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on all committees!**

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As a nonprofit hunger relief organization, we distribute donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of more than 340 Food Assistance Partners in 13 counties. Every day, we support the nutritional needs of children, families and seniors through education, advocacy and strategic partnerships.



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4500 S. Cockrell Hill Road
Dallas, TX 75236-2028
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Regular Fertilization is Your Best Bet for a Perfect Lawn

Texas summers can be brutal. Your grass takes a beating but with proper care, can stay thick and green all season long. The key is regular fertilization with specific nutrients to encourage growth, pest and weed resistance, and efficient water retention.

Below is the recommended schedule, approximately every 6-8 weeks:

- Round 1 (March): Apply Pre-Emergent
- Round 2 (May): Establish yard
- Round 3 (June): Maintenance of yard
- Round 4 (July): Strengthen yard
- Round 5 (Sept): Apply Post-Emergent
- Round 6 (as required): Grub treatment

There is a sweet spot when it comes to when to water your lawn. Grass should be watered early in the morning, between 5 am and 10 am. Watering during the hot afternoon hours result in high evaporation rates, wasting water. Watering too early in the morning can promote root rot and diseases.

-Ideal Partners



Looking for a Girl's Night Out?

Come join our LCR (Left, Center, Right) Game and/or BunKo. Meet some new friends, share some good laughs and possibly win a game! Its fun, brainless and a great release from every day life.

LCR is the first Monday of the month.

BunKo is the 2nd Monday.

There is no commitment to attend every month. If you're interested, send an email requesting to be added to the Evite to esherlock@me.com. Include your name and email address.

Hope to see you there.

Elissa Sherlock, Coordinator

How to make a Wreath



Instructions

Cut the ribbon into 4-inch-long pieces. A wreath this size will require about 360 pieces, depending on the fullness that you want to achieve. Form a loopy circle with each piece of ribbon, overlapping the ends. Place a straight

pin through the ribbon, from the inside out, to hold the ends together. Continue doing this with every piece of ribbon.

Attach the ribbon loops to the wreath by pushing the pins into the polystyrene form. Push the pins all the way in, pressing the ribbon firmly against the wreath. Arrange the loops close together to hide the polystyrene beneath. Continue until the wreath is full. Attach a ribbon loop to the back of the wreath using the pin and hot glue gun. Use this loop to hang it.

Tips: Use different colors, textures or patterns of ribbon on the wreath to add contrast.

Read Your Own Water Meter

By: Pam Downs



If high water bills are getting you down, it is a great time to learn to read your own meter. Your water meter is usually located near the street or sidewalk in front of your house. Some water meter boxes require a key to open, which you can buy from any local hardware or improvement store. If you are not sure what key you need, just take a picture of your water meter cover and take it to the store with you.

In Grand Prairie your water is measured by TGAL (thousand gallons). Your water system is always under pressure. When you turn on a spigot, water already in the pipe flows out, and an equivalent amount of water flows from the city water pipes through your meter. As the water flows through the meter the dials on your water meter turn, much like the odometer on your car. Your water meter has a 7 digit dial, and a sweep hand that turns as water flows through it, and a small red circle that detects low water flow (leaks).

1. Check your water bill to determine the date of the last time that your meter was read by the city. Take note of the last reading on the bill.
2. Approximately 30 days from the last reading, take a picture of the meter or write down the information on a piece of paper at a time when no water is running in your house. The meter should be completely still.
3. To get your usage, subtract the previous reading from the current reading. In Grand Prairie they round down to the "thousand gallon" digit. They drop the last 3 digits, so there is anywhere from 1 to

999 gallons that won't be billed until the thousand gallon dial turns.

4. Visit the Grand Prairie Water Rates page: www.gptx.org/index.aspx?page=473 to figure out the amount you will be charged. Every month you are charged a meter charge for both water and waste water in addition to the water that you actually used. Your waste water is determined by your WMA (winter month average). Your bill also includes storm water drainage and trash and recycling. Each charge is itemized on your bill.

If all of the water on your property is turned off, but the sweep hand is moving and/or the leak detector dial is spinning, you have a leak. If you have a very slow leak, you may not see it move. Take a picture of where the dial is at, and wait 30 minutes to an hour to see if the sweep hand moves slightly. If you suspect a leak, you can then take steps to isolate it. Check for sprinkler system leaks, running toilets, and dripping faucets

To verify the accuracy of your water meter, fill up a 5 gallon bucket with water and verify that the meter only advances 5 gallons. To figure out where you can conserve water, start looking at your meter every time you do laundry, or shower, or use substantial water. Once you see how much you are using, you can figure out ways to conserve.



