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# Do You Like Mira Lagos HOA On Facebook?

The number of likes on our neighborhood Facebook page is growing! On our page you will find information to enhance your knowledge of the community.



[facebook.com/miralagoshoa](https://facebook.com/miralagoshoa)  
Like your page today!

*The MiraLagosHOA Facebook page is managed by the Communications Committee and is just for fun! A volunteer will reply to comments when appropriate, but customer service is not provided through the page. If you need homeowner assistance, please contact FirstService Residential Management directly. Association Contact Information is on page 2.*



## Love the Messenger? Want to be in the Messenger?

### IDEAS/SUBMISSIONS/PHOTOS

Submit your feedback, ideas, clubs, and photos for consideration to the Communications Committee.  
[communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com)

### PLACE A BUSINESS AD

Reach homeowners with Community News Connection.  
[info@communitynewsconnection.com](mailto:info@communitynewsconnection.com)  
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March 2 ..... April 2022 issue  
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April 27 ..... June 2022 issue



## Association Contact Information

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**Mail Payments to:**  
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P.O. Box 30343  
Tampa, FL 33630-3343

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



## Committee Chairs Chair Meetings: Bi-monthly



### Communications

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### Pool and Sports

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### Safety

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Meetings: 1st Tuesday monthly

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### New Members welcome on all committees!

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## Texas Primary Election March 1, 2022

**Early Voting**  
Monday, Feb. 14 - Friday, Feb. 25

[votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov)



## Something Hidden

Can you find the leprechaun's hat hidden in this issue? When you do, email [manager@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:manager@miralagoshoa.com) to be entered into a random drawing to win a \$25 gift card and have your photo featured in the Messenger.

Put "I FOUND IT" in the subject line of your email and provide the page number the image is on, with your name, address, and phone number.

**Thank you reading your Mira Lagos Messenger magazine!**

## I FOUND IT!



Our Something Hidden winner for February is Brandy Bailey of El Sendero Village. The heart was found on page 12.



Congratulations to **Lena Do of La Pradera** for finding our hidden picture in December!



Feeling the love! Thank you for reading the Messenger.



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# ANNUAL MEETING

The Mira Lagos HOA Annual Meeting agenda, newly elected board members and approved 2021 minutes from the February 24, 2022 meeting will be available to Association Members upon request to [manager@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:manager@miralagoshoa.com) or by logging into your FirstService Residential customer portal.

<https://MiraLagos.connectresident.com>



## WEED PREVENTION

Mira Lagos governing documents call for each lot to always be maintained in an attractive and healthy manner. Please take time now to evaluate the condition of your landscaping.

- Replace dead or missing trees, bushes, and plants.
- Remove weeds from your lawn, flowerbeds, and tree rings.
- Treat your lawn for weed prevention and growth.
- Mow and edge your lot on regular intervals.

If you are not sure how to achieve the best results, consult a landscaping professional. Thank you to all residents who continue to maintain their property according to Mira Lagos standards in all seasons! Quality landscaping is just a part of what makes Mira Lagos a beautiful place to call home.

## SPRING BREAK OUT WORD SEARCH

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| BEACH      | RELAX     |
| BICYCLING  | ROAD TRIP |
| CAMPGROUND | SOCCER    |
| CARAVAN    | STATE     |
| FISHING    | PARKS     |
| FREEDOM    | SUNSHINE  |
| FRIENDSHIP | TENNIS    |
| GOLF       | TRAVEL    |
| HIKING     | VACATION  |
| JETSETTER  |           |

ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 15.



[mansfieldisd.org](http://mansfieldisd.org)

March 14: Student Holiday & SDCE Day

March 15-18: Spring Break

#WeAreMISD | Calendar subject to change.

# CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

www.gptx.org

## Farmers Market

**March 5 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Farmers Market  
120 W. Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market is open every Saturday, March 5 - December 10, 2022!

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

**March 5 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

City Hall  
300 West Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050  
Register online or by phone at 972-237-8055.

## Free Electronics Recycling

**March 5 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

City Hall  
300 West Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050  
Register online or by phone at 972-237-8159.

This is free to Grand Prairie residents (and electronics generated from their homes). Space is limited. Registration required. Commercial business electronics not accepted. If you are unable to select a time during online registration, then all time slots have been filled. Please register for another event date.

## Public Meetings

March 1	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
March 7	6:00 PM	Building Advisory & Appeals Board Meeting
March 14	6:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
March 15	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
March 15	6:30 PM	Peninsula PID Board Meeting
March 21	6:30 PM	Zoning Board of Adjustments & Appeals Public Hearing
March 23	6:30 PM	Parks Board Meeting
March 28	6:00 PM	Library Board Meeting
March 28	6:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

*Details apply. Public meeting locations vary.  
All events subject to change. Confirm status before attending.*



## Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse Rental Information

\$500 Deposit (refundable)

\$50/hour, minimum 2 hours

**\$75 Cleaning Fee (no exceptions)**

Capacity 150. Tables and chairs included in the rental.  
Patio and courtyard area included in rental.

### If Alcohol will be present:

\$65/hour\* additional security required

\*Security cost may vary depending on availability.

Grand Prairie Police Officer required  
(arranged by HOA staff)

TABC licensed bartender required  
(arranged by homeowner)

### NO HOLIDAY BOOKINGS!

Information: [admin@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:admin@miralagoshoa.com)  
Reservations: [reservations@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:reservations@miralagoshoa.com)  
Additional details apply.



## Spring Decor

Spring is near and our decorations should reflect the time of year. Please keep seasonal decorations current.  
Thank you!



# RESIDENT RUN CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

*For Homeowners by Homeowners*

## BOOK CLUB

Host: **Marlow McGuire**  
Email: [miralagosbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:miralagosbookclub@gmail.com)  
Group: [facebook.com/groups/miralagosbookclub](https://facebook.com/groups/miralagosbookclub)

Are you looking for an engaging group of your neighbors that is excited about reviewing books on the subject of leadership? We are committed to learning and growing through healthy and respectable dialogue. This is the book club for you!

## GRAND LAGOS CORVETTE CLUB

Host: **Reginald English**  
Contact: [ereginald90@yahoo.com](mailto:ereginald90@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 214-336-1283

Do you own a Corvette and like to show it off? Would you like to meet new people? Do you like giving back to your community? If you answered "YES" to these questions, then we're looking for you! The Grand Lagos Corvette Club is made up of Grand Peninsula and Mira Lagos residents who own a Corvette. Call or email Reginald to join us!

## MEN'S FRATERNITY

Host: **Alex Marques**  
Email: [ctasr@yahoo.com](mailto:ctasr@yahoo.com)

This group is for men from the neighborhood. Together we'll go over 33 The Series to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. Practical insights. Biblical principles.

## MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Host: **Lanh Phan**  
Email: [miralagosmulticulturalclub@gmail.com](mailto:miralagosmulticulturalclub@gmail.com)  
Group: [facebook.com/groups/miralagosmulticulturalclub](https://facebook.com/groups/miralagosmulticulturalclub)

Do you live in a culturally diverse community? Absolutely! The goal of this club is to promote awareness, cultivate inclusiveness and mutual respect of multicultural diversity. Join us today so we can embrace and celebrate our differences.

## NETWORKING CLUB

Host: **Marlow McGuire**  
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Group: [facebook.com/groups/miralagosnetworkingclub](https://facebook.com/groups/miralagosnetworkingclub)

Are you looking for an engaging group of your neighbors that is excited about networking? We are committed to thriving together. This is the club for you!

## YOUR CLUB HERE

Email the Communications Committee at [communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com) to list your neighborhood club in the next Mira Lagos Messenger.

*Clubs are initiated and hosted by residents. The Homeowners Association does not endorse any resident club or activity and does not endorse products, services or postings by such groups. Dates, times, locations and other details may change. Contact the host for details.*



## CAPTURE MIRA LAGOS

*Your photography could be featured in the Messenger!*

We want to see the beauty of Mira Lagos through your eyes! We have stunning sunsets, amazing wildlife, and magnificent backdrops for community activities. Submit your best photo of the most beautiful natural settings in the neighborhood.

Capture the moment then email [communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com). Include the photographer's full name and address along with a photo caption and a description of the location featured in the photo.



