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CINCO DE MAYO parade

Grand Prairie celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a parade, entertainment, festival foods and other activities.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

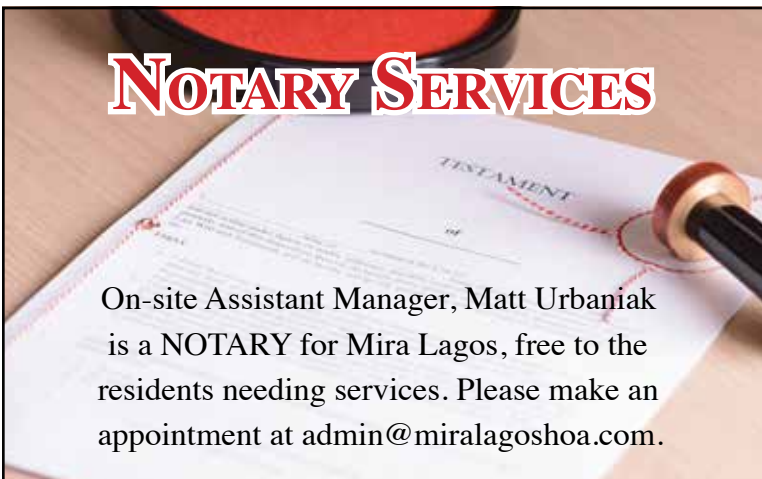
The city's largest parade will start at 10 a.m. at the 200 block of W. Main St.

Free entertainment begins at noon and will include GPISD performers, mariachi bands, folklorico dancers and vocalists.

The festival will feature arts and crafts, Tex-Mex festival foods, bounce houses and more!

More information: 972-237-8100

NOTARY SERVICES



On-site Assistant Manager, Matt Urbaniak is a NOTARY for Mira Lagos, free to the residents needing services. Please make an appointment at admin@miralagoshoa.com.



It's an age-old question: Who's better... Dallas or Fort Worth? Are you ready to prove it? From barbecue to art museums, proud citizens of both sides of the Metroplex attest that their favorite city (or county as the case may be) is the best. It's time to let the people of North Texas settle this matter the old-fashioned way. Tug-of-war!

Mark your calendar for a day of rivalry and *fun for the whole family* on September 14 at Joe Pool Lake's Lynn Creek Park in Grand Prairie. Teams from both sides of the Metroplex will face off in an epic battle between east and west, with each team raising at least \$10,000 for **Children's Cancer Fund (CCF)**. The event will be free and open for spectators of all ages. There will be music, activities for kids and more!

WHEN

**Saturday, September 14
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

WHERE

**Lynn Creek Park
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75052**

For more information go to www.dfw.cbslocal.com/pulling-together



LIBRARY EVENTS

May the 4th Be With You

For kids and teens.
Date: 05/04/2019 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd. • Grand Prairie, Texas 75052
In a galaxy not too far away, come celebrate all things Star Wars with crafts, games, and fun for all. You are welcome to dress like one of your favorite characters and you never know what otherworldly characters you might drop in for a visit.

Henna Crafternoon

For grades 1-5.
Date: 05/09/2019 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Location: Tony Shotwell Library
2750 Graham St. • Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
For grades 1-5. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Month by exploring the art of henna. Adult permission required. WARNING: TATTOOS MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO COME OFF. Supplies are limited, first come, first served.

Adult Travel Spanish Class

Date: 05/11/2019 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: Main Library
901 Conover Drive • Grand Prairie, Texas 75051
Come learn and practice Spanish that you might use when traveling. Classes take place every Saturday, new students are welcome weekly.

Múa Lan (Lion Dance)

For all ages!
Date: 05/15/2019 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Main Library
901 Conover Drive • Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Presented by Phap Quang Temple in Grand Prairie: Celebrate Asian pacific American Heritage Month with Lion Dancers and Drummers from the Phap Quang Temple in Grand Prairie. The lion, a symbol of power, wisdom, and good fortune, chases away evil spirits and brings happiness, longevity and good luck.

