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ladies,

Are you interested in a night out? I host a game-night the 1st Monday of the month (LRC brainless dice game) and the 2nd Monday is BunKo. There's no obligation to come every or all Mondays. We have around 12-20 ladies at each event. It's a nice way to network and make new friends. If you're interested, email me and I will place you on an Evite list (AllMyHomeGirls@gmail.com). Hope to hear from you, the 1st time is the hardest, but we're a fun social group and promise to make it fun....

Your Neighbor, Elissa, Sherlock

# **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.



POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Mira Lagos Clubhouse

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police andneighbors together under positive circumstances.





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# Annual Peninsula P.I.D. Meeting

**Peninsula PID:** Annual meeting Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 pm Mira Lagos HOA: Main Building 3025 S. Camino Lagos

Agenda: Introduction, projects and contracts, budget and financial reports, selection of one board member, selection of officers, citizens' forum, adjourn.

# Something is Hidden. Can you find it?

We have hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger, search for an owl. Please email manager@miralagoshoa.com in the subject line put "I FOUND IT," a random drawing, WINS! Provide page item is on, name, address and phone number in the email.

Good Luck and have fun! If you find it there is a \$25.00 gift card.







# 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.

### Be seen

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

# Texas State Fair



From September 28 to October 21, 2018 the Texas State Fair will be rolling into Dallas at the Fair Grounds. This year's theme is "Celebrating Texas Innovation." From America's first self-contained modern shopping center, stadium nachos, iconic corn chips, the frozen margarita machine, handheld calculators, to even corny dogs, several of the world's favorite creations were introduced right here in the Lone Star State. Texas continues to be a state of innovation delivering groundbreaking inventions, technological advancements, and scientific milestones. Commemorating the significant Texans and Texas innovations that have helped influence our current way of life and looking forward to the state's next era of pioneers, the Fair is proud to introduce its 2018 theme of "Celebrating Texas Innovation."

State and world fairs have long been known as destinations for introducing new modernizations to the world. Beginning in 1886 as a local gathering place for people to share ideas and learn from new cultures, the annual state fair and exposition in Fair Park became a breeding ground for Texas education and innovation. While its historical purpose has evolved over the last 132 years, education remains a pillar of the Fair's nonprofit mission – promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement.

Illustrating this year's theme, the artwork highlights Texas innovations such as the integrated circuit, agricultural advances, space exploration, and food innovation.

Honoring those who have helped pave or are paving the way for Texas innovation, the Fair will be launching a social campaign to highlight significant Texans and Texas organizations who have imprinted on our great state's history and future. This will run throughout the year to serve as another platform for people everywhere to join the Fair in "Celebrating Texas Innovation."

Mark your calendars for the 2018 State Fair of Texas. Say "howdy" to Big Tex and join the annual celebration of all things Texan, opening September 28 at historic Fair Park in Dallas.



# Grand Prairie's Warmack Library to Close Mid-August for Expansion

After remodeling the Main Library and Shotwell Library, the Grand Prairie Library System has begun a major expansion and remodeling project of its southernmost branch, the Betty Warmack Library.

The Warmack Branch Library will be closed Monday, August 20 through February 2019 so that library expansion can be completed. After August 20, the bookdrop at the Warmack Library will not be available. Your library card is good at the Main Library (901 Conover Dr.) and Shotwell Library (2750 Graham St.) or visit gptx.org/library and use your library card to place an item on hold and pick it up at the Lake Parks Book Locker, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway. The Grand Prairie Libraries also feature downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, video and more through our eBranch.

All program information is subject to change.

Raise a Winning Reader Programs Starting September 10, regular children's programs will be held in the gym at the Grand Prairie YMCA located at 4556 S Carrier Pkwy.

- Read, Play, Learn: Fridays at 1:30 p.m.
- Book Babies: Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
- Toddler Time: Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
- Preschool & Kinder Ready: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Homeschool Hub Contact Mia Harris at mharris@gptx.org or 972-237-5715 for the latest information.

Full STEAM Ahead on Tour! We will be taking Full STEAM Ahead on the road. All programs are registration only; please visit tinyurl.com/GpLibraryEvents or search Grand Prairie Libraries on Eventbrite.com. For questions, contact Linda Laib at LLaib@gptx.org or 972.237.5798. Select afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 26: Lonestar Park
- Wednesday, October 3: Grand Prairie Landfill
- Wednesday, October 10: GP Development Center
- Tuesday, October 16: IKEA
- Wednesday, October 24: Grand Prairie Municipal Airport
- Wednesday, November 7: Trinity Water Authority

Teen programs at the Warmack Library will be on hiatus after August 20. The Warmack Branch Readers' Guild will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (ask at the front desk) of the Main Library.

- September 10: Little Paris Bookshop, by Nina George
- October 8: Hidden Figures, by Margot Shetterly
- November 12: The Leaves, by Lisa Ko
- December 10: Woman in the Window, by AJ Finn

Second Saturday Stitchers will also meet at the Main Library, from 9 am to noon on the second Saturday of each month.

Built in 2001, the 10,000 square foot Warmack Library was named for long-time library supporter Betty Warmack, who over the years has served with the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and Library Board.

As its popularity with visitors has grown over the years, the Library's current meeting room space has become inadequate for programming demands. Popular programs often overflow into the body of the library, bringing noise and distractions to readers.

The Warmack Library will grow by 65%, adding 6,500 square feet. The expansion project will result in two program rooms, as well as 4 study rooms. The children's and adults' areas will expand, and a new teen area (with gaming space) will be created.

The Warmack Library is located at 760 Bardin Rd. 972-237-5770. Visit us online at www.gptx.org/library

# 2018 Mira Lagos HOA Annual Meeting

held on Thursday, July 19th, 2018

























### **Fitness Center Rules**

- Proper work-out attire must be worn at all times
- Lift weights in a controlled manner
- Do not drop weights
- Return equipment to their appropriate location
- Wipe all surfaces and remove all personal items after use
- Please be courteous of others and limit time to 30 minutes on cardiovascular equipment
- No eating, vaping, tobacco use, smoking or glass containers
- No foul/abusive language, radios, speakers or excessive noise
- All media and music listening must be done via headphones
- Alcoholic beverages may not be brought in or consumed
- You must be 18 to bring guests and guests must be accompanied by the resident (limit 2)
- Children under the age of 12 are not permitted at any time
- Children aged 12-17 allowed with parental supervision
- Children aged 14-17 allowed 5AM 9PM without parent supervision
- All locks left on lockers will be cut off nightly and items discarded
- The HOA is not responsible for any lost or stolen objects
- Report any broken equipment to HOA

### Use of the workout facility is "at your own risk"

The Mira Lagos HOA fitness center is a 24-hour facility. The fitness center is private property owned by the association. Let's work together to avoid extra expenses. If you have a lost or stolen access card, please contact the HOA office at 817-473-6787. Replacement access cards are \$25.

# VIOLATION OF RULES MAY RESULT IN TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT LOSS OF PRIVILEGES













# **BLOOD DRIVE**

We saw 22 donors with four deferrals.
Those donors helped to save/touch 54
lives in North Texas! Without your help
and those of the volunteer blood donors,
saving lives would not be possible since
there is NO substitute for blood.
On behalf of the patients we serve;
thank you for all that you do!

- Carter Blood Care



# DOWNTOWN SALSA SHOWDOWN AT FARMERS MARKET

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St., will host the first Downtown Salsa Showdown on Saturday, September 15th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help celebrate Mexican Independence Day! City departments from across

Grand Prairie will compete to see who can make the best fresh, homemade salsa. Tickets to sample all the different homