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Teen Police Academy

The Grand Prairie Police Department offers a free Teen Police Academy one week each summer for Middle School kids ages 13-14 (7th and 8th graders) who may be interested in learning more about a career in law enforcement and how the police department functions. Applicants must have successfully completed the 6th grade and pass a background check, including school discipline referrals.

For information about the 2015 session of the Teen Academy, contact:

Officer Ray Star,
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Topics Covered

Some of the topics to be covered in the academy include:

- History of Law Enforcement
- Patrol Procedures
- Crime Scene Investigation
- K-9 and SWAT
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Participants will be able to put what they learn into action by working a mock crime scene and using their new skills and knowledge to solve the crime.

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*National Barbecue
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Outdoor cooking remains more popular and easier than ever. In fact, the majority of Americans claim that some elements of cooking outdoors are even easier than cooking indoors (81%) and that they prefer cooking out over eating out to save money (71%), according to HPBA National Barbecue Month (NBM) Poll results.

Outdoor cooking is a very popular pastime that unites friends and family with great tasting food that's easy and affordable. Sixty-four percent of adults agree, reporting that a barbecue is a better way to spend quality-time with their friends or relatives. And more than a third (36%) of adults associate barbecues with family tradition, according to the NBM Poll.

That's why May is National Barbecue Month - there's no better way to celebrate than taking it outdoors for a cookout with friends or family!

According to poll results, it's no secret that Americans see grilling and outdoor cooking as the ticket to an easy, delicious meal and a healthier lifestyle: www.hpba.org



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Mira Lagos Luau and BBQ Cook-Off

Residents of Mira Lagos are invited to the annual Luau at the south pool. There will be games, bounce houses, sack races, fire dancers, food, beverages and of course, a BBQ cook-off. Please RSVP on www.miralagos.nextdoor.com under the events page. We hope to see you there!



The Mayor of Grand Prairie Invites Residents to Community Table to Celebrate Diversity

Grand Prairie residents are invited to the Mayor's Community Table – a series of luncheons hosted by Mayor Ron Jensen designed to celebrate diversity in Grand Prairie – starting May 21, 2015. Goal: To bring together people of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and races to get to know one another over a meal. Format: No speaker, no program. Just meet and greet at a table of people not like you. Moderators will assist. City assigns seating to ensure a good mix of folks. First Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway. Cost: \$5/person. RSVP to 972-237-8012 and include the following information to ensure a great mix of folks at each table: Age: 20-35; 36-50; 51-65; 66+ Race: African American; Hispanic; Asian; Caucasian; Other Gender: Female; Male



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER AT THE LIBRARY

"An Act Of Murder"

The scene is set. All of Hollywood is dying to appear in Phillip Marlowe's new Hollywood drama, *Conspirators*. He has managed to assemble some of the best actors in the business, not to mention some of the biggest egos. No room is big enough to hold the likes of Truman Comodey, Grace Killy, Beady Davis and Arrow Flynn. And then there's Joan Crawford. Her flaring temper and repulsive behavior on the set have made her more enemies than friends; so, everyone just thinks she's overacting as usual when she performs her death scene. Soon they discover someone spiked her drink with a little poison, and her death is all too real! There are only 96 seats per show. Tickets are \$35, and include appetizers, pre-show scavenger hunt, full 3-course dinner and the show. Each table seats 8. Purchase tickets by phone: 972-642-2787.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



Farmers Market, 120 W. Main open 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall Plaza, 317 College St.
Tex-Mex festival foods, performances, bounce houses, arts and crafts.

Vendors contact: John Lopez 972-977-9558
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If you are interested in being in the parade or performing, contact: Dorothea Gordon at 972-237-4012 or dorothea.gordon@gpisd.org

For general information contact Doug Voet at 972-237-8409 or dvoet@gptx.org



Mayfest

Friday, May 1 - Sunday, May 3, 2015

\$8.00 adult admission

Trinity Park

Between I-30 and West Lancaster Ave. Mayfest is Fort Worth's premier family-friendly festival! Encompassing 33 acres along the Trinity River in Trinity Park, Mayfest has a myriad of activities for the whole family in one of the best green spaces in town. Live music, festival food, carnival rides, bounces houses, free children's activities, petting zoo, performing arts groups, paddleboats, rock-climbing, zip-lining, people-watching, art and gift market, 10K and 5K USATF certified runs, student art contest, and so much more.

Ultimate Cowboys Tailgate Party

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$150.00 per ticket | 21+ only

Returning to its legendary tailgate roots, the 2015 Taste of the NFL will be held at AT&T Stadium. The event will feature past and present Dallas Cowboys players, Abacus restaurant executive chef and proprietor Kent Rathbun and more than a dozen of the area's hottest chefs. Support the North Texas Food Bank's children's programs as you enjoy gourmet tailgate fare, signature cocktails, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, and fun

tailgate games. It's a party with a cause! Since its inception in 2005, Taste of the NFL: The Ultimate Cowboys Tailgate Party has raised more than \$1.61 million for hungry North Texas children.

Swiss Avenue Historic District

Mother's Day Home Tour

Saturday, May 9 - Sunday, May 10, 2015

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Saturday

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Sunday

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday

\$20.00 advance tickets

\$25.00 Mother's Day Brunch

Swiss Avenue Historic District

This weekend-long tribute to Dallas' historic past will feature six of the city's most fabulous Early 20th Century homes, one of which is celebrating it's 100 birthday this year -- plus an English Garden Tour, an art fair, antique-car display, a children's play area, live entertainment, free horse-drawn carriage rides, complimentary air-conditioned mini-coaches travelling between homes, fresh-prepared food, ice-cold beverages, and much more.

Main Street Fest

Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17, 2015

FREE before 5:00 on Friday

\$7.00 regular adult admission

Main Street | Grapevine, Texas | 817-410-3185
Between Northwest Highway and Dallas Street

The 31st Annual Main Street Fest - A Craft Brew Experience, presented by Bank of the West, opens Friday, May 15 at 10 a.m. and admission is free until 5 p.m. Festival hours are Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. After 5 p.m. on Friday, adults are \$7 and children 6 - 12 and seniors are \$5. Weekend

passes are \$15. Souvenir weekend passes are \$20. Complimentary shuttles run continuously from designated parking lots. Guests will enjoy three full days of family-friendly festival fun.

Dallas Texas WIPEOUTRUN 2015

March 21, 2015

Globe Life Park, Arlington

Crash, smash, and splash your way through a 5k course with 12 larger-than-life obstacles inspired by the hit TV show Wipeout! Take on the infamous Big Balls, Sweeper, Wrecking Balls, and Happy Endings! Hilarious thrills and magnificent spills await! Warning: The bigger the balls, the harder the falls! Do you have what it takes to conquer the infamous Big Balls? How about Wipeout's giant Sweeper arms? There is no shame in wiping out in style! Don't forget about the menacing Wrecking Balls, where you and your team will be dodgin' balls like it's your job! Top it all off with the ultimate finish line slide down the 4-story Happy Endings - all of this painfully funny action plus eight more epic obstacles, strategically placed along a 3.1-mile course, combine to make up the epic experience of WIPEOUTRUN!

Fan Expo presented by Dallas Comic Con

Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31, 2015

Dallas Convention Center

The trio of Dallas fan favorite pop-culture conventions: Dallas Comic Con, Sci-Fi Expo, and Fan Days have joined forces with FAN EXPO HQ. The Fan Expo family will now include seven conventions to host almost 250,000 fans annually. Now with 4x the space on one floor! 600,000+ square feet of comic and pop-culture family fun. This year's guests include: Stan Lee, Carrie Fisher, Adam West, Burt Ward, Barbara Eden, Dean Cain, and more.

The Grand Prairie AirHogs open the 2015 season on Thursday, May 21st at the Ballpark at Grand Prairie against the Winnipeg Goldeyes at 7:05 p.m.



The Grand Prairie AirHogs have scheduled their 2015 Open Tryouts for Saturday, May 9 at 10:00am at the Ballpark at Grand Prairie. The tryout will be conducted by AirHogs manager Eric Champion along with coaches and players. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. Pre-register before May 8th by 5:00pm for \$75 or on May 9th for \$100 the day of the tryout (if your registration is not confirmed by 5:00pm on May 8, you will have to register on May 9 at the designated cost of \$100). E-mail Katy White at kwhite@airhogsbaseball.com to reserve your spot today. All participants must bring all of their own gear.



ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN
** HERITAGE MONTH **



May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

www.asainpacificheritage.gov

Thai Noodles



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup soy nut butter or creamy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 3 cloves garlic, quartered
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 14 ounce package firm tofu
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 8 ounces Chinese noodles
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped unsalted peanuts



Directions

1. In a food processor or blender combine soy nut butter, water, soy sauce, lime juice, garlic, ginger, and sesame oil. Cover and process or blend until smooth; set aside.
2. Drain tofu; pat dry with paper towels. Cut tofu into 12-inch slices. In a 12-inch nonstick skillet heat cooking oil over medium-high heat. Add tofu; cook for 5 minutes or until browned. Turn slices. Cook 5 minutes more. Remove slices to a cutting board. Cut each slice into 1-1/2- to 2-inch triangles or squares. Add soy nut butter mixture to skillet. Heat through.
3. Meanwhile, cook noodles according to package directions; drain and add to skillet.
4. Add tofu, cilantro, and crushed red pepper to noodles in skillet. Toss to coat. Sprinkle with peanuts; serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

New Development

Roma's Italian Bistro, a family owned and operated restaurant, is now open downtown at 101 W. Main St. (Main and Center Streets).

A 190,000-square-foot WalMart store is proposed for a site east of State Highway 161 between Arkansas and Pioneer.

Construction on a new 3,000-square-foot Pollo Regio restaurant will begin April on Interstate 20 and Great Southwest Parkway in front of the At Home store, and is scheduled to open in September 2015.

Construction is nearly complete on a QuikTrip convenience store and gas station on Main Street and SH 161. The station will feature 18 fueling positions. QuikTrip on 1110 N. Belt Line Road is also nearing completion and a third QuikTrip on Lake Ridge Parkway is anticipated to open in early 2016. www.gptx.org



Diana King: The Neighbor's Neighbor

By: Rebecca Newton

H. Jackson Brown Jr. once said, "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." Considering that is true, Diana King must be the happiest person in Mira Lagos.

Having lived in the community for just three years, Diana wasted no time getting involved with volunteerism. She and Russ, married for 45 years, moved to Mira Lagos to be closer to their daughter Katherine, and her family in Grand Peninsula. They both agree, this was the best move for them, and they love their forever home.

Diana says her favorites are the people, walking the beautiful community, the activities and the opportunities to give back. Her Mondays are filled with BunKo, LCR and LCR Wild. Her days are usually dedicated to crafts with the Home Girls (ladies who stay home during the day) Group.

With most of her other free time, Di-

ana likes to be out in the community as a Citizen on Patrol. She graduated the twelve-week class about two years ago, and is now active with the organization. She patrols our neighborhood, has planned celebrations for the Grand Prairie Police, participated in the MLK parade and worked the city's motorcycle rodeo.

Diana is an expert at making new friends, as she moved from place to place with Russ, who recently retired from the Navy. Now, they love spending time with each other as members of Mansfield First Baptist church, and the Fabulous Fords of the Fifties club. Russ owns a stark blue and white gem, which they take on caravans, car shows and trips.

This active couple also loves time with family, often visiting their daughter in Seattle, and Russ' 90 year-old father in Arkansas. They also love time with their grandson, Rustin, and their daughter Katherine, who was the 2013 Texas Principal of the Year.



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

- ▲ The average sales price increased by 6.8% to \$284,991
- ▲ The average list price increased by 19.8% to \$314,945
- ▲ The average price per sq. foot of all homes sold increased by 10.6% to \$94 per sq. foot
- ▲ The average days on market for homes for sale has increased by 12.5% to 81 days
- ▲ The percent of list price that homes are selling for is up 1.3% to 97.0% of the list price
- ▼ The number of months' supply of homes for sale is down by 12.5% to a 2.1 months' supply
- ▼ The number of homes for sale in the area has decreased by 3.6% to 53 homes
- ▲ The number of homes listed last month for sale increased by 75.0% to 42 new listings
- ▲ The number of pending sales has increased by 42.9% to 30 homes
- ▲ The number of existing homes sold in the last month increased by 8.3% to 26 homes



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Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two-dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. General John Logan officially proclaimed it on May 5, 1868. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

