



MIRA LAGOS

Messenger



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On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years later, that Father's Day became an official, nationwide holiday in the United States.

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora

Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910. Slowly, the holiday spread.

In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However,

many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

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Average Sale Price Has Increased By 21.8%

We are seeing historic lows in inventory of available homes in our area. Our market is down to a 1.7 months' supply! This means if you are planning to sell, you have very little competition, and are likely to get the best possible price for your home. Things can change in a moment in real estate, and inventory is likely to increase as people start putting homes on the market once schools let out. If you want to know what your home is likely to sell for, I can help.

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

- ▲ The average sales price increased by 21.8% to \$308,343
- ▲ The average list price increased by 2.1% to \$287,498
- ▲ The average price per sq. foot of all homes sold increased by 10.1% to \$98 per sq. foot
- ▲ The average days on market for homes for sale has increased by 15.4% to 75 days
- ▲ The percent of list price that homes are selling for is up 0.3% to 97.9% of the list price
- ▼ The number of months' supply of homes for sale is down by 54.1% to a 1.7 months' supply
- ▼ The number of homes for sale in the area has decreased by 43.8% to 45 homes
- ▼ The number of homes listed last month for sale decreased by 35.7% to 27 new listings
- ▲ The number of pending sales has increased by 33.3% to 20 homes
- ▲ The number of existing homes sold in the last month increased by 50.0% to 27 homes



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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

***New Singles Group**

AdventurousEvents@gmail.com

Have an organized group not listed?

Please contact communications@miralagoshoa.com



Crawfish Boil

Crawfish are messy goodness, prepared using Cajun seasoning and live crawfish; often served with potatoes and corn on the cob outdoors. Grand Prairie Farmers Market will host this festive event on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Market Square, 120 W. Main Street.

There'll be more than seasonal produce at Grand Prairie Farmers Market on this day, as well. Purchase freshly boiled crawfish accompanied by potatoes and corn by the pound.



The Grand Prairie Police Department will host its first annual Cops & Kids Fishing event at Mike Lewis Park on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is geared toward Grand Prairie kids aged 6-12 who would not have the opportunity otherwise to learn the sport of fishing. Through the Cops & Kids fishing events, Grand Prairie police officers will provide positive role models and mentoring to kids in the community and teach environmental stewardship.

50-70 children will be recruited from various Grand Prairie youth organizations to participate. The pond will be pre-stocked, so it will be a productive event. Trophies will be awarded to top fisherman.

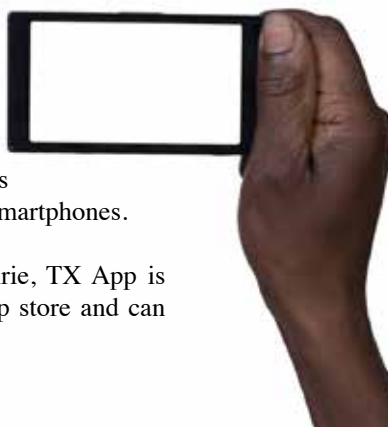
Assistance is needed to untangle lines, bait hooks, weigh/measure fish, and support these kids.

Sponsorships and donations are welcome. All providers will be recognized on an official T-shirt, and any contribution is tax deductible. Those that want to volunteer or contribute to this event can contact Officer Edmonds at 214-695-4014. gptx.org

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.





SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JUNE 8th!

Ages kinder-12, Teen Camp for ages 13-15

Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Campers will be provided a daily lunch and snack....

Campers will swim twice a week and take a weekly fieldtrip.

Camp Tuition \$80/week/child.

\$10 one time registration fee; \$10 t-shirt fee.

Limited Financial Aid is available.