Tabletop Gaming Meetup

For teens in grades 6-12.
Date: 05/22/2019 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: Tony Shotwell Library
2750 Graham St. • Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
Join us for some tabletop gaming fun. Use the library's games or bring your own.

Positive Parenting with Momentous Institute

Childcare provided.
Date: 05/22/2019 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: Main Library
901 Conover Drive • Grand Prairie, Texas 75051
May 22, 6:30 p.m. Summer Learning: Research shows that children can lose up to 1 month of school learning during the summer. Parents are given specific tools, resources in their community and ways to stop the summer learning loss.

Sherlock Holmes Escape Room

For teens in grades 6-12.
Date: 05/23/2019 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
Location: Main Library
901 Conover Drive • Grand Prairie, Texas 75051
Are you as smart as Sherlock? Can you outsmart Professor Moriarty and stop his plans? Registration is required, email teenlibrarian@gptx.org to register.

THAT STREET LIGHT IS OUT!

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

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

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

Mira Lagos HOA Pet Tags



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



Mira Lagos Annual Spring Fling 5K



DFW Bodies and Mira Lagos HOA would like to thank those that came out to run the 5k Saturday, March 30th in the spite of the cold and abrupt weather we had. Surprised us all! We did have a great turn out though, even a squirrel joined us in the race, as well as runners from Pennsylvania. Thanks to everyone that volunteered their time getting the race set up and broke down. We had all ages join in the fun! Everyone that participated help benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Grand Prairie! We are looking forward to next year, but hopefully on a more pleasant sunny morning!



Mom & Son Workshop



Brunch with a Brush

Saturday, May 11th, 11 pm - 1 pm
 RSVP social@miralagoshoa.com
 First 25 couples only. (50 people only)

Peninsula Candidate Forum

It's election season! Candidates for Grand Prairie City Council and Mansfield ISD School Board Trustee came to our community for a two-part forum on April 9th at the Clubhouse. Visit www.mansfieldisd.org and www.gptx.org for more election information. Tarrant County early voting takes place April 22nd to 30th. The general and special election will be held May 4, 2019.

Thank you to the candidates who were able to attend!



MISD Place 3: Randall Canedy, MISD Place 5: Karen Marcucci, MISD Place 4: Raul Gonzalez



WHY DROP THE DRUGS?

Medications found in the home are the leading cause of child poisoning.¹ 1 in 4 teens has abused prescription drugs they obtained from friends or family.² Flushing medications may contaminate water supplies and harm the environment. Properly disposing of drugs you don't need saves lives.

SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL TIPS

- Dispose of unused, expired, or harmful drugs promptly.
- Approved hospitals, pharmacies, and law enforcement agencies offer public drug disposal for free.
- Drug disposal drop-off locations are open year-round/permanently
- Get free drug mail-back envelopes at <http://safety.nsc.org/stop-everyday-killers-supplies>.
- Drop-off is safe. No questions asked. No ID required.
- Expired drugs may not be effective and might make you sick.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Prescription drugs, patches
- Ointments
- Over the counter drugs (Allergy, Aspirin, etc.)
- Vitamins (Calcium, Vitamin D, etc.)
- Narcotics (Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, etc.)
- Pet drugs
- Unused EpiPens

NOT ACCEPTED

- Needles and syringes
- Aerosol cans
- Mercury products
- Hydrogen peroxide
- IV bags
- Bloody waste (Gauze, Bandages, etc.)

FIND AN AUTHORIZED
 DROP-OFF LOCATION AT
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SOURCES: 1. SAFETY DATA SHEET, 2. THE PARTNERSHIP FOR DRUG-FREE KIDS



District 4 Grand Prairie Council Candidates: (L-R) Richard J. Fregoe, Joe H. Tarrant, Jr., John Lopez



Joshua Spare, Mira Lagos HOA President and City Commissioner



WILDLIFE SAFETY

Living on the Grand Peninsula of Joe Pool Lake is a beautiful and quite place to live. You get to enjoy walking trails, ponds, parks and of course fishing.