What's Happening



Upcoming HOA Events

- March 8th – Welcome Reception
- April 11th – Garage Sale
- April 18th – Trash off – Mira Lagos
- April 23rd – Women's Self Defense Class
- April 25th – Spring Fling
- May 16th – Pools open
- May 16th – Luau and BBQ contest
- June 6th – Pool and Lake Safety
- July 5th through August 8th – Adopt a school community sharing event
- July – TBD – CPR Class
- August – TBD – First Aid Class
- August 8th – Family day at the pool/ Movie Night
- Aug 9th – Welcome Reception
- September 26th – Garage Sale
- October 10th – Fall Festival and Craft show
- Dec 5th – Holiday Celebration

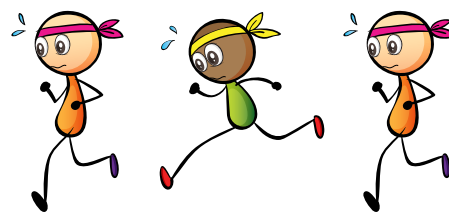
City of Grand Prairie Itty Bitty Triathlon

Children ages 3-5 are welcome to participate on Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road.

The course, for children ages 3-5, includes a walk through the sprinkles, a bike ride (or tricycle), and a run to the finish line where they will receive a medal and official Itty Bitty Triathlon T-shirt.

- **Pre-registration required. Call 972-264-6890.**
- **Must bring own bike/tricycle and helmet.**
- **No parents allowed on course.**
- **Children will be guided through course by staff.**

For more information, call the Charley Taylor Recreation Center at 972-264-6890.



Spring Break Camp



Campers ages 6-12 years old will participate in fun field trips, games, and arts and crafts March 9-13, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road; Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.; or Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St. Each camper must bring a lunch, but snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon. Cost for the camp is \$16 per child per day. Space is limited, so register now! For more information, call: Charley Taylor -972-264-6890 Dalworth - 972-237-4760 Shotwell - 972-237-7529

www.gptx.org

Farmers Market

Farmers Market at Market Square, 120 W. Main St., in downtown Grand Prairie, Texas, is open Saturdays from March 28, through mid-December and features locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more. For more information about the Grand Prairie Farmers Market, call 972-237-4599.





What's Happening



Mark Your Calendar to Slip & Slide



On June 6th, come celebrate Fort Worth's birthday as you slip & slide your way down the Paddock Viaduct Bridge on North Main Street on a 2,000 foot water slide brought to you by Slide the City during Panther Fest.

The mega-slide, longer than 3 football fields will be set up on the Paddock Viaduct Bridge along North Main in Fort Worth.

There will be 3 different wristband packages available, starting with the Single Slide for as little as \$15.

You can also get the Triple Slider or the VIP Slider Package, which starts at \$50 and includes unlimited water-sliding.

Slide the City has held similar events in Salt Lake City, where the company is based, and has slide events planned all summer long across the country.

Organizers say early registration for Slide The City will open soon. Tickets sell out quickly.

Go to <http://pantherfest.com/> for more info.

You are invited to a

Welcome Reception

**Sunday, March 8th, 2015
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
First Texas Model
2859 England Pkwy.
Grand Prairie, TX 75054**

We want to meet our newest neighbors! If you moved to the Mira Lagos community within the last year and have not already attended a Welcome Reception, please join us at this reception, being held in your honor. Your entire household is welcome. Refreshments, prizes and more!!!

Any questions contact our Welcome Chair, Elissa Sherlock at welcome@miralagoshoa.com or call the HOA office at (817) 473-6787.



Something is Hidden. Can you find it?



We have hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger, a CLOVER. 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 \$20.00 random gift card
waiting for you.**

We have a

Pinterest
page check it out!

Vacation Watch Service



“Vacation Watch” is a service provided to the residents of Grand Prairie, TX, while they are out of town. The beat officers or Citizens On Patrol will check the residence as often as possible. To request this service, please fill out a request at least one day prior to your departure at

<http://www.gptx.org/index.aspx?recordid=67&page=19>

Before you leave use this checklist to secure your home.