# Cowboys of Color Rodeo

On MLK Day (January 17th) the Mira Lagos Pool and Sports Committee organized a great event! Thanks to everyone who attended the **Cowboys of Color Rodeo** in Fort Worth.

See Pool and Sports Committee Activities in What's Happening for future events and activities. Please send an email to [poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com) and you will be added to our group for more information.



# YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



Bass Class  
(March 5)

Spring Fling  
(April 9)

Mom+ Son  
Event  
(May 7)



RED, WHITE,  
& POOL PARTY  
(JUNE 25)

Movie Night  
(July 9)

Jazz Night  
(September 17)

Fall Fest  
October 22

Veteran's Brunch  
(November 5)

Holiday Fest  
(December 3)



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after  
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*Thank You!*





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities



## UPCOMING HOA EVENTS

March 5 | **Bass Class**

March 26 | **Spring Community-Wide Garage Sale Day**

March 26 | **Community Blood Drive**

April 9 | **Spring Fling**

May 7 | **Mom & Son Event**

May - August | **Yard of the Month Contest**

June 25 | **Red, White & Pool Party**

July 9 | **Movie Night**

September 17 | **Jazz Night**

September 24 | **Fall Community-Wide Garage Sale Day**

October 22 | **Fall Fest**

October 23 - 30 | **Halloween Decorating Contest**

November 5 | **Veteran's Brunch**

December 3 | **Holiday Fest**

December 18 - 25 | **Christmas Lights Decorating Contest**



## COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, March 26**

Yard Sale. Rummage Sale. Jumble Sale. Whatever you call selling stuff you don't want any more from the convenience of your own lawn or driveway - we're doing that!

Garage sales will be permitted within the Mira Lagos HOA on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the weekend of Saturday, March 26, 2022. The city of Grand Prairie allows two garage sales per residence annually. Residents of Mira Lagos HOA may host sales only on the spring and fall dates selected by the HOA.

Participating in the community garage sale is as easy as 1, 2, and 3!



1. **Apply online for a free permit** from the City of Grand Prairie. When you apply online, a permit number will be generated.
2. **Print your permit and permit numbers** to have and adhere to signs (limit 3) you place.
3. **Get ready to sell!** Clean out your garage, closets, cupboards and drawers and make some cash!

Garage sale signs will be positioned in common areas by the HOA. You may place up to three (3) signs in the ground to help direct traffic to your address.

- **Please do not post signs to any black street poles or lamps.**
- **Please do remove all of your signs when your garage sale is over.**

Participating residents who provide their permit number and address by March 21st will be included on the neighborhood flier. Email [social@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:social@miralagoshoa.com) or call the office at 817-473-6787 to be included.

For a **free permit** or **city garage sale map**, go to [gptx.org](https://gptx.org) and enter "Garage Sale" in the search bar. This event is subject to change and/or cancellation.

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 Tag your Twitter and Facebook Garage Sale posts  
 @MiraLagosHOA #MLGarageSale

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities



**EXPERIENCED ANGLERS INVITED**

## JUNIOR BASS CLASS

**AGES 10-18**

March 5, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse  
3025 S. Camino Lagos

Don't miss this FREE 6-hour bass fishing seminar! Students will receive lessons on rod, reel, and line equipment, plastic baits, hard baits, seasonal patterns, and weather conditions. A mini expo of bass boats will be displayed on site. Each student will receive a lure box at the conclusion of the seminar. Some lucky junior anglers will be entered into a drawing to take home a brand-new rod and reel combo!



8:30 - 9:00  
Check-in & Free Breakfast!  
9:00 - 12:00  
Student Seminar  
12:00 - 1:00  
Break for Free Lunch  
1:00 - 3:00  
Student Seminar

**REGISTER BY EMAIL**

Darryl E. WilliamsLawofficer2004@yahoo.com

**INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT**

(210) 573-2949

One parent may attend per student, but classroom seating is reserved for students. This opportunity is open to a limit of 50 kids, age 10-18, who bass fish.



**Saturday, April 9  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Clubhouse**

Join neighbors for an egg-stravaganza of spring festivities!

egg hunt 12:00 PM  
music • food • games  
Easter bunny  
face painters  
game truck



## Mobile Blood Drive

Mira Lagos Clubhouse

**Saturday, March 26**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Carter BloodCare



Walk-ins welcome. A reservation link will be provided in the Mira Lagos eNews and the @MiraLagosHOA Facebook page when available.

All events are for Mira Lagos HOA Members only. Events are subject to change.

Updates may be found in your homeowner eNews and on the Mira Lagos HOA Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MiraLagosHOA](http://www.facebook.com/MiraLagosHOA).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities



## fitness CLASSES

Join neighbors for fitness and fun at these Mira Lagos Members only classes at the Clubhouse. Your Mira Lagos HOA Photo ID Access Card is required upon arrival.

**Yoga - Twice Monthly**  
**1st & 3rd Mondays | 6:30 PM**  
[schedulicity.com/scheduling/CYBDEW](https://schedulicity.com/scheduling/CYBDEW)

Reservations required. Reservations, cancellations, and questions are accepted by the instructor via Schedulicity. If you can't make it, please login to cancel to make space for someone else.

**Zumba - Weekly**  
**Tuesdays\* & Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Bring only what you need: water, a towel, and your enthusiasm! Waiver required for first time participants upon arrival. \*No class March 1.

*Class sizes limited. Details subject to change. Guest restrictions apply.*



## Pool and Sports Activities

Alex Marques, Pool and Sports Committee Chair  
[poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com)



**Pickle Run - YOU RUN AND WE PAY**  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**Mansfield, Texas**

Pool and Sports is offering a chance to our residents to participate in the **Pickle Run** on **Saturday, March 19th** at **discounted prices**. Pay only \$10 for any race (kids fun run, 5k or 10K) and **we pay the rest**. If you are interested, please go to the HOA office till **March 5th** and **make your registration** then bring the family for a great time!

More Information  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Mansfield/PickleRun>



**Social Bowling Event**  
**Wednesday, March 30 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
**Alley Cats Arlington**

Are you a great bowler or do you want to have a good time? Bing your family to bowl for \$10 dollars in a **family-oriented environment** with pizza and drinks included.

**Contact us ASAP** so we can have the correct number of lanes reserved.

*All events are for Mira Lagos HOA Members only. Events are subject to change.*



GroupMe



Facebook

**Join the Mira Lagos Pool & Sports Committee virtual groups for a faster way to communicate!**



## How to keep bugs away from your **FLOWERS AND HERBS**

Here's just a few plants which insects will typically avoid as the essential oils of these particular plants are a natural pest repellent.

### BASIL

Houseflies, Mosquitos, Thrips



### BAY LEAVES

Flies

### CATNIP

Ants, aphids, flea beetles, Japanese Beetles, Mosquitos, squash bugs, weevils

### CHIVES

Aphids, Carrot Rust Flies, Japanese Beetles

### CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Ants, Bedbugs, Fleas, Japanese Beetles, Lice, Roaches, Silverfish, Ticks

### CITRONELLA

Mosquitos

### DAHLIAS

Nematodes



### DILL

Aphids, Cabbage Loopers, Spider Mites, Squash bugs

### FENNEL

Aphids, Slugs, Snails

### LAVENDER

Fleas, Flies and Mosquitos, Moths

### LEMONGRASS

Mosquitos

### NASTURTIUMS

Aphids, Cucumber Beetles, Squash Bugs, Whiteflies

### MARIGOLD

Aphids, Aphids

### PARSLEY

Asparagus Beetles

### PEPPERMINT

Ants, Mosquitos, Spiders

### PETUNIAS

Aphids, Asparagus beetles, Leafhoppers, Tomato Hornworms



### ROSEMARY

Fleas, Ticks

# EXTERIOR CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE



Many people enjoy the warmth and coziness of their fireplace during cold winters, however most homeowners seldom think of maintaining the exterior masonry/brick and mortar of their chimneys. If your chimney is constructed of masonry, you need to have your chimney inspected for cracks, spalling bricks and crumbling mortar. Cracked chimneys, spalling bricks or crumbling mortar can lead to water damage and high repair costs.