This time of the year is a great time to take walks, runs and ride bikes, either during a lovely sunny day or during a breezy spring evening. Whichever activity you enjoy, you also have to be mindful that even though this is a well-developed area, it is still on a lake and on the edge of a nature reserve and state park, so there's a lot of wildlife that comes out and into the neighborhood, especially in the spring.

You may have spotted ducks and bunnies which mostly won't be harmful unless they are eating your landscaping or laying eggs in your flower pots. However, we also have wildlife that can be harmful to you and your family such as coyotes, bob cats and snakes.

So, while you are out enjoying your marvelous community be careful to watch for these animals and wildlife to ensure that you, your family and your pets stay safe.

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe:

- Carry a stick
- Stay on the sidewalks and walking trails
- Learn to recognize poisonous snakes
<http://www.snake-removal.com/venomous.html>
- Don't wear noise canceling ear buds or head phones
- Keep your pet on a leash
- Carry mace or pepper spray
- Be aware of your surroundings



Our Communications Committee for Mira Lagos HOA will host a Wildlife Workshop with "Wildlife on the Move" onsite on **Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am** at the clubhouse. Information about wildlife common / found around Joe Pool Lake / Mira Lagos Area. Hope to see you there... This could be a hands-on event. Something could be learned from this to watch for in our neighborhood and surroundings.



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Spring Welcome Reception

Welcome to the neighborhood! On Saturday, April 6th, during a heavy spring rain storm, volunteers on the Welcome Committee and some of our newest neighbors spent time getting to know each other. Refreshments were shared, door prizes were awarded and welcome bags were distributed. If you moved into a home in Mira Lagos HOA within the past year and have never attended a Welcome Reception, join us next time. The next Welcome Reception will be held on July 20th.



Are you currently receiving the monthly *e-News blasts*?

These emails are sent out mid-month to provide homeowners with important information from the onsite management team, elected board members and volunteer committee chairs as well as updates and information on upcoming community and city events and news. To be part of the community information system please email your contact information along with your address to admin@miralagoshoa.com



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

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Thursday, May 16th, 2019
Doors Open 6:15 PM • Class 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Mira Lagos Clubhouse
3025 S. Camino Lagos, 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.

Do you need swim diapers?

If your child isn't potty trained and he/she wants to dip toes and more into a public body of water, you need swim diapers. Regular diapers won't work. The material that makes diapers so absorbent also turns them into a waterlogged anchor around your child's waist once they are submerged in water. Not only is their absorbing action rendered useless once they soak up water, but their weight makes them super saggy to the point of falling off. And they definitely can't hold anything inside once they're stretched out. It's pretty ugly.

Swim diapers are designed to withstand water and contain solids. They aren't meant to absorb. Yep, that means pee will pass through to the water. But swim diapers should keep number twos inside eliminating what public pools fear most: fecal contamination.

What type of swim diaper is best?

Remember that swim diapers need to have a snug fit to contain poop, so they will probably be tighter than your everyday diapers.

Swim diapers come in disposable or reusable versions, each with their own advantages. Disposables are cheap and offer convenience, but they tend to sag and are more prone to letting something slip out.

Reusable swim diapers that have velcro or snaps at the side usually offer a better fit but are more expensive and high maintenance. After changing your child out of a reusable, you have to flush the diaper contents down the toilet, package the dirty reusable to take home, and then rinse it and run it through the wash. Also, since babies grow pretty quickly, they might grow into a larger reusable size before the summer is over. Consider how quickly your little one is growing before investing in a reusable swim diaper.

How does this work at the pool?

If public pools allow diapered children to enter at all, their rules may differ. Many require kids to have two layers. A disposable diaper along with a reusable or a swim short on top can work, or some allow a reusable underneath with a swim short on top. Many parents find that disposable on bottom and reusable on top is the best defense against spillage anyway.