To see a list of scheduled events,

visit or call your recreation center:

Charley Taylor Recreation Center 972-264-6890

Dalworth Recreation Center 972-237-4760

Tony Shotwell Life Center 972-237-7529

<http://www.grandfungp.com/home.htm>



June 12 • 7:45 am

Speaker: **Dyron Jolly, InCon**

Topic: **“Marketing Analysis”**

www.grandprairiechamber.org

Coffee Cup Connection is an early-bird networking and educational meeting presented by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Donuts, coffee and juice are provided. The Chamber just asks that attendees provide \$1 and a business card for a drawing at the end of the meeting. Half of the money collected supports the Chamber’s coffee fund, and the other half goes to the winner! The outcome of your attendance should be referrals to your business.

Our Mayor is Riding Through Mira Lagos



June 10, 6:00 pm
 Cyclin' with the Mayor is a monthly bike ride with Mayor Ron Jensen. It started in April, and runs through November. These events are part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. Each ride starts at 6 p.m. This month, he will ride through Mira Lagos and Grand Peninsula. Meet at Daulton Elementary, 2607 N. Grand Peninsula Drive with your bike, and catch some community spirit!

Golfun 2015

Golfun is a charity Golf Tournament benefiting Children First Counseling Center. It will be on June 5, at Tangle Ridge Golf Club, 8:00 am sharp. In its 20th year, this tournament is a fundraiser for counseling services provided to victims of child abuse, neglect or family violence. Besides experiencing fun and fellowship on the greens, tournament goers will also be entertained by Councilman Jeff Copeland, serving as Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer extraordinaire.

Lunch, raffles and more make it a perfect day of having fun for good cause! Interested parties should contact: Darcy Harris, 972.264.0604 ext. 113, darcy@childrenfirstinc.org





Rebecca Newton

Your Friendly Neighbor!

By: *Elissa Sherlock*

“There’s no place like Mira Lagos,” says Rebecca, as a sentiment to this beautiful community. Moving to Mira Lagos was a dream she made come true a year ago. With her sister and uncle as neighbors, she enjoys a lot of family time.

Rebecca, a single mom to her teenage son, Nico, currently chairs the Communications Committee.

Originally from Detroit, she made the move to Texas through a transfer with General Motors. She left GM to pursue a career in teaching. She taught public school Special Education and ESL at an all-male prison. After a few years, she decided on a career change. She is currently a Tax Analyst.

Rebecca loves meeting neighbors and sharing their stories in the Mira Lagos Messenger. She possesses a unique gift that draws people in. She hopes to one day realize her ultimate career goal of working full-time in her degree field, Communications.

This well-rounded woman is also in the military. She serves as a Broadcast Journalist in the Army Reserve, travelling all over telling the Army story. In addition to serving her country, Rebecca also serves the city of Grand Prairie as a Commissioner on the Housing and Community Improvement Board. She was appointed by Mayor Ron Jenson to serve a 3-year term. If that weren’t enough, she serves on the Welcome and Social Committees, as well.

Busy, busy, Rebecca plays Ladies Poker, LCR and travels with her Mira Lagos girlfriends. She also single-handedly coordinated the inaugural Mira Lagos Amazing Race!

This will be an especially busy year for Rebecca, as she takes a quick trip with her son to Tokyo before sending him off to college, visits Puerto Rico with a neighbor, cruises to Mexico and turns 40...all right before she deploys in November.

In the words of the Beatles, “To Know Her Is To Love Her.” If you meet Rebecca, you’ll understand.

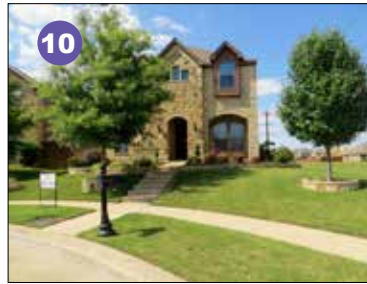
Spring Fling...a real hit!

April 25th was jam packed with fun for Mira Lagos residents. The annual Spring Fling, held at the south pool, offered food and activities for the entire family. This year’s event featured a game truck, DJ, bounce house, over-sized slide and numerous games, including volleyball. Attendance was at an all-time high, and residents are already looking forward to the Social Committee’s next planned activities: Community Sharing Event and Fall Festival. We hope to see you there!