- Make sure your home looks lived in, not empty.
- Stop mail and cancel all deliveries or ask a friend to make daily collections.
- Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- Put an automatic timer on several lights and a radio.
- Have a neighbor keep your property maintained.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor.
- Tell a neighbor that you trust your departure and return dates.
- Supply an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.
- Lock all windows and doors including the garage doors before you leave.
- Don't advertise your plans to strangers.

Women's Self-Defense



The Mira Lagos HOA Safety Committee presents a free seminar for Mira Lagos residents and their guests!

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Doors Open 6:45 PM

Class 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Daulton Elementary

607 N. Grand Peninsula Dr.

Grand Prairie, TX 75054

Class will cover the ABC's of self-defense and applied in hands-on physical drills that can be reviewed at home. Attendees should wear comfortable workout clothing and athletic shoes.

R.S.V.P. to safety@miralagoshoa.com. Please provide a name, address and phone number for each participant.

Park And Ride

The park and ride facility at eastbound Interstate 30, just east of Belt Line Road in Grand Prairie, is now open. The facility provides free parking for commuters who wish to carpool and leave their cars parked for the day.

Carpoolers from the park and ride will have easy access to I-30 HOV lanes, which are scheduled to open in 2016.

The park and ride was a joint venture between the Regional Transportation Council, City of Grand Prairie and the Texas Department of Transportation. They city added a 233-foot “Prairie Ribbon” mural made of recycled glass tiles to the east retaining wall.

<http://www.gptx.org/>



ML Social Committee

Garage Sale

It's time to clean out the closets and storage bins as we get ready for the first community-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 11, 2015. This event affords everyone an opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with those we have not seen in a while. More than 100 families participated in the spring and fall garage sales during 2014 with bargains galore that included children's clothing, toys, household furniture, and even appliances! What bargains will you find this year?

A few changes from the City of Grand Prairie

This year all residents are required to register in advance and post your certificate

at your residence during the garage sale so it is visible from the street. You can register for your free garage sale permit at www.gptx.org.

****Reminder this is the first of two allowed within the City of Grand Prairie. The following garage sale will be in the early fall.****

To be listed in the community flyer, send your name, address--please identify the Village, and the permit number to the Social Committee at social@miralagoshoa.com.

Spring Fling

The Social Committee is looking forward seeing our friends, families, and neighbors at the 2015 Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 12 pm to 3 pm at the South Pool. With winter behind us, it's time to



get back outside, stretch our legs and have some fun! Bring the family and enjoy activities for all ages. Mark your calendars now and we will see you at the Spring Fling!

Deirdre K Garrett
Social Committee Chair
social@miralagoshoa.com



Introduce yourself. Whether you're new in the neighborhood or new residents have just moved in on your block, introduce yourself. Say hello, offer a welcoming gift (the classic homemade pie never fails) and share or ask about the local area: "Where's the nearest pizzeria?" or "The garbage truck comes by on Tuesdays and Fridays, usually around 10 in the morning, but sometimes he sneaks in at 8."

Consider your neighbors' lifestyle. Get to know your neighbors--what they do for a living, what their schedules might be like, and so on. Sometimes, you can remedy problems before they even start; for example, if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them. Similarly, give them information that'll help *them* be more considerate of your lifestyle. If you do a

lot of yard work, or if your teenage son plays the drums, let them know in advance and mention that if it's getting too loud, they shouldn't hesitate to let you know.

Control your dog. Keep your dog on a leash if it has a habit of running rampant on your neighbors' lawns, especially if they have a cat or a dog of their own, and make sure to clean up after it. If you have a particularly noisy dog, this may also become a source of contention for your neighbor.

Practice parking etiquette. When you park your vehicle, be sure not to block anyone's access, or make them have to pull out of a *very* tight spot. Don't over-rev the engine of your car or motorcycle early in the morning or late at night. Park in front of your home, not theirs. Avoid slamming your doors or shining your

headlights into your neighbor's windows late at night.

Keep your yard and garden tidy. Weed your garden regularly, because the presence of weeds in your yard is not only unsightly but can also spread to your neighbor's yard. Mow your lawn regularly and keep your flowers, trees and bushes trimmed appropriately.