Deterioration by constant and direct exposure to weather, penetrating rain, freezing and thawing temperatures can be potential chimney safety hazards as well as can create cracks and leaks leading to expensive repairs. Masonry materials absorb water as they are porous. Waterproofing products have been developed for keeping chimney masonry from allowing water to enter bricks and mortar on the outside of the chimney. Paint or sealers should not be used on chimneys as they trap water vapors and moisture inside causing more damage.

Regular chimney maintenance is crucial to preventing damage and deterioration to your chimney. A professional chimney sweep is recommended and is always the best option for extending the life of your chimney.





**COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Many of our communities have committee involvement, which greatly contributes to their sense of neighborhood. If you are not already involved in the community and would like to be, please complete the form and return it to **3025 S. Camino Lagos, Grand Prairie, TX 75054** or the respected committee email address. A committee chair in your community will contact you.

I would like to volunteer on the following committee(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pool & Sports Committee:** The pool and sports committee develop pool and sport activities and assists with monitoring community pools. This committee organizes pool and other sports functions. **Email:** [poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Social Committee:** This committee develops social programs and functions responsive to the needs of the community and sets up recreation programs for all interests and age groups. Get to know your new neighbors and make them feel at home in “your” community. Find out what interests they have and what they want to do to get involved in the community association. **Email:** [social@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:social@miralagoshoa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Landscape Committee:** A landscape committee will help select seasonal color changes, contribute ideas for long and short-term landscape improvements and host yard of the month throughout the summer months. **Email:** [landscape@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:landscape@miralagoshoa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Safety Committee:** The function of this committee is to organize a neighborhood crime watch and to inform the neighborhood of any criminal activity in the area. This committee host first aid, CPR and self-defense events. **Email:** [safety@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:safety@miralagoshoa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Welcome Committee:** The welcome committee is just that here to welcome new homeowners into the neighborhood. Be the first to welcome new people as they move in. A welcome reception is given quarterly as a meet and greet. [welcome@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:welcome@miralagoshoa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Communication Committee:** The goal of the Communications Committee is to keep Members of the association informed! If you have skill as a writer, editor, photographer, or reporter and want to contribute articles, take photos or be an editor - we need you! Help to share useful information and community news with homeowners in the Mira Lagos Messenger magazine, the eNews newsletter and social media. **Email:** [communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com)

I have a \_\_\_\_\_ considerable \_\_\_\_\_ moderate \_\_\_\_\_ small amount of time to devote.

The most convenient time for me is \_\_\_\_\_ weekend’s \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_ evenings \_\_\_\_\_ whenever needed.

**Suggestions/Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# DO YOUR TREES HAVE ROOT PROBLEMS?

Have you noticed a decline in the health of one or more of your trees? Yellowing or curling leaves, branches dropping off? Your first response might be to look up however looking down at the roots might actually be the right response. Trees are a valuable and important investment to the curb appeal of your home and community, to shading your home keeping utility costs down as well as to the health of the environment. Maintaining the overall condition of your trees might begin at the roots.



## GIRDLING ROOTS CAN MEAN A DEATH SENTENCE FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL TREES...

but you might not even notice them, or know what they are. Girdling roots are caused when a root begins to circle and coil around the base of the tree trunk. Over time, as the root continues to enlarge, they inhibit proper trunk growth and the proper transfer of water and nutrients up into the tree. Girdling roots can occur in both container-grown and ball-and-burlap trees that have been left in their container or burlap bag too long. The roots don't have anywhere else to go but around and around essentially strangling the tree! Girdling roots can also be caused by failing to remove the wire from the root ball before planting, or from planting the tree too deep, or especially allowing too much soil to pile up around the base of the tree, or by allowing dense ground cover to grow around

the base of the tree which is what we see a lot of in our area landscaping.

When a tree's root flare is covered up with soil, oxygen is limited, and roots may grow around the trunk under the excess soil. Roots below the soil could be weakened, compressed, diseased or grown through/around and wrapped up in a soaker or sprinkler system. To the average homeowner, roots are seldom considered when maintaining trees. It is a good idea to seek the professional opinion and consultation of an experienced arborist to look at your trees and root system.