Congratulations Yard of the Month Winners

1. Valencia - 2732 Ponce De Leon
2. El Llano - 7307 La Mancha
3. El Sendero - 6951 Alcalá
4. Bella Vista - 3035 England
5. El Arroyo - 3267 Yeltes
6. La Ensenada - 2955 Bahía
7. Escondido - 7027 Miramar
8. Cordova - 3011 Rosina
9. La Pradera - 3028 S Camino Lagos
10. Sonora - 6927 Ponzano
11. Marbella - 2704 Fuente



Yard of the Month Winners' Reception



Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.

The idea to set aside a day to honor the national flag came from several sources. Bernard J. Cigrand, a Wisconsin schoolteacher, in 1885 urged his students to observe June 14 as "Flag Birthday." He later wrote an essay published in a Chicago newspaper that urged Americans to proclaim this date as the day to celebrate the flag. In 1888 William T. Kerr of Pennsylvania founded the American Flag Day Association of Western Pennsylvania, an organization to which he dedicated his life. A lesser-known claim is that of George Morris of Connecticut, who is said to have organized the first formal celebration of the day in Hartford in 1861.

In 1916 Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 the U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day. Although Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, Pennsylvania celebrates the day as a state holiday. Each year the U.S. president delivers an address that proclaims the week of June 14 as National Flag Week, and all Americans are encouraged to fly U.S. flags during that week.

<http://www.britannica.com>

Recipe of the Month

Simple Caribbean Jerk Chicken



- 1 envelope Italian salad dressing mix
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 1/2 lbs chicken pieces

Directions

Mix all ingredients except chicken in bowl.

Pour over chicken.

Cover and marinate 1 hour or overnight in fridge.

GRILL it! Enjoy!

www.food.com

Amazing Race: Mira Lagos



Four brave couples conquered fun challenges throughout the community, on April 25th at the Communications Committee's Inaugural Amazing Race. The teams: Silver Bucks, The A-Team, Chasing the Dream and Wildcats were met with road blocks and detours, dug through sand to find pennies, tossed marshmallows into the mouth of their teammate and solved puzzles.

Each participant agreed that the occasion was a great time with neighbors, and would do it again. Everyone won a prize.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Timothy McLaurin, pictured left, is the son of Timothy and Luz McLaurin. He is going to attend college here in Texas to pursue a degree in Journalism.

Jaeln Campbell, pictured right, is the son of Jerry and Mary Campbell. Jaeln scored high on his SATs and will pursue a career in business.



Nico Newton, pictured left, is the son of Mira Lagos Communications Chair, Rebecca Newton. He is going to attend college in Los Angeles to pursue a degree in Fashion Design.

Djenan Grimmert II, pictured right, is the son of Djenan Grimmert Sr., and Reynee Grimmert. He is going to attend college in Los Angeles to pursue a degree in Film and Video Production.

Nico and Djenan are first cousins.

We wish them the best in their future pursuits!



Tips to prepare for the summer storm season

When does severe weather season start in North Texas, and how long does it last?

Tornadoes and severe weather can occur almost any time of the year in North Texas. However, there are two predominant tornado seasons in our area. One occurs in the Spring and early Summer. Another probable season for tornadoes is in the Fall. Regardless of the time of year, people should be vigilant about paying attention to the weather forecasts.

What types of severe weather or disasters could we face in North Texas?

North Texas is plagued with almost every type of severe weather and disaster. Besides tornadoes and fierce winds, there is also the possibility of hail, lightning, flooding, ice storms, winter storms, wild fires, excessive heat and drought. Even small earthquakes must be taken into account in light of recent seismic activity in this region. North Texas may also experience technological hazards including industrial explosions, power grid failures and hazardous materials spills. Other emergencies or disasters may include train derailments, vehicle pileups, and plane crashes. As we have seen recently, riots, acts of violence and terrorist attacks cannot be ignored either.

Are there steps those who live in houses should take?

People in houses should know how to shut off water and gas utilities in case a disaster occurs. Everyone should make sure their home, apartment and belongings are insured.

What are specific items for an emergency kit?

There are necessary supplies you should have on hand to ensure you have sufficient

resources that might be needed in case of an emergency. This may include a fire extinguisher, smoke detector, NOAA weather radio, first aid kit, flashlight and batteries, matches and candles, extra clothing or blankets, medicines and prescriptions, diapers and baby formula, and food and water. Be sure to prepare emergency kits for your home and your vehicle too.

In the event of a disaster, technology we are used to -- such as the internet or smart phones -- may not be available. How can we stay informed and communicate with family and friends?

Technology may not always work in or after a disaster. This may include electricity, the internet or phones. You will need to find a way to provide lighting, stay warm or cool, obtain information and communicate with others. It is imperative to have flashlights, blankets and a battery or crank operated radio. Also, it is important to remember that it is often better to text in a disaster rather than make phone calls (since texts use less data than phone calls). Finding ways to communicate with family and friends who are out of state is advisable.

<http://www.unt.edu/>

GRAND PRAIRIE 65 YEARS AGO

- 1950 population 14,594.
- E. Carlyle Smith Sr. was Mayor.
- The Uptown Theater opened
- Grand Prairie State Bank built and opened its new building at the corner of Center and Main.
- The City Commission voted to hire a City Meat Inspector at \$1 per year plus 35 cents per head of cattle and other animals inspected.
- The City Commission voted to install curbs at the intersections of streets in downtown.
- City Commission voted to annex Burbank Gardens.
- The City Commission asked the City Attorney to notify residents that the sewer is available and residents be required to connect.
- Tax rate for 1950 scheduled to be \$1.44 on \$100 assessed value.



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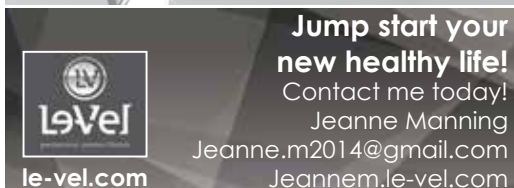
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Uptown Theatre Presenting Series Mayor Ron & Rebecca Jensen Presenting Sponsor



The Uptown is Grand Prairie's fully restored 1950's theater and performing arts center. It is rich with history and abounding with activity. This classically hip venue is host to concerts, plays, musicals, theater camps, and even weddings.

Home of Grand Prairie Arts Council, the Uptown Theater will charm and enchant you with its playful 1950s ambience and professional performances. Whether you're tapping your toes to the oldies, enjoying a nationally touring stage show, or celebrating at a special event everyone in your family will love The Uptown experience.

This month, the theatre will feature a Motown Tribute: The Four Tops, The Supremes, The Temptations, The Marvelettes, and the Miracles Salute.

Featuring Star Lead Singer from "The Drifters", Ramon Noble, Lynna Davis from "Diana Ross' Supremes", Star Lead Singer Wendell Noble from "The Cornell Gunther Coasters" and Star Lead Singer Myles Savage from "The Platters" on Friday, June 26, 2015, at Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie.

<http://uptowntheatergp.com/uptown-presenting-series>



National Donut Day 2015

National Donut Day is on the first Friday of June each year. This year it's on Friday, June 5. It was created by The Salvation Army in 1938 to honor those who served donuts to soldiers during World War I. Many donut shops like to celebrate this day by giving away free donuts. Make sure to check with your favorite donut place!



Juneteenth Celebration

Do you know what Juneteenth is?

It is the name for a holiday celebrating June 19, 1865, the day when Union soldiers arrived in Texas and spread the word that President Lincoln had delivered his Emancipation Proclamation. News traveled so slowly in those days that Texas did not hear of Lincoln's Proclamation, which he gave on January 1, 1863, until more than two years after it was issued!

The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." Thus, the Emancipation Proclamation was limited in many ways. It applied only to states that had seceded from the Union, leaving slavery untouched in the loyal Border States. It also expressly exempted parts of the Confederacy that had already come under Northern control. Most important, the freedom it promised depended upon Union military victory.

