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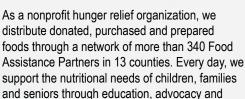
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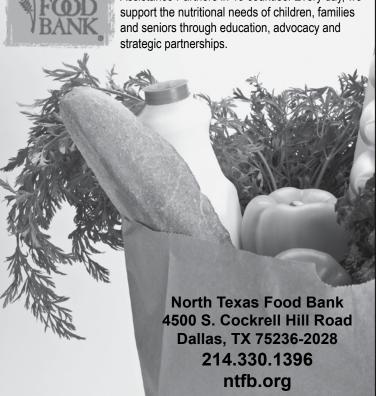


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This is when having an experienced realtor can really make a difference. They will be able to improve your chaces of success by properly pricing and marketing your existing home. They can advise you of how to improve your chances with a contingent offer on your new home, and they can usually recommend a good lender to help with creative options such as loan recasts, which can allow you to put extra money down on your new loan after your old house sells.

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What's Happening



1st Thursday on Main

Date: 09/01/2016 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Roma's Italian Bistro 101 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Grand Prairie Chamber Board Member, Chris Brickman with United Realty & Associates, hosts a social networking meeting at Roma's Italian Bistro once a month to generate downtown activity. You are invited the first Thursday each month at Roma's to build lasting friendships and potential clients. A percentage of sales from the evening are donated back to a local nonprofit organization (benefiting Children First Counseling Center). If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring this event, contact Chris at urassociates@aol.com or 214-878-5342.

Bedford Blues and BBQ Festival

Date: 09/03/2016 – 09/04/2016 Location: 1951 L. Don Dodson Bedford TX

The Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival is an all-weather event. We want everyone to have a good time and guest safety is our number one priority. In the event of severe weather we'll announce schedule changes here and on our Facebook page. We invite everyone to come on out and enjoy this weekend while sampling world-class BBQ and the best blues music in Texas!

Website: http://bedfordbluesbbq.com

Phone: 817-952-2128

Cyclin' with the Mayor: Grand Central Park Ride

Date: 09/07/2016 6:00 PM Location: The Summit 2975 Esplanade

Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for monthly bike rides in April through November as part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. The rides feature a different 5-mile route each month and are set at a casual pace.

The September bike ride through Grand Central Park starts 6 p.m. at The Summit.

Visit the Cyclin' with the Mayor webpage for the schedule of 2016 rides. Website: http://www.gptx.org/residents/public-health/get-fit-gp-health-initiative/cyclin-with-the-mayor

Fall into Fun Gardening

Date: 09/08/2016 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Main Library 901 Conover Dr. Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Fall is a great time to plant a garden that will

grow through the winter with less weeding, watering, and much more fun! Grow vegetables that will not grow in the heat of summer such as broccoli, brussel sprouts and many more. Leave the summer sweats behind and trade for some fun gardening!

Other programs in this series:

September 15: Smartscaping Made Easy September 22: Fall into Winter Groundwork September 29: Pruning with Purpose

Made possible by the Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Department.

Wurstfest

Date: 09/10/2016 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Historic Downtown Mansfield 102 N Main St. Mansfield, TX 76063

Free Admission. Plan to do a little shopping with our vendors and buy dinner from our food vendors. Enjoy the following activities:

- Weenie Dog Races
- Live Music
- Contests
- Vendors
- Kid's Activities
- Frankfurter Race

Creative Colors for Adults

Date: 09/15/2016 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Mansfield Public Library 104 S. Wisteria

Mansfield, TX 76063

Experience the latest trend in relaxation-Creative Coloring. Are you stressed or just need some time to relax? If so, come join us on the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month for Creative Colors @ MPL. Feel free to come for the whole time, or just stop in for 20 minutes. All materials will be provided.

American Indian Pow Wow

Date: 09/16/2016 – 09/18/2016 Location: Traders Village 2602 Mayfield Rd Grand Prairie, TX 75052

A Native American Pow Wow with colorful tribal dance contests, an arts & crafts show, tipis, honoring ceremonies, singing and much more will be part of the 54th Annual American Indian Pow Wow. This annual event is a great time to visit with old friends and make new ones. Plan to join us for this colorful and interesting event, presented by the DFW Inter-Tribal Association, at Traders Village on September 16-18, 2016.