CAR SHOW

It was a fun and exciting time in Mira Lagos on March 30th!! We had the first ever car show at the new HOA building on Camino Lagos. The show was done in hopes of raising money for the animal shelters... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. The show was a huge success on a rainy and cold day. We had almost 100 cars show up, we raised \$2931.00 and the greatest thing is we had 13 of 18 dogs brought by the shelter adopted!! That is 13 new dogs sleeping in warm houses with new families and not sleeping on cold shelter floors. According to the shelter director it was the most dogs adopted in a single day at a city event!!! That is incredible news.

This was a 6 month planning process Between Mira Lagos HOA and Mike McCown of Supreme Lending a resident of Mira Lagos.

The winner of the show was a 1959 Red and White Corvette! We also had many specialty cars there, a replica of the Batmobile from the Batman TV show, the General Lee from Dukes Of Hazzard, The police Cruiser from the blues brothers, one of the first fire truck ever to be in service in Grand Prairie. Just a Tremendous amount of support from the community, and animal lovers everywhere.

We are planning an even bigger show for next year stay tuned for more information.

Mike McCown



SPRING UP YOUR FRONT DOOR



As seasons come and go, changing your front door decorations can be an easy way to spruce up and spring up the curb appeal of your home. You do not need a complete make over, simply changing a wreath, adding seasonal flowers, alternating little garden flags and replacing a worn out welcome mat with a new fun welcome mat can create a beautiful setting for the season.

Wreaths are the standard in door decorations! A grapevine wreath is one of the best bases as it can easily be updated and used over and over again. Tuck in a few colorful floral stems, bluebonnet stems or sunflower stems, and greenery then wrap ribbon around the wreath and hang it on your door. You can get as fancy and detailed in adding elements to your wreath as you want but even a just few sprigs of color on the wreath will spring up your front door. If you tuck and wrap vs. using a hot glue gun, the floral stems and ribbon can be removed and your wreath is ready for the next season of decorating.

Using real seasonal flowers placed

in pretty garden pots on your front porch adds color and warmth each season. Choose a flower that is best for the amount of sun and heat your front porch receives. Depending on how large your front porch, use several heights and sizes of garden pots mixed with vines and flowers to enhance and add depth to your front porch.

Front door mats have come a long way from just 'welcome'. There are clever mats with sayings, flower covered mats, personalized mats, and every kind of mat you can think of for each holiday and occasions. Changing and replacing your mat to match the season is a fun way to spring up your front door.

Garden flags are a really cute way to celebrate the seasons. The wire flag holder and flags can be purchased at any craft store or DIY store. The flags are endless in their designs for seasons, holidays, personalization, occasions and can be collected and used year after year.

Spring up your front door and enjoy the seasons.



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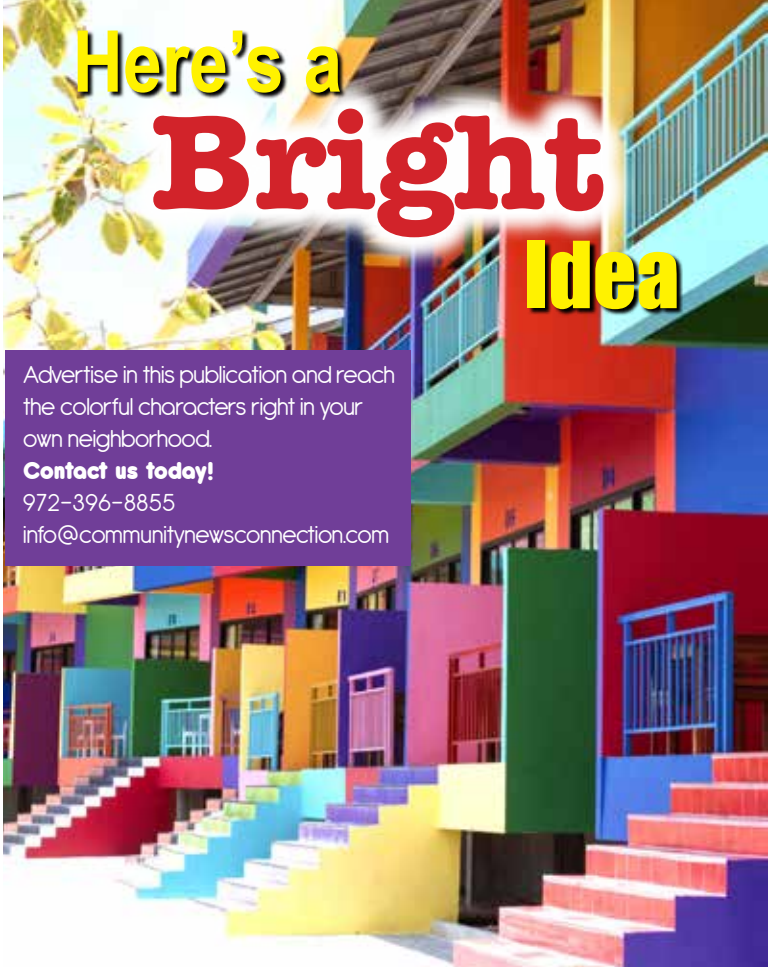
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Gifts for Mom