Although Juneteenth has been informally celebrated each year since 1865, it wasn't until June 3, 1979, that Texas became the first state to proclaim Emancipation Day (Juneteenth) an official state holiday. But it is much more than a holiday. Juneteenth has become a day for African Americans to celebrate their freedom, culture, and achievements. It is a day for all Americans to celebrate African American history and rejoice in their freedom.

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov>



In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort.

Since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the eighth anniversary of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

The campaign to designate June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month, was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Nelson, Founder and President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies. Through the commemoration of this month, America is reminded that its greatness lies in its diversity, with Caribbean immigrants from founding father Alexander Hamilton, to journalist Malcolm Gladwell, who have shaped the American dream.

caribbeanamericanmonth.org

The 5th Annual Womens' Self-Defense Clinic a Hit!



by Robert McLain

On Thursday, April 23 the Mira Lagos HOA Safety Committee hosted the 5th Annual Womens' Self-defense clinic at Anna May Daulton Elementary School. Twelve residents learned fundamental principles of self-defense and several applications.

"This is what I call the ABC's of self-defense," stated instructor, Robert McLain. "Avoid whenever possible, when not possible Block an incoming attack, then Counter-attack to stop the aggression."

Students started by practicing avoiding different directions using footwork, twisting and body shifting to avoid attacks. They were introduced the importance of keeping proper distance from the intended attacker while maintaining eye contact. Next was the introduction of "natural body motions" to execute strikes, kicks, and throws. After working on these fundamentals, participants paired up with a training partner and worked on application of the self-defense techniques. The attacking partner moved with various attacks while the defending partner used the recently-learned skills. Assisted by Chayon-Ryu 2nd degree black belt, Doug Stevens, participants spent 1 ½ hours of their evening working together to improve their abilities.

The teaching method used during the class is Chayon-Ryu, which means, "Natural Way." It emphasizes natural body motions such as walking, running, twisting and skipping (among others) to teach martial arts movements. The system was founded by Grandmaster Kim Soo in 1968 following his immigration to the United States. Kim, a native of South Korea, grew up learning a combination of karate, chuan-fa and judo in the 1950's, then Hapkido in the 1960's. He discovered that all styles share the commonality of "natural body movements" combined with fundamental principles of rhythm, balance of movements, proper breathing, among others. Kim has operated schools in Houston, Texas since 1968 and been faculty member teaching his unique teaching method as faculty at the University of Houston and Rice University for many of those years. In Houston, January 16 has been recognized by several Mayors as "Grandmaster Kim Soo Day," celebrating his contributions to the city. Mira Lagos resident and co-chair of the Safety Committee, Robert McLain, has operated the Arlington, Texas branch of Chayon-Ryu since 1994 and is ranked as a 5th degree black belt under Grandmaster Kim. He has been a correspondent to Black Belt Magazine, Taekwondo Times, and Totally Taekwondo Magazine for 15 years.

**For more information about Chayon-Ryu,
visit the web site: www.chayonryu.com**

**The local Arlington, Texas Chayon-Ryu's web site is:
www.arlingtonchayonryu.com**



Texas SmartScape Plant Sale

Texas SmartScape™ utilizes xeriscape principles, but goes beyond the basics by providing design, care, and plant search tools that are "Smart" for North Central Texas.

The purpose of SmartScape™ is to educate citizens on the ecological, economic and aesthetic benefits of using landscaping plants, shrubs, grasses and trees that are native or adapted to our regional climate and local conditions.

The ultimate goal is to conserve local water supplies and improve storm water runoff quality by reducing the amount of water needed to maintain landscapes while decreasing the amounts of pesticide, fertilizer and herbicides used in landscaping practices.