There are a few signs to look for which can indicate your tree roots might be in trouble. First, is the canopy of your tree changing or one side looking more affected than the other? Second, does your tree lean? Third, have you noticed broken, dying or rotting roots? And finally, do you see fungal conks or mushrooms growing near the base of your tree? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your tree needs help from an arborist.



It is recommended that your trees be inspected yearly by an arborist in order to save your trees, properly diagnosis treatment or perhaps remove any unsafe damaged trees ultimately saving you money. Healthy tree roots stabilize and sustain your valuable trees.

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Your five family favorites could be featured in the Messenger!

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Share fun facts and a family photo. Introduce yourself in under 75 words by providing short answers to five (5) of our suggested topics. Email [communications@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:communications@miralagoshoa.com) and include your full name, address, family name or names of family members, a quality photo, and length of time you have lived in Mira Lagos HOA.

- Favorite Restaurant
- Date Night
- Movie
- Family Vacation
- Grand Prairie Event
- Mira Lagos HOA Event
- Cherished Possession
- Most Grateful for
- Thing To Do as a Family
- Accomplishment
- Way to Wind Down
- Fun Facts
- Pets
- Hobby/Interests

## Homeowner's Responsibilities

Read and comply with governing documents.

Maintain your property according to established standards.

Vote in community elections.

Pay association assessments and charges on time.

Request and obtain approval prior to making changes, additions or modifications to your property.

Provide current contact information to association leaders and managers to help ensure you receive information from the community.

Ensure those who reside on your property (e.g., tenants, relatives, friends) adhere to all rules and regulations.

### WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

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## Mira Lagos Homeowners Association - ACC Property Modification Approval Request Form

Mail, email or drop off this request, along with all supporting documents, drawings, photographs, etc. to:  
 Mira Lagos HOA  
 3025 S. Camino Lagos  
 Grand Prairie, Texas 75054  
[ACCRequest@MiraLagosHOA.com](mailto:ACCRequest@MiraLagosHOA.com)

As each of us bought our property in Mira Lagos, we agreed by our signatures to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (a.k.a. CCRs or Deed Restrictions, found online at <https://miralagos.connectresident.com/>).

The Deed Restrictions protect our property values by keeping Mira Lagos a highly desirable place to live. ACC (Architectural Control Committee) approval must be obtained prior to the start of your project. **The ACC approval process could take up to 45 days as allowed in the CCRs.** To avoid delay, make your request as complete as possible and type or print legibly. Incomplete requests will be returned for additional information. Incorrect information or changes made after approval invalidates approval. The ACC tries to assure that all changes to our properties conform to the appropriate Deed Restrictions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### 1. ABOUT THE RESIDENT(S)

<i>Name(s)</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	
<i>Phone</i>	<i>Best time to call:</i>

### 2. ABOUT THE PROJECT (Note: Projects should be consistent with home)

<i>Proposed start date</i>	<i>Proposed completion date</i>
<i>Describe the nature of the project (attach pages as necessary)</i>	
<i>Location (attach sketch/drawing)</i>	
<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Distance from fences and easements</i>
<i>Colors</i>	<i>Shape/ dimensions of completed structure</i>
<i>Materials</i>	
<i>Builder</i>	

**IMPORTANT:** Include plan view and elevation drawings (to scale) plus any other supporting documents indicating project's location and its relationship to property lines, neighbors, construction, easements, etc.

### 3. ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS

YES	NO	N/A	
			I/We have read the appropriate Deed Restrictions
			I/We have obtained a Grand Prairie building permit (attach copy) <b>City approval does not supersede deed restrictions.</b>
			This project will require a fence removal (if yes, inform Association Manager)
			Completed project will be visible from the street
<b>Check any that apply:</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Corner lot <input type="checkbox"/> Iron park fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Project already started

<i>Homeowner's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Signature constitutes permission for ACC members to inspect property and agreement to abide by ACC's decision.

**Please note: The ACC process could take up to 45 days**

**STOP!** Your application will be considered incomplete if the following information is not included in your submission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all necessary information has been submitted.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signed and dated application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Survey or Plot Plan showing location of project</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current photos of project area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any additional information to assist with the project review (internet pictures, architect plans, brochures, drawings, etc.)</li> </ul> |
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