Do you need gift ideas for Mother's Day? Here are a few ideas for the moms in your life.

The **MakeUp Eraser** cloth is one of the best makeup removing products to date. Most women wear makeup. Most women also use disposable makeup remover cloths and liquid cleaners to remove eye and face makeup. Unlike a traditional washcloth or disposable cloths, the MakeUp Eraser cloth has tiny hair-like fibers that work to suction and reach oil, dirt and makeup with only warm water, no lotions or cleansers are needed. The MakeUp Eraser can be used over and over then simply throw it in the wash...good as new again. The cloth is perfect for sensitive skin and dermatologist approved. MakeUp Eraser is available in a full size cloth as well as a travel size. Go to <https://makeuperaser.com> for more info.



A **Felt Letter Board** is a super fun mother's day gift for home, kitchen or office. These boards come in all colors, shapes and sizes. Moms can display inspirational quotes, silly

jokes, birthday celebrations, holiday sayings, and OH so much more. You can purchase felt letter boards on Amazon, Hobby Lobby and Michaels.



A **Jewelry Snug by Meggie** is a wonderful gift for every woman. The Jewelry Snug is the greatest way to protect and pack jewelry as well as keep necklaces and bracelets from tangling. Even if your mom doesn't travel the world, placing jewelry to and from the gym or if your mom is a woman on the go; Jewelry Snugs are perfect to carry in purses and bags. This product is made of clear vinyl sheets that cling together. Simply place jewelry in between the vinyl sheets, press together and your jewelry is snug, no tangles. These wonders can be pur-



chased at Walmart and Amazon.

Reversible tote bags are stylish and hip bags large enough to carry a laptop, books, clothing, files and endless other necessities a mom might need to go to the office, gym or shopping. These bags are usually a faux leather look and being reversible, it's like two bags in one. Reversible bags can be found at Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom but can also be found at Walmart and Target. Any mom would appreciate this bag and this gift might become her favorite gift ever!

Soft Throw Blankets are always a terrific gift. When your mom watches her favorite Netflix show or movie or perhaps needs to sit outside at a breezy baseball game or especially for snuggling with a child, a soft throw blanket is easy to grab and is a most useful gift.



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YOGA

a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline, a part of which, including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, is widely practiced for health and relaxation

Mira Lagos HOA Pool and Sports Committee has teamed up with a Yoga instructor to provide free classes to homeowners within Mira Lagos HOA only. The dates and times for May are as follows:

May 6th 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
May 18th 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Homeowners need to RSVP via email to poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com, but walk in homeowners are always welcome to attend. The homeowners would need to bring a yoga mat to the session. Important Note: Once the class has ended please exit the building as the building alarms will set at a specific time.

Dear Mira Lagos Homeowners,

Access to all ID cards have been turned off if you are not current on your dues or you are not currently on an active payment plan. If you have made arrangements for payment please contact the onsite office to have the access ID cards turned back on.