Plano Balloon Festival

Date: 09/16/2016 – 09/18/2016 Location: 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano, TX 75074

The Plano Balloon Festival Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 agency that is dedicated to educating attendees about hot air ballooning and producing a family oriented, high quality event that offers other local non-profits an opportunity to assist in the operations of the Festival. Our objective is to offer the participating non-profit agencies an opportunity to raise funds and awareness for their programs and services...thus enhancing the quality of life for all of us.

Website: http://www.planoballoonfest.org **Phone:** 972-941-5840 or 972-867-7566

16th Annual Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer

Date: 09/25/2016 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Location: Lone Star Park 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

The NOCC's DFW Chapter invites you to our 9th Annual Run Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer®.

This chapter serves Dallas, Fort Worth, and surrounding areas. The mission of the NOCC is to save lives by fighting tirelessly to prevent and cure ovarian cancer, and to improve the quality of life for survivors. The race will take place in September, which is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month! We will have food trucks to provide food and drinks before you run or walk. There will be also be shopping vendors at the event.

PRE-REGISTER:

Pre-registration is open now and closes at 5:00PM CST on September 21, 2016. Guarantee your t-shirt: Register by September 6, 2016. Those registering after September 6, 2016 will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

TICKETS PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE DAY OF PRICE

Adults - Age 12 and up \$ 40.00 \$ 50.00 Kids - Age 6-11 \$ 15.00 \$ 20.00 Virtual Walkers \$ 45.00

Visit <u>runwalk.ovarian.org/DallasFortWorth</u> to register.

Important links

Get Fit GP: www.gptx.org/GetFitGP
Fort Worth: www.fortworth.com/events

Citizen Police Academy - Registration Open



Grand Prairie is very fortunate to have one of the best police forces in the DFW area. Overall crime has decreased significantly in the past few years, thanks to many initiatives put into place by Chief Dye and the officers and staff of the police department. One of his areas of focus is community interaction through open lines of communication and serving as well as protecting the citizens of Grand Prairie. *Coffee with a Cop* is an example of one of his programs and worth attending to meet our offices and chiefs. See the Community Services Division tab under the Police Department on the GPTX.ORG web site for some of the community services.

The *Police Department Citizen Police Academy (CPA)* is an educational program designed to familiarize the public with the nature of police work. It is open to all residents 21 and older, who live or work in Grand Prairie and have not been convicted of a felony.

The CPA program is a series of 10 class sessions held on Thursday evenings (starting at 6:30pm) and 3 Saturday sessions. Registration is now open for the class starting September 8th.

There are usually three presentations per class. The CPA is intended to cover all aspects of the police department, and the sessions are so interesting and informational that most attendees' feedback indicated they would like even more time.

The sessions include: Welcome by Chief Dye, Tour of the public safety building, Officer training, Patrol, Crime scene (with hands-on in the lab), Detention, Communications, Major crimes, Auto theft, School resource units, DWI / traffic and patrol units, Under cover unit, Domestic violence unit, SWAT, Hostage negotiations. Mobile command post, the Problem solving unit and much more.

The three Saturday classes are even more exciting. Instruction and live firing at the police gun range, followed by the firearms simulator. Tactical driving in the Verizon parking lot. Lake patrol and the Canine unit.

To graduate from the CPA and be able to volunteer (which is not required just because you attend the CPA) you need to ride with an officer on patrol and observe in Communications and Detention.

The police department has several programs for citizen involvement and volunteering. CPA is the first step. You do not have to volunteer but in order to volunteer you have to complete the CPA. For more information, see the police web site or contact Emil Balliet, Volunteer Coordinator – eballiet@gptx.org or call 972-237-8998.