It is now observed on the last Monday in May. Join the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department at the Veterans Memorial as they pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. This year's event will be Monday, May 25, 2015 at Veterans Memorial, 925 W. Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. www.usmemorialday.org



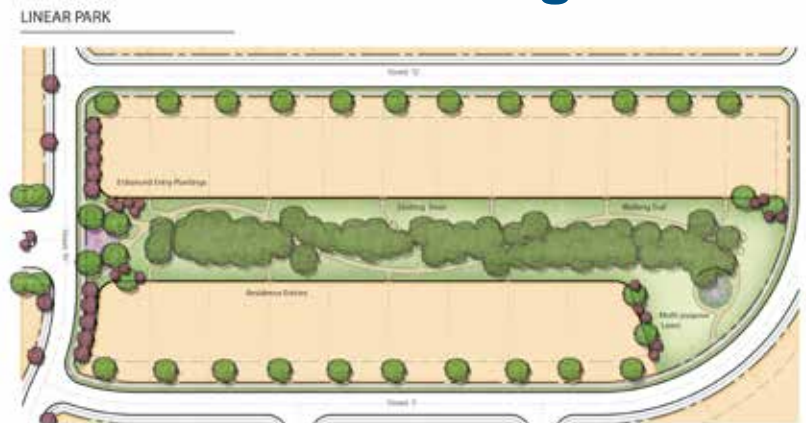
1. NO LIFEGUARD on duty. Swim at your own risk.
2. Children under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied by a resident, 18 years or older, possessing a valid pool card.
3. Only 4 guests allowed per residence. A resident, 18 years or older, possessing a valid pool card, MUST accompany all guests.
4. Proper swimwear required.
5. Persons with skin diseases, open sores or wounds, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear infections or any communicable diseases are not allowed to use the pool.
6. For the health and safety of the residents, rubber pants in addition to swim diapers are REQUIRED for all non-toilet trained children.
7. NO water wings allowed without a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest, properly fitted with age and with adult supervision. NO rafts allowed.
8. NO diving allowed.
9. NO pets, NO smoking, NO alcohol or glass objects of any kind allowed in pool area. NO food or drink allowed in the pool water.
10. Radios and other noise should be maintained at a low level at all times.
11. DO NOT ride bikes, tricycles, scooters, roller blades, skateboards, or any other similar vehicle in the pool area.
12. Running, roughhousing or general horseplay that may endanger the safety of others is NOT allowed.
13. Foul language and/or threatening behavior will NOT be tolerated.
14. Emergency equipment is to be used for emergencies only.
15. Access to the equipment room is restricted.
16. NO trespassing after pool hours or during pool closures.
17. The Homeowners Association or Management Company is not responsible for personal property, accidents, injuries or theft.
18. VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. To report vandalism, call police immediately, then notify Management Company.
19. Pools WILL CLOSE during inclement weather.
20. In case of EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

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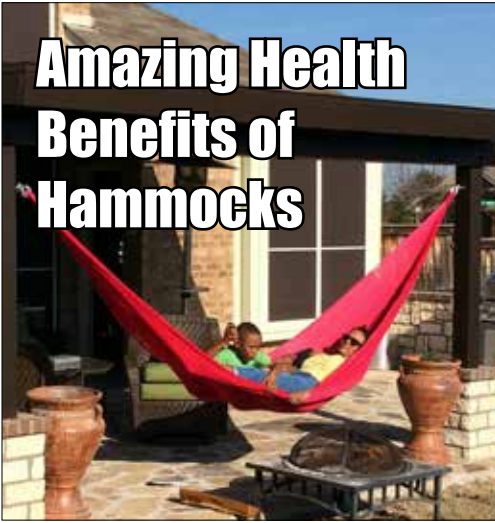
Newest phase of Las Brisas in Mira Lagos!



Newest phase of Las Brisas in Mira Lagos is previewing home-sites! Mira Lagos is a magnificent new master-planned community just off the shores of Joe Pool Lake in Grand Prairie. The two sections of Las Brisas feature one with parks & a trail system and a second that is gated for a more private, exclusive living and views of Joe Pool Lake. Mira Lagos features its own series of lakes, waterways, fountains, and greenbelts within a 43-acre park preserving a naturally serene setting.