Our neighborhood Home Depot at 5280 S. SH 360 will host a Texas SmartScape Plant Sale on June 6, 8:00 am –Noon. Participants will have the opportunity to speak with plant experts and get ideas for low-water use landscaping, which saves on water bills, beautifies the home and local environment, attracts native butterflies and hummingbirds, and reduces storm water pollution. The event will also include kids' activities. **For more information, call 972-237-8377 or visit www.txsmartscape.com**

Philippine Republic Day Celebration



On Saturday, June 6, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the "Pista Sa Nasyon" or Filipino Festival, another annual major event of the Philippine Republic Day Celebration, will be under the Green Expo at Traders Village, 2602

Mayfield Road, in Grand Prairie. The event will start with the parade of banners, followed by the program showcasing Filipino and other multi-ethnic cultural presentations, choirs, bands, and songs. Vendors will sell exquisite paraphernalia and delicacies. There will be games for adults and children, elbow rubbing among families and friends. The Santacruzán, a beauty pageant procession honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, winds up the activity. Around 20,000 visitors are expected at this year's festival.

The Philippine Republic Day Celebration (PRDC) is based in Dallas but the governing twenty-one board members are residents of the DFW metroplex. It is a Non-Profit Organization, formed in 1993, with the vision of a joint month-long celebration of the Philippine Republic Day roughly close to June 12th, the day General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the independence of the Filipinos in 1898.

For more info visit: www.tradersvillage.com



Mira Lagos Area Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	<p>1</p> <p>8:00 PM Steve Miller Band</p> <p>8:20 am Daulton, Kindergarten Awards</p> <p>2:15 pm Spencer, Spring Party, Kindergarten</p> <p>LCR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:45 pm Daulton, First Grade Awards</p> <p>2:15 pm Spencer, Spring Party, 1st & 3rd</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 Free Spanish Class, Warmack Library</p> <p>1:45 pm Daulton, Third Grade Awards</p> <p>2:15 pm Spencer, Spring Party, 2nd</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:15 pm Spencer, Spring Party, 4th</p> <p>Late Nights at Perot Museum</p> <p>Jazz in the Atrium at DMA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Last Day of School</p> <p>8:00 am Golfing</p> <p>National Donut Day</p> <p>Entourage movie</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LRHS Graduation</p> <p>Crawfish Boil</p> <p>8:00 am SmartScape</p> <p>Philippine Republic Day celebration</p> <p>D Day, WWII</p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>BunKo</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:30 pm Kids Summer Movie</p> <p>Cinderella at Fair Park through 6/22</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Cycling with the Mayor</p>	<p>11</p> <p>E-40 in concert</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:45 am Coffee Cup Connection</p> <p>8:00 pm Shrek the Musical</p> <p>Jurassic World movie</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Cops & Kids Fishing</p> <p>Kids Gone Wild, Galleria Mall, 3rd floor</p> <p>Throw-back Festival, Gexa</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Elvis and Michael Jackson at Trader's Village</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>Army birthday</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ronald McDonald at main library</p> <p>Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Winspear</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 City Council Meeting</p> <p>D'Angelo, Bomb factory</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Airhogs vs. Amarillo</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Free Zumba, Warmack library</p> <p>Ramadan begins</p> <p>Deep Ellum Wine Walk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <p>Inside Out movie</p> <p>Night Drags, Texas Motor Speedway</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Best Little Brewfest in Texas, Little Elm</p> <p>John Williams, Hollywood Soundtracks, Myserson</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <p>Soul Food Festival</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>First Day of Summer</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Twilight Camp all week at Cora Spencer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:00 Hispanic Networking Meeting</p> <p>Annie, Winspear</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Brian Wilson, Verizon Theatre</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Trinity Park, Summer Dance</p> <p>Beat Battle, Crown & Harp</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 Motown Tribute</p> <p>Big Game movie</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Car & Bike Show</p> <p>Festival de Mariachi</p> <p>7:00 pm Impractical Jokers</p> <p>Red, White and Sousa, Colleyville</p> <p>Dirk Nowitzki's Celebrity Baseball Game at Dr. Pepper Ballpark</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00 Children's Tea Party, Warmack library</p> <p>LCR Wild</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 pm Teen movie, Warmack library</p>				

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