In the event you are not able to make your assessment payment in a timely manner, you may opt to be placed on a payment plan. Payment plans must be initiated by FirstService Residential or you will still be considered late. No exceptions. Payment plan arrangements can be started by contacting the On-Site office at 817-473-6787 or by email at admin@miralagoshoa.com. Assessment dues or due by January 30th. The 31st they are considered late. Please plan to have the payment processed prior to the 30th.

Payments should be made to:

Mira Lagos HOA
c/o FirstService Residential
PO Box 60200
Los Angeles, CA
90060-0200

If you need assistance getting your account number or access to your online account for Mira Lagos HOA please don't hesitate to call, we are here to assist.

Thank you!
 ~ Management

NEW CLUBHOUSE INFORMATION



\$500.00 Deposit (refundable)
\$50.00 per hour/ minimum of 2 hours

Cleaning Fee:

\$75.00 (non-refundable after 4pm) Tuesday – Saturday,
 All day Sunday & Monday
 \$35.00 (refundable before 4pm) Tuesday – Saturday

Alcohol present:

\$45.00 / Grand Prairie Police Officer - office staff arranges
 TABC licensed bartender - your choice

Capacity 150 people

NO HOLIDAY BOOKINGS

For more information please contact:
admin@miralagoshoa.com

For reservations email: reservations@miralagoshoa.com

YARD CARE

"Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan

To help save valuable space in our city landfill, Grand Prairie does not pick up grass clippings from your curb or alley. Between March and September, the volume of residential solid waste increases 20-50 percent because of grass clippings.

By leaving your clippings on the lawn after you mow and allowing them to work back into the soil, you can have a naturally beautiful lawn. Grass clippings also make excellent compost for gardens.

Doing less to your lawn can improve the health of your grass. Here are eight easy steps to an easy lawn improvement program:

- 1. Mow Less** – Longer blades of grass allow the lawn to take in more sunlight and crowd out weeds.
- 2. Stop Raking** – If you cut off just a third of the blade, you can leave the clippings as free fertilizer.
- 3. Stop Dethatching Too** – Only dethatch on lawns that have been over fertilized. Thatch, a buildup of roots and leaves just above the soil, isn't a problem.
- 4. Fertilize Less** – Generally, researchers say, most grasses do just fine with a total of three pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet in at least three carefully timed treatments over a season.
- 5. Spray Less Herbicide** – Healthy grass should crowd out weeds.
- 6. Spray Less Insecticide** – If you have bug problems, diagnose first. Call your extension agent if you need help identifying what bug is eating your grass.
- 7. Water Less** – A typical lawn can soak up 10,000 gallons of water a summer, which can increase your water bill by 50 percent. One solution: Wean your lawn from water. Wait until a footprint doesn't spring back, then water as little as 1/4 inch a week just to keep the roots alive. If it's very dry, protect your lawn by cutting down on traffic.
- 8. Accept Imperfection** – If the site gets fewer than four hours of sun or is otherwise unsuited for grass, try another ground cover.

For more information go to www.gptx.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

(all events are subject to change, please watch for updates.)

Social Committee

- Spring Fling & Egg-stravaganza** - May 4th
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm – *start bringing backpacks for our Back Pack – Pack a Bus event and win a door prize!*
- Mom & Son Brunch with a Brush Workshop** – May 11th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm - RSVP ONLY 25 couples
- Back Pack Collection** - July - Aug
- Jazz night** - Sep 14th - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Fall Garage Sale** - Sep 21st (weekend)
- Fall Festival/Vendor Fair** - Oct 19th - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Holiday Brunch** - Dec 7th - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
(please bring an unwrapped toy for Santa Cop to attend)

Pool & Sports Committee

Meetings first Thursday of the month.