Congratulations Yard of the Month Winners

August 2016 Yard of the Month Winners: Congratulations! Please stop by the onsite office for your prize! - Mira Lagos Landscape Committee

- 1. El Sendero 2803 Tranquilo
- 2. El Mirador 2820 Pescadero
- 3. La Tierra 2835 Pino
- 4. Las Brisas 2847 Mariposa
- 5. La Ensenada 2936 Barco

- 6. El Llano 2947 Albares
- 7. Cordova 3016 Laretta
- 8. Bella Vista 3027 England Pkwy
- 9. El Arroyo 3144 Guadaloupe
- 10. La Pradera 3203 Pamplona
- 11. Sonora 6947 Nava
- 12. Escondido 7027 Miramar
- 13. Marbella 7203 Bucanero
- 14. Valencia 7332 Estela





























Keeping Our
Community
Beautiful

Welcome Reception

Welcome to Mira Lagos! That's what you hear when attending one of our Welcome Receptions. We hold our meeting Receptions twice annually, and we are so amazed to see how our community continues to grow. We work with builders, management and neighbors who are kind enough to drop us an email letting us know when someone new has moved in. Our volunteers help our community from delivering welcome bags filled with goodies and information to a jar opener and everything in between!

The recurring comments of this meeting was how great our community is and how each one of our new neighbors couldn't have chosen a better place to live than Mira Lagos. With a variety of door prices for both adults and children this was a very successful meeting. The management team, board members, committee chairs, and our volunteers helped

share information, stories, and create an environment where our new friends felt welcomed, cared for and heard.

On a separate note, I'd like to point out that several of our new neighbors are retired military, and I along with the Welcome Committee want to extend a special "thank you" for your service to our country. You are a very special neighbor in our book! We would also like to extend our thanks to the Police Officers that make Mira Lagos their home, your service is also recognized and appreciated.

If you have not come to one of our welcome receptions, please send an email to <u>welcome@miralagoshoa.com</u> so that we can add you to our list for our next reception in 2017.























Boy Scouts Rocket Launch

Saturday, July 30th – Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 788 (which includes neighborhood kids from Cora Spencer, Daulton, Smith, and Judy Miller) and their families enjoyed a little fun in the sun out by the south pool. With water bottle rocket launchers provided for the event from Lockheed Martin; the scouts had a wild and wet time while learning about physics and range safety. The stayed cool with other activities like water blaster fights, beach ball soccer, and sponge fights. After working up an appetite, they noshed on hot dogs and homemade cookies, and washed it down with some cool lemonade. They rounded out the event with a "Soak the Leader" sponge relay that provided some welcome relief from the heat for

their Den Leaders. Thank you to the Mira Lagos HOA for letting us have such a fun summer activity so close to home!

If scouting is something you'd like to look into for your 1st-4th grader, please come visit our tables at the two Meet the Teacher events at Cora Spencer and Daulton Elementary Schools on Aug 18th or be on the lookout for our recruitment rallies at these two schools in early September. You can also email the pack at cubmaster788@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

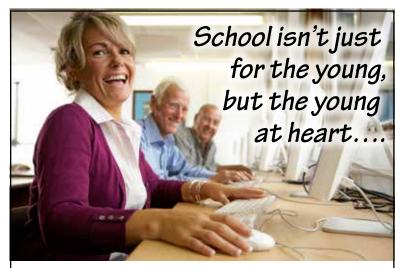
Robert Sauermann











A variety of senior classes (55 &; over) are available through Tarrant County College. The S.E. Campus is conveniently located off Texas State Highway 360 at 2100 Southeast Parkway (roughly 15 minutes away).

Classes ranging from Beginning Bridge to Computer Maintenance, Introduction to Computers, Genealogy, Jewelry Making and so many more choices are available.

Orientation is Friday, September 9th at 10:30 a.m. A schedule of classes is available at the HOA office.

Any questions, contact Elissa Sherlock through at welcome@miralagoshoa.com.



"The City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Animal Services together with Prairie Paws Adoption Center encourages responsible pet ownership. All dogs and cats must have current rabies vaccinations. It is unlawful for dogs to be allowed to run at large within Grand Prairie City Limits. Dangerous dogs and other animals discovered running at large may be destroyed by a peace officer or animal services officer, in the interest of public safety. City ordinances define a "dangerous animal," and the definition includes if the owner is aware of a pet's dangerous propensity to attack other animals or humans.