Put rubbish/garbage out on the right day. Only put your rubbish/garbage out on the day it's due for collection. If you accidentally miss the collection, bring it back onto your property immediately and try to contain it well. Garbage can attract vermin, insects, and other pests, and is also unsightly.

Communicate with your neighbor. Above all, touch base with your neighbors regularly and keep them in the loop. Remember the golden rule and if anything you are planning to do may affect them, minimize it and let them know in advance. Keep the channels of communication open by reminding them that if you're doing anything which disturbs them, they should feel comfortable approaching you.

Be aware of your surroundings, as well as theirs. Even if you're not in a "neighborhood watch" community, keep your eye on anyone you don't know acting suspiciously around your neighbor's property. When in doubt, call the police so they can quickly curtail any criminal activity.

Courtesy of: wikihow

Tricky Uses for Dawn



LAUNDRY PRE-TREATER FOR OILY STAINS

For oil based stains such as lipstick, grease, butter, motor oil, cooking oil, and some pen inks, apply some Dawn liquid directly to the stain and scrub with a small brush or toothbrush until the oil is removed. Launder as usual.

TUB AND SHOWER CLEANER

Fill a spray bottle half way full of vinegar and heat it in the microwave. Fill the rest of the way with blue Dawn. Put the lid on and shake well. Spray on your tub and shower walls, allowing it to sit for a few minutes before rinsing away. This will even take care of the bathtub ring. Let it sit on your shower floor overnight and scrub the gunk away in the morning.

UNCLOGGING TOILETS

Pour a cup of Dawn liquid dish detergent into the toilet bowl and let it sit for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, pour a bucket of hot water from waist height into the toilet bowl to clear it out.

CLEAN YOUR WINDOWS

This tip comes from Merry Maids: Mix 3 drops of Dawn in 1 gallon of water and fill a spray bottle with the solution. Spritz your windows and wipe just as you would with any window cleaner.

POOL CLEANER

Squirt Dawn down the middle of the pool and all of the dirt, suntan lotion, etc. will move to the edges of the pool for easy clean up and a sparkling pool.

HAIR CLEANER

Use Dawn as you would shampoo to remove excess oil from your hair, product build up, and even greasy product your kids may get into like Vaseline and baby oil. You can even use it to bath your dog.

CLEAN AUTOMOTIVE TOOLS AND SPILL ON YOUR DRIVEWAY

After you finish your automotive repair project, clean up gasoline and oil on your driveway with Dawn, warm water and a scrub brush. Then, soak your dirty tools in Dawn before you put them away. Dawn will clean and prevent rust from forming on the tools. THEN – mix Dawn and a little corn oil to clean your hands.

MAKE AN ICE PACK

Partially fill a strong zip lock sandwich bag with Dawn dishwashing liquid, close and freeze. The liquid soap stays cold much longer and it can be re-frozen many times. It will conform to the place you need an ice pack.

REPEL INSECTS

Put a drop of Dawn Dishwashing Liquid in a spray bottle with water. Mist household plants to repel aphids, spider mites and mealy bugs. Spray counter-tops, cupboards and other areas to repel ants. Do the same for to repel aphids on fruit trees – just be sure to rinse the trees thoroughly after about 15 minutes.



Now With Two Convenient Keller Locations!

HSNT Welcome Home Adoption Center
363 Keller Parkway, Suite A • Keller, TX 76248
Open 12 pm - 6 pm daily
817-431-1170 • Keller@hsnt.org • www.hsnt.org

HSNT Keller Regional Adoption Center
330 Rufe Snow Dr. • Keller, TX 76248
Open 12 pm - 6 pm Monday - Saturday
817-743-4711 • Keller@hsnt.org • www.hsnt.org

Life Hack

The Life Hackery weblog lists 50 things you can do with tennis balls, including throwing them in the dryer to speed up and fluff up the laundry:

Throw a few tennis balls into the dryer when you are drying comforters, fluffy coats, pillows, or anything else that could use a good fluffing. Tennis balls can also help any laundry load dry faster—just throw two or three in the dryer and your clothes will be done quicker.

Makes sense that the balls could help the drying process by knocking around your clothes, but further investigation reveals dissent from the laundry expert ranks about this tip.

The Laundry Alternative website notes:

Some manufacturers recommend putting new tennis balls in the dryer to keep the down from clumping. However, the Soap and Detergent Association does not recommend this practice. The neon dye on the tennis ball could transfer to the down-filled item, or the tennis ball might not be able to withstand the heat. To avoid clumping, it is safer to periodically remove the item and shake vigorously. Adding clean, dry towels to the dryer load can also help.

Ultra Peanut Butter Cookies (Gluten-Free)



Start to finish: 45 minutes
 Serving size: 1 cookie
 Ingredients:
 12 tablespoons (1.5 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
 1 cup brown sugar, well packed
 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
 2 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup (7 ounces) peanut flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 4 ounces gluten-free semisweet or bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped (optional)
 Preparation:
 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees with rack in the center of the oven. Cream together the butter and brown sugar in a mixing bowl with the paddle attachment about two minutes on medium speed. Scrape the sides of the bowl often. Add the peanut butter and mix well. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing until well incorporated. Add the vanilla. In a bowl, whisk together the peanut flour, which may be lumpy, baking soda and salt. Add to the peanut butter mixture and mix until it is a smooth dough. Add the chocolate here, if using.

Use a two to three tablespoon scoop to form the balls of dough. Or use a spoon and then roll them into balls. Use a fork to flatten them and create a crosshatch pattern. Sprinkle with sugar and bake for eight to 10 minutes. They will puff up slightly and the tops will be golden, but they should still be slightly soft in the middle. Of course, if you like your peanut butter cookies crunchy throughout, then bake another couple of minutes. Serves 24.

Report City Issues in a Snap

Residents can now report issues such as street light outages and code violations using their smartphones.

The Snap and Send Grand Prairie, TX App is now available on the Apple App store and can be downloaded FREE.



The Walnut Creek Paddling Trail at Joe Pool Lake

The Walnut Creek Paddling Trail at Joe Pool Lake, brought to you by The City of Grand Prairie Parks & Recreation Department and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, is a 4.9-mile marked trail that winds through Lloyd Park on Joe Pool Lake. The scenic trail features a variety of native plants and wildlife. Don't have the right equipment? Don't worry – Canoes, kayaks, paddles and life vests are available for rent at the park. For more information, call 972-237-4120.

Helpful Covenant Corner Tip:



Your fence stain should look like this if it is visible from the street. You can purchase the stain locally from:
 STANDARD PAINTS, INC.
 940 S. 6TH AVENUE
 MANSFIELD, TEXAS 76063
 Local: 817-477-5060
 1 gal = \$40.17
 5 gal = \$162.51

The Mira Lagos onsite office has the 5 gal = \$136.00.

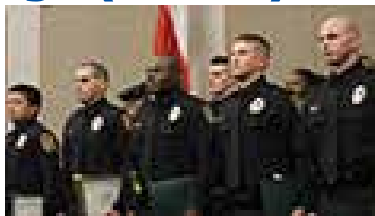
Spring Forward!



Don't Forget!
 Daylight-Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8th

Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)

Registration is underway for the Grand Prairie Police Department's next Citizen Police Academy (CPA). The series of 13 class sessions, March 19-May 21, 2015, are held on Thursday evenings and three Saturdays.



The Citizen Police Academy is an educational program designed to familiarize the public with the nature of police work. Participants are encouraged to share this realistic view of the Police Department with other citizens. The goal is to improve the efficiency of law enforcement in neighborhoods through open lines of communication, shared responsibilities and resources.

There is no cost to attend the CPA. Residents who live or work in Grand Prairie are invited to apply. Participants must possess a valid Texas driver's license, agree to a criminal background check, must be 21 years old or older, and not convicted of a felony.

Download Application from the Grand Prairie website. (Note: Class size is limited, so apply early.)

For more information, contact Emil Balliet, Volunteer Coordinator, 972-237-8998.

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

Mira Lagos Clubs and Camps



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

Lucky River Poker Club for ML Women-
Contact Lisa Watkins at watkins9111@att.net

LCR for ML Ladies-
Contact Elissa Sherlock, Esherlock@me.com

Bunco for ML Ladies-
Contact Julie Jordon, jordanjules@gmail.com

Triathlon Group-
Contact Richard Lewis, villarj4@att.net

Iron Fitness Group-
Contact Ruben & Tanea Soto, Rubentanea11@hotmail.com

Have an organized group not listed?
Please contact communications@miralagoshoa.com

Notary Services



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

Please make an appointment at manager@miralagoshoa.com.