- Pool opening Ice Cream Social** - May 4th
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

- Yoga Classes** - April 13th - 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Clubhouse
April 22nd - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Clubhouse
May 6th - 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Clubhouse
May 18th - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Clubhouse

- Friendly – Kick-ball Game** - June 22nd
10:00 am - 12:00 pm - South Open Space

Communications Committee

- Wildlife on the Move** - May 4th - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Information about wildlife common/found around Joe Pool Lake / Mira Lagos Area – animals to see and touch)

Safety Committee

- Women’s Self Defense Class** - May 16th - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- First Aid Class** - either July 16th or 18th TBD
- CPR Class** - either July 16th or 18th TBD
- National Night Out** - Oct 1st - 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm
- Santa Cop** - Dec 7th - during our Holiday Brunch

Welcome Committee

Receptions - Quarterly (RSVP only, per invitation)

- July 20th** - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- October 12th** - 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Workshops

Keep watching for more...

- Do it yourself pest control – Mosquitos** - May 18th
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Do it yourself pest control – Rodents** - June 15th
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

-----More information to come soon!-----



IT'S TERMITE SEASON

Termite Prevention:

One of the easiest ways for termites to enter your home is for them to enter in through the weep holes at the bottom of the bricks around the outside of your home. When the soil level rises above the slab termites can tunnel straight from the soil outside of your home right into the wooden framing between the walls. This is one of the most common ways termites get into homes. A simple way to prevent this from happening is to keep the soil level below the top of your slab. The slabs on most homes already rise up above the soil level at least two or three inches, the higher the better. This spring when you add mulch to your flowerbeds, it might be a good idea to remove the old mulch first to prevent the mulch or soil from building up over the edge of the slab. This will help keep termites at bay. Don't make it any easier for the termites to get into your home. Keep your soil level around the slab as low as possible.

What's bugging you?

If you have a bug problem at your home, but you'r not sure what it is, just text me a photo of it and I will be glad to identify it for you right away. I feel very blessed to live in Mira Lagos and I love this community, and by offering free pest control advice, and free do it yourself pest control workshops, allows me a way to give back to my community. Call or text anytime for free pest control advice or a free inspection.

Brent Russell is a Mira Lagos resident and Owner of Tarrant County Pest Control
Text or call 817-705-7171
www.BugBugBug.com

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Dear Mike McCown and Mira Lagos HOA,

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to be part of the Autos 4 Animals event. The staff had such a great time! We were able to place 14 adoptable animals into loving homes which really helped out at our animal shelter to allow more room for new animals. We received a total of \$2444.00 in donations for our Lucky Fund, which helps provide medical care to our homeless pet population. That will help a lot with our project animals. We try to provide medical care to as many animals as possible throughout the year, whether it is heartworm treatment, broken bones, surgeries, etc. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Lori Strittmatter
Animal Care & Control Manager
Mansfield Animal Care & Control

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Recycling and Recycling bins

The City of Grand Prairie offers curbside recycling for all Grand Prairie residents. These recycling bins are open bins (have no lid) therefore, they are subject to the natural elements such as wind and wildlife. On really windy days recycled trash can blow into your neighbor's yard as well as into the ponds and lakes surrounding Mira Lagos.

Placing a leftover brick or something heavy on top of the recycle trash can help to prevent debris from blowing away and making a mess for other homeowner to have to pick up from their yards.



Blue Bags

You may also use blue-opaque plastic bags for extra recycling that does not fit in the green recycle bin. These blue bags are available for purchase at the following locations:

- Grand Prairie Landfill
- Albertson's*
- Kroger*
- Tom Thumb*
- Walmart*

New water bill customers get their first green bin free by showing their most recent water bill at the locations below (to show that you are paying for a Solid Waste service in Grand Prairie). Additional bins are just \$5 each.



Lake Parks Operations Center

5610 Lake Ridge Parkway, Grand Prairie TX 75052

(Call 972-237-4135 to confirm hours.)



HOA POOL RULES

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** vaping. **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 vehicles in the pool area.
12. Running, roughhousing or general horse play that may endanger the safety of others is **NOT** allowed.
13. Foul language and/or threatening behavior **wit 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 are 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 817-473-6787.
19. **Pools WILL CLOSE during Inclement weather.**
20. **In case of EMERGENCY, CALL 911.**

Violation of pool rules may lead to revoking of pool privileges and/or criminal prosecution.