at Bodies Race Company is to make a positive impact in our community. We do this by providing a healthy activity for the whole family and benefiting local charities. We want everyone to have a great time and invest in their health but we are calling on our great community to help those in need by donating items to support Santa Cop.

We will be **collecting new, unwrapped toys and donations.** Please bring items to packet pickup and race day.

We are offering the community a discount of \$5 OFF when they use the coupon code "COMMUNITY"

Here's the link for December Candy Cane Race that you can post to your site and social media.

<http://bodiesracecompany.com/grandprairie/bodies-events/holiday-series/candy-cane-course/>

BODIESRACECOMPANY.COM

A TIME FOR BLESSINGS AND PEACE.

December is the month we celebrate many holidays. Whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa, or Boxing day, all days in this month are special and have meanings to so many different people in this world.

We at Mira Lagos HOA would like to take a moment to wish all a very Happy Holidays and thank all who we've been able to help and assist. We wish the very best to everyone in 2019, prayers/ thoughts to those we lost in 2018 and much gratitude to all that have touched our lives. Peace and happiness to all!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND WISHING PEACE FOR ALL!



HOA Dues will be Due January 1st!

It's that time of year again! The Mira Lagos dues are billed annually in January. It is your responsibility to pay the HOA dues on time. If you do not receive a statement, please call or stop by the onsite office for your balance information. Please note any payments received after January 30th are subject to late fees.

REMITTANCE ADDRESS

Mira Lagos Homeowners Association
C/O Firstservice Residential
P.O. Box 60200
Los Angeles, CA 90060-0220

To make your payment online go to www.clickpay.com or contact them by phone at 1-888-354-0135. For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the onsite office at 817-473-6787.

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FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
Christina Kang 817.739.7433

How To Select a Great Realtor

DO NOT blindly walk into or call a neighborhood firm and ask for an agent at random.

Ask friends and family for recommendations.

Pay attention to whether a potential agent is listening closely to what you say. Is he or she asking follow-up questions which prompt further explanation and help him or her understand exactly your needs and wants?

Give a potential agent the opportunity to educate you. A good agent should walk a customer through the buying or selling process before ever showing properties or discussing a specific transaction.

Have a good idea of what you expect from an agent and communicate those expectations. How often do you want to hear from your agent? Do you want to hold meetings at your house rather than the real estate office?

Evaluate the agent's firm and/or office. Look for a real estate organization whose agents can empower you with real estate expertise and resources and provide first-rate customer service.

Broker & State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser (# TX-1336180-R)

DECEMBER 2018 LANDSCAPE TIPS



Here are some great things to do in our landscapes in the month of December. Here's just a few of those tips:

- Put your **FREEZE PLAN** in effect
- Mulch beds for protection during winter months
- Continue to check your irrigation system monthly, and make sure you have a rain/freeze stat to shut it down when temperatures drop
- After the second freeze, if it happens this month, begin to cut back your perennials. You can mulch over them for some extra protection.
- And don't forget garden gifts for your favorite gardener during the holiday season.



Plant of the Month: Cyclamen

A common winter flower used in the landscape is the Cyclamen. It is not very winter hardy so you must consider covering in sub-freezing temperatures. It can do quite well throughout the winter except for those low temp nights. You can cover lightly with freeze cloth. It is best planted in somewhat protected areas near homes or buildings but is very colorful (reds, pinks, white, fuchsia) in shade or sun.



Ever wonder about Poinsettias?

How about a few fun facts...and myths about these beautiful Holiday plants.

- Joel Roberts Poinsett introduced the poinsettia plant to the U.S. from Mexico.
- In Mexico the poinsettia is a perennial shrub that will grow 10-15' tall.
- There are more than 100 varieties of poinsettias available today. Most noted varieties are red, white, pink and speckled.
- The showy colored parts of poinsettias are not the flowers of the plant, but instead are actually colored bracts (modified leaves).
- Poinsettias are not poisonous has some would like to believe. A study at Ohio State University showed that a 50 lb. child would have to consume more than 500 leaves to have any harmful effect... besides the taste is probably awful.
- Best to keep pets away from snacking on poinsettias as it can cause gastric distress...and all that is implied with that!
- The plant does ooze a milky sap which may cause skin reactions/ rashes, especially those with latex allergies.
- December 12th is Poinsettia Day, which marks the death of Joel Roberts Poinsett in 1851.



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. Toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted throughout November.

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
- Station #10, 2645 Grand Peninsula Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75054
- Mira Lagos Homeowners Association, 3025 S. Camino Lagos Grand Prairie, TX 75054
- 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
- Grand Prairie ISD Transportation and Maintenance Facilities, 514 Skyline Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Mira Lagos HOA will be taking the last of donations on December 1st 9am-2pm at the clubhouse 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 972-237-8882 or email at santacop@gptx.org.

GOVERNANCE/DOCUMENTS

Know the Rules

Have you checked out the HOA's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCC&Rs) lately? If not, now's a great time to brush up on the do's and don'ts of the community.

For those of you who were unaware, DCC&Rs play a crucial role in keeping the association running smoothly. DCC&Rs are legally binding rules and regulations that each homeowner agrees to when he or she purchases a unit within the association. If owners rent out their homes, it's the owner's responsibility to inform the new residents of the bylaws as well. DCC&Rs include stipulations on assessments, building design and additions, and the governance of the association. All residents need to understand these DCC&Rs so they don't unintentionally violate them; owners can be fined by the association and—in extreme cases—sued for violating the DCC&Rs. Owners are empowered when they understand the DCC&Rs and the procedures for changing or amending them when they are no longer applicable or relevant to the community.