Amazing Health Benefits of Hammocks



You might be wondering what the health benefits of a hammock are. What could I possibly benefit from a hammock? The answers to both questions are provided in this article. According to Hangouts.com, therapists and patients are using hammocks and hanging chairs due to the health benefits involved. This article explains the different health benefits one can gain from owning a hammock or a swing chair.

Ease Back & Neck Pain – Hammocks and Swing Chairs can reduce a person's physical stress and the benefits are cumulative. Hammocks and Swing Chairs are just what you might need to relieve pain in your lower back

or neck pain you've been having for such a long time. Lying in a hammock perpendicularly can help relieve some of the pressure off your muscles. The hammock adjusts and molds to the weight and shape of the body perfectly, providing support to the body and removing pressure points. This allows the muscles of the body to relax and allows the blood to flow to all body parts, thus allowing the body to relax and heal. According to Hangouts.com, "without pressure points the vertebrae of the body can begin to align themselves." It helps reduce all the pain in your back.

The beauty of the hammock is that once you hang it up, you can stretch out in it and the reliable hammock will mold to your body as if it was built just for you. It is all the support your body will need in order to relieve pressure off your back. The hammock will help calm and relax your body. You will wake up energized, very refreshed and ready to go about with your day. According to Hangouts.com, pregnant women also have found success in relieving their prenatal pains by using hammocks for rest, relaxation and sleep. The results are remarkable! If you are looking for a physical state of muscle relaxation, then you need to buy yourself a hammock or a swing chair today.

Increase Concentration – Hammocks and Hammock Swing Chairs are being used by a

lot of therapists and patients. According to the site, the swinging motion and spinning motion of the hammock stimulates the cerebral cortex, therefore increasing a person's ability to focus and concentrate. It is said that the swinging and spinning benefits impatient readers too, by helping them concentrate. The hammock would be perfect for anyone who suffers from lack of concentration or focus.

Yoga & Meditation – You can even practice yoga or meditation in a hammock. Yoga adjusts the muscles of the body so that the tensions are equal. The use of a hammock relieves pressure points and relaxes the muscle, giving you added comfort. The hammock or swing chair provides you with a comfortable seat as an alternative to sitting on the floor or a cushion. Therefore a relaxed body leads to a relaxed mind in harmony and peace.

These are three health benefits one can gain from owning a hammock. A hammock can be used for back pain, concentration and a place to meditate and practice Yoga. Owning a hammock means you can lay out in the sun and enjoy the day drinking lemonade. Or it can be a place to relax and wind down. Either way, it is definitely a product that can be used throughout the year.

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Video Alarm Policy

The Grand Prairie Police Department is pleased to announce a new video alarm response initiative aimed at reducing crime, increasing criminal apprehensions and lowering the number of false alarms. GPPD's response will remain unchanged to all traditional burglar alarms; however, responses to



video alarms will be given a higher priority as these new alarm systems utilize technology to increase efficiency of available resources.

The vast majority of traditional alarm calls are false alarms with low arrest rates. In contrast, monitored video alarms can help confirm an actual burglary in-progress and have much higher arrest rates. This video alarm initiative partners law enforcement, homeowners, business owners, the alarm industry and insurance companies toward the reduction of property losses and increased safety and security in our community.

Different brands of video alarms have different features. There are video alarm systems that focus on privacy. These are not surveillance systems, but intrusion alarms. There is no "look-in" capability. The system must be armed and the motion sensor tripped to activate the camera. There is only a short video of what caused the alarm. The monitoring station uses this short video clip to confirm a crime in progress.

Alarm companies are offering "upgrades" to existing alarm systems that add video verification to your current alarm, without changing the keypad, codes, or other sensors. These upgrades are a cost effective approach to build upon the value of your current system.

Grand Prairie will continue to respond to traditional alarms as they have in the past. However, video alarms will be dispatched at a higher priority as a crime in-progress. www.gptx.org

Share your Announcement!

If you have a Mira Lagos senior who is a 2015 graduate, and want to share the news, please send:

- Name of graduate
- recent photo
- school
- parents' names
- plans for after graduation

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President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May. Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May. www.defense.gov

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

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<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.



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers, cards and other gifts.

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the moth-

er goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

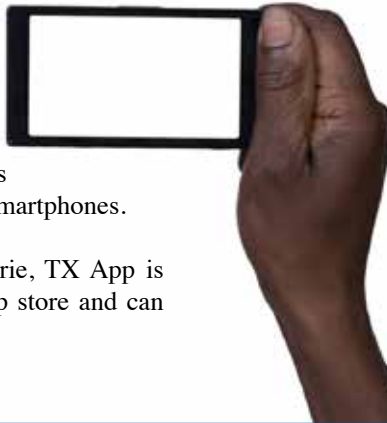
Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

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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.



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.

Register your Pets!

Mira Lagos Pet Registry
<http://sites.google.com/site/miralagospetregistry/>
 Email: miralagospets@gmail.com

The Mira Lagos Pet Registry is resident operated for the benefit of you and your pets.



MIRA LAGOS AREA EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u> 8:00 PM MIKE EPPS LILLARD FIELD DAY DALLAS MAYFEST	<u>2</u> 10:30 AM CINCO DE MAYO PARADE LADIES POKER SPECIAL NEEDS PROM
<u>3</u> 7:00 PM CHRIS BOTTI TEXAS FRIGHTMARE WEEKEND	<u>4</u> 7:00 PM QUILTERS GUILD LCR SHERLOCK HOLMES AT PEROT MUSEUM	<u>5</u> 6:30 PM CITY COUNCIL LILLARD INSTRUMENT TRY-OUTS DALLAS THEATER'S SENSE AND SENSIBILITY	<u>6</u> MISD TEACHER JOB FAIR	<u>7</u> 7:30 PM Ed SHEERAN DAULTON/SPENCER CHOIR FESTIVAL MISD TEACHER JOB FAIR	<u>8</u> 6:00 PM INDULGE: FASHION + FUN FOR MOMS 8:00 PM GREGG ALLMAN	<u>9</u> 8:00 AM COFFEE WITH A COP MISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DAY AIRHOGS TRY-OUTS
<u>10</u> MOTHER'S DAY MOTHER'S DAY AT PRAIRIE LAKES GOLF	<u>11</u> BunKo LRHS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL BANQUET	<u>12</u> LILLARD BAND CONCERT	<u>13</u> CYCLING WITH THE MAYOR BIKE RIDE 7:30 PM Mo STEVENS AT THEO'S GRILL	<u>14</u> DAULTON 4 TH GRADE CHOIR LRHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BANQUET	<u>15</u> 12:00 PM POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE ADDISON FORK AND CORK ARTES DE LA ROSA-MAN OF LA MANCH, FORT WORTH	<u>16</u> ARMED FORCES DAY 12:00 PM GOSPEL MUSIC CELEBRATION LUAU & BBQ CONTEST POOL SEASON OPENING
<u>17</u> 2015 DRAGON BOAT, KITE AND LANTERN FESTIVAL FORT WORTH YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT	<u>18</u> LRHS TRACK/TENNIS/GOLF BANQUET	<u>19</u> 7:00 PM PARAMORE LILLARD CHOIR CONCERT	<u>20</u> 4:00 PM MATHERNOON LRHS BAND CONCERT	<u>21</u> 11:30 AM MAYOR'S COMMUNITY TABLE THIRD THURSDAY JAZZ FORT WORTH	<u>22</u> THE SUMMIT GAMES LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR BEN BARBER DISCOVERY IGGY AZALEA WITH NICK JONAS CONCERT IN DALLAS	<u>23</u> 2:00 PM INTERIOR DESIGN @ WARMACK FARMERS MARKET
<u>24</u> SLASH FEATURING MYLES KENNEDY CONCERT IN DALLAS	<u>25</u> MEMORIAL DAY LCR WILD	<u>26</u> LRHS CHOIR CONCERT	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 7:00 PM CHARLIE WILSON BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP LAS COLINAS	<u>29</u> 7:00 PM RELAY FOR LIFE GOHARD TOUR IN DALLAS INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL IN DALLAS	<u>30</u> 10:00 AM FIRED UP FOR READING UPTOWN FARMERS MARKET IN DALLAS
<u>31</u> 2015 BFD FEATURING ROB ZOMBIE						

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AROUND TOWN

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

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