Link to ordinance: http://www.gptx.org/city-governmentcity-departments/animal-services

In order to keep our community beautiful and safe, please follow the above mentioned article as it is the law. Pets no matter the size must be in leashes at all times through the neighborhood and/or our recreational areas.



Lake Ridge Eagle Band March-A-Thon!



Coming to a neighborhood near you! September 17, 2016. The approximately 230 students of the Lake Ridge Eagle Band will be participating in the 5th annual March-A-Thon through the Mira Lagos neighborhoods. These enthusiastic students have been diligently practicing in the Texas sun to perfect their performance. Now you can get a preview of their hard-earned skills, starting from our very own Cora Spencer Elementary School at 10am on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Along the route, the energetic musicians will be collecting donations to support their Band Programs as they perform. The march will travel through La Pradera, La Tierra, El Llano, El Arroyo and will conclude at Lake Ridge High School at about 12:30pm. Come support our kids and enjoy the show!





Parking Safely

According to the Grand Prairie Code Enforcement department, vehicles cannot be parked in the front, side or rear yard, unless on asphalt or concrete. No parking of oversized vehicles (over 1.5 tons, width of 8 feet and length of more than 16 feet) in residential neighborhoods. Vehicles are not allowed to stand or park unattended for a continuous period of 48 hours on a public street.

According to Section 545.302 (a) an operator may not park a vehicle: on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; on a sidewalk; in an intersection; on a crosswalk; between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet on the curb opposite of the safety zone; alongside or opposite a street excavation or if the parked vehicle would obstruct traffic; on a bridge or in a tunnel; on a railroad track; where an official sign or other Texas parking law prohibits parking. (b) under Texas parking laws, a person cannot temporarily park: in front of a public or private driveway; within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; within 20 feet of a crosswalk; with 30 feet of a flashing signal; within 20 feet of a driveway entrance; with 50 feet of the nearest fail or railroad crossing; where an official sign prohibits parking.

These laws help create a safe environment for all of us and it's imperative that we follow them as it can prevent accidents, damage

to personal or public property and a more amicable relationship between members of our community.

For any of the above infractions you can contact: Code Enforcement Contact

206 W. Church St.

Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Phone: 972-237-8049 or 972-237-8296

Grand Prairie Police Department

Non-Emergency Dispatcher: 972-237-8700



The 80/20 Rule

"My effort is in the direction of simplicity. People in general have so little and it costs so much to buy even the barest necessities (let alone the luxuries to which I think everyone is entitled) because nearly everything we make is much more complex than it needs to be. Our clothing, our food, our household furnishings—all could be much simpler than they now are and at the same time be betterlooking." Henry Ford



Life has gotten exponentially busy now that I have two kids instead of one and time has become a more precious resource.

The way I use to deal with a big life or business change that added new responsibilities was to come up with a plan on how I can do more activities in less time. Over the years, I've learned and used an 80/20 analysis exercise to decide what I could eliminate from my life to make sure I'm only focusing on the activities that are in line with my life goals and purpose. I do it for my personal life, my finances, my business, and my community service activities.

Here's an example of how I applied this exercise to my business a year ago. (it's not the entire business analysis, just one part to give you an idea of how it works. You want to dig really deep into how you're spending your time, with who, and what are the results. Really deconstruct your life into as many little pieces as needed. Then you are going to put back only the pieces you need to accomplish your goals and eliminate, automate or delegate the rest.)

What are all the activities some in my role has to on a daily and weekly basis?

- Meet with clients, centers of influence, and potential clients
- Go to events to meet new potential clients
- Paperwork
- Check email throughout the day
- Investment research
- Portfolio management
- Etc... (the list is way longer, but I just want to simplify it)

What 20% of activities most impact the bottom and I really enjoy doing?

- Meeting with clients, centers of influences, and potential clients
- Going to events to meet new potential clients
- Portfolio management

What systems can I put in place to complete these activities in less time? What steps can I take out? Can I remove myself from some of the process or at the very least eliminate all repetitive decision making? Examples:

- Restrict 80% of my networking events to a 5 to 10-mile radius of my office
- Build most of my clientele within 5 to 10 miles of my office
- Move my office to within 5 to 10 miles of where I live
- Spend 80% of my time with the centers of influence and clients who continue to introduce me to new people
- Create prospect qualifying process that allows me to determine very quickly if someone is a good fit for my services before I give them a presentation of my services
- Use a systematic investment process where the rules are determined in advance for buying and selling

What 20% of activities drain me, don't really add much to the bottom line and I can easily delegate/outsource, automate or eliminate?