THE SUMMIT

The Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department opened the doors to the newest addition to the city, The Summit, on June 18, 2010. The \$23 million dollar, 60,000 square foot facility located in Central Park is designed specifically for active adults ages 50 and older.

With state-of-the-art fitness areas, gym, indoor infinity edge pool with lap lanes & exercise vortex, theater, locker rooms with sauna and more, this will be the talk of Texas for years to come!

Café • Fitness Area • Classrooms • Group Exercise Room
Indoor walking track

100-Seat Movie Theater • Locker Rooms with Saunas
Banquet Rooms with Full Kitchen

Outdoor Covered Patio Overlooking Lake with Grill and Fireplace
Indoor Swimming Pool with Lap Lanes, Exercise Vortex & Hot Tub

Gym for Basketball and Volleyball.

Who Couldn't Use More Storage?

Making room in your garage isn't easy. However, with these cheats, you can create useful space, maximize square footage, keep cars off the beautiful, tree-lined Mira Lagos streets and protect your vehicle from the harsh Texas elements!



Brought to You By Your Neighbor &
Mira Lagos Expert



"Christina is by far the best agent I have ever worked with. I will recommend her to everyone I know and use her in all my future needs."

– R. Roerick

FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
Christina Kang 817.739.7433

Mira Lagos Monthly Real Estate Tip

There is a lot of confusion over why we get two property tax bills in Mira Lagos. Because we are in Tarrant County, our assessment is set in Tarrant County, and Tarrant County collects the vast majority of our taxes. However the City of Grand Prairie has contracted with Dallas County to collect the city taxes, since the majority of the city lies within Dallas county. So we pay our city taxes and our PID assessment to Dallas county for disbursement to the City of Grand Prairie. Take a look! Our Tarrant County tax bill doesn't include any city property taxes.

Market Statistics: This Month vs. Same Month 1 Year Ago

- ▲ The average sales price increased by 2.9% to \$272,402
- ▲ The average list price increased by 21.3% to \$318,990
- ▲ The average price per sq. foot of all homes sold increased by 10.7% to \$93 per sq. foot
- ▼ The average days on market for homes for sale has decreased by 13.4% to 58 days
- ▼ The percent of list price that homes are selling for is down 1.5% to 96.8% of the list price
- ▼ The number of months' supply of homes for sale is down by 40% to a 1.8 months' supply
- ▼ The number of homes for sale in the area has decreased by 37.7% to 43 homes
- ▼ The number of homes listed last month for sale decreased by 32.3% to 21 new listings
- ▼ The number of pending sales has decreased by 15% to just 17 homes
- ▼ The number of existing homes sold in the last month decreased by 15.8% to 16 homes



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Mira Lagos Area Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 7:00 pm Quilters Guild 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Comm. Dr. Seuss Day	3 6:30 pm City Council Meeting	4 11:00 am Free Tax Help for Low Income and Elderly Residents	5 6:30 State of the City	6 7:00 Alan Jackson with Jon Pardi and Ashley Monroe	7 Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8:00 pm Kevin James
8 4:30 pm New Homeowner Welcome Reception	9 MISD Spring Break 6:00 pm Warmack Branch Readers' Guild	10 MISD Spring Break 6:30 pm Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	11 MISD Spring Break 7:00 pm Social Committee Meeting	12 MISD Spring Break 6:30 Colors are Crayons in the Landscape	13 MISD Spring Break 8:00 pm Charlie Wilson	14 9:00 am Itty Bitty Triathlon
15 7:00 pm Third Day	16 7:00 ZBA Public Hearing	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30 pm Council Meeting	18 8:00 pm Santana	19 8:00 pm The Beach Boys	20 8:00 Into the Woods	21 8:00 pm Dallas Comedy Jam
22 12:00 pm Tejano Spring Music	23	24	25	26 9:30 am Development Review Committee 6:30 pm Organics	27 8:00 am DFW Collector Swap Meet	28 8:00 am Farmers Market 8:00 am Dave Ramsey
29 8:00 pm Pentatonix	30	31				

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Bold: Mira Lagos Events – Check Mira Lagos website at www.miralagoshoa.com

Blue: City Meetings – For the most up-to-date information, please refer to www.gptx.org.

Green: School Holidays- Check MISD website at www.mansfieldisd.org

Red: Recognized Holidays

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