While they may seem arbitrary, the DCC&Rs are legally enforceable. They also help ensure the association as a whole can thrive and that members are treated fairly and equally. So, don't be left in the dark—check out the association's DCC&Rs today!

Please contact the HOA office for access to the website if you do not already have access to review the all the governing documents. You may also contact the Onsite office with any questions at 817-473-6787 or admin@miralagoshoa.com.



Mira Lagos HOA Pet Tags



There are Free Mira Lagos Pet tags at the HOA office. Please see Cynthia at the HOA office to receive your tag. Each pet registered will have a unique number assigned in the event your pet gets out and is found. My dog Mia got hers and she loves all the fancy jewelry on her collar.

..... MIRA LAGOS 2018

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Spread holiday cheer by decorating in lights this year! The Landscape Committee will be making a list and checking it twice to determine who has the best light display and holiday decorations this December. Shine bright this winter during the annual Mira Lagos Holiday Lights Yard of the Month Contest!

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

by providing your address to the

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

landscape@miralagoshoa.com

BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2018

Judging begins December 15th through the 22nd.
Lights must be turned on by 6:00 p.m. daily.
Each winner will receive a gift card.



ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINE

BULLETIN #1: STORAGE BUILDINGS

Section 4.23 states: ... “Any storage building shall be built of substantially the same material and design of the house situated on the Lots and must be approved by the ACC. ...” The following criteria will be used by the ACC in consideration of any such storage buildings to be placed on Lots:

- **No building will exceed 80 square feet (e.g. 8 x 10)**
- **The building must be placed on concrete slab foundation**
- **No building will exceed 8 feet in height at the ridge line of the roof**
- **Roof pitch will be similar to that of the house**
- **Must be constructed of brick matching the house and/or cement fiber board (hardiplank)**
- **All paintable surfaces must be painted to match the trim color of the house or other colors as approved by the ACC**
- **Shingles must match that of the house**
- **Screening may be required based on visibility**
- **Placement of storage buildings are subject to ACC approval**
- **PLANS FOR ALL STORAGE BUILDINGS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO, AND APPROVED BY THE ACC PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION**

The approval or lack of approval by the ACC shall not represent authority for any required local or municipal permits that may also be required.



DIY CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

How many days to Christmas? When does Santa Claus come? When can I open presents? These are questions that children ask over and over during holiday break in anticipation of the big day. This year make your own countdown to Christmas calendar using this idea.

SHOE ORGANIZER CALENDAR

Supplies:

1. Over the door pocket shoe organizer
2. 24 Plain or colored Note Cards
3. Clothes Pins
4. Christmas candy and wrapped trinkets or small toys

This easy countdown calendar can be created fairly simply and can be displayed on a closet or hallway door. Hang the shoe organizer over a door, write the numbers 1 to 24 on the note cards and use the clothes pins to attach the note cards to each pocket. Place a Christmas candy or one wrapped toy in each pocket. Each day your child can remove the number and receive the surprise in the pocket.

<https://bit.ly/2CZsB3s>

MUFFIN TIN CALENDAR

Supplies:

1. Metal 24 muffin tin
2. Colorful Christmas paper cut into 24 circles slightly larger than the muffin cup opening
3. Marker or pen - write the numbers 1 to 24 in the center of the circle
4. Christmas candy and small toys or trinkets
5. School Glue

Place a Christmas candy, toy or trinket in each muffin cup, and glue the numbered paper circles over the muffin cup. Let your child punch through one muffin cup each day to countdown til Christmas. (School glue washes off the muffin tin easily.)

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HOLIDAY BOOKS CALENDAR

Quickly becoming a Christmas tradition is collecting 24 holiday books to use as a countdown to Christmas. Wrap your favorite short story holiday books in Christmas wrapping paper. Let your kids unwrap a book and family members can take turns reading aloud each day until Christmas day. 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas', 'The Polar Express', and the 'Night before Christmas' are a few holiday book suggestions to collect or borrow from your local library for a Holiday Book Calendar.

Garbage & Recycling

Pick-Up Schedules

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

If one of these holidays falls on your garbage or recycling collection days there will be no makeup collection for the holiday. Please set out your garbage and/or recycling on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

| AREA 5 | | |
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| Zone 9: South of Joe Pool Lake Dam | Garbage: Mon & Thu Recycling: Mon | No change |

For questions on the garbage and recycling routes, call 817-261-8812.

Garbage and Recycling Collection Info

The City of Grand Prairie provides garbage collection to each residence twice a week. Recycling collection is on one of your regular garbage days. Separate trucks pick up garbage and recycling.

All garbage and recycling must be set out by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day but no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before your collection day. Notify Code Compliance if violating with snap.

Garbage Collection:

Use any color plastic bag for garbage except blue or red (blue bags are used for recyclables only and will not be collected if they contain trash).

Do not put garbage in trash cans or any container except plastic bags. Containers will be taken with garbage.

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Holiday Brunch with Santa

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The Mira Lagos Social Committee cordially invites you to attend the "Holiday Brunch with Santa" on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Mira Lagos Club House.

Come with your family and meet some of your neighbors or just catch up with those you haven't seen in a while! Children of all ages will have an opportunity to visit with Santa, have their face painted, enjoy great door prizes and listen to fantastic holiday music by one of our local DJ Shon. Everyone will be wrapped up in the spirit of the holidays with the delicious brunch and festivities we have planned. Be sure to bring your own cameras to take photos with Santa so that you can capture all of these wonderful moments with your family! This is the last event of the year and you are not going to want to miss it!

Happy Holidays Mira Lagos