- Outsource: Investment research data gathering
- Delegate: Paperwork
- Automate: Check email only once per day

Once you've identified what you can delegate, automate, or eliminate get it done. If you can't do it immediately, then write the steps you need to take to make it happen and have a deadline. This is not an easy exercise. Cutting the fat in your schedule is about as hard as cutting the fat in your finances. It takes courage, faith, and a bit of ruthlessness. However, the time you free up to spend more time with your loved ones and your increased productivity will be well worth it in the long term.

Here are the best books I've read on using time wisely:

- The 4 hour work week (Tim Ferris)
- The 80/20 Principle (Richard Koch)
- The 15 Laws of Growth (John Maxwell)
- Making Room for Life (Randy Frazee)



Tips for Walking Safely to School

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

Walk together

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

Cross the street safely

- 1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
- 2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
- 3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
- 4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
- 5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards

For more resources and information on Safe Routes to School, please visit the National Center for Safe Routes to School Web site at www.saferoutesinfo.org.



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Tips for Parents and Other Adults For Teaching Pedestrian Safety to Children

SafeRoutes







Walking is a fun and healthy way to spend time with your children while teaching them skills that can serve them well throughout life. The walk to school is a great time to use these safety tips.

Be a walking role model

Children learn through experience. Walking with parents or another caregiver is an important way for children to practice crossing real streets and picking safe places to walk. There is no magic age when children are old enough to walk without an adult. But, as a parent, you should decide when your child has the skills and experience to deal with traffic safely

As you walk with your child, remember these safety tips

- Wear bright-colored clothes, and carry flashlights or wear reflective gear if it is dark or hard to see
- Look for traffic at every driveway and intersection.

 Be aware of drivers in parked cars that may be getting ready to move
- · Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- · Cross the street safely:
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 - 4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished

HSNT Welcome Home Adoption Center

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5. Walk, don't run across the street.



Choose the safest route to school

Select a walking route with less traffic and

- · Pick places where there are sidewalks or paths separated from traffic. If there are no sidewalks or paths, walk as far from the motor vehicles as possible and, if possible, on the side of the street facing traffic.
- Limit the number of street crossings. When available, cross at a location with an adult school crossing guard.

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

· Avoid crossing busy or high-speed streets.

Understand your childs' limitations

Children are not small adults. It will take time and practice for a child to develop the ability to deal with lots of traffic. Over time, children develop the ability to accurately judge the speed and distance of oncoming traffic. Young children may think that a car is able to stop, when in fact, it is not. Also, children may think that if they can see a driver, the driver can see them. But, children are smaller and harder for drivers to see. Get down to a child's height to experience their perspective and see what they see

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Celebrating the Opening of New Fire Station No. 10

The City of Grand Prairie and Mira Lagos HOA residents celebrated the grand opening of the new Fire Station No. 10, 2645 S. Grand Peninsula, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016.

The new station will serve neighborhoods in the Joe Pool Lake area.

The 12,332-square-foot building features four drive-through apparatus bays, eight dorm rooms, officer's quarters, offices, a day room, commercial kitchen and workshop. It also has a safe room designed to withstand a category 4/5 storm, which is a new feature for North Central Texas fire stations. Sustainable practices and energy conservation were considered in the building design.

Reflecting the nearby marine setting of Joe Pool Lake, Fire Station No. 10 features a nautical motif, complete with a landmark working lighthouse feature, roof dormers, clapboard siding recalling a historic lighthouse on the eastern seaboard, and mooring rope chains. An anchor, obtained from the USS Fort Fisher, is installed as an art feature in the front lawn. The Fisher was the last ship in the anchorage-class of dock landing ships, was launched in 1972, and in February 1998, was the first ship decommissioned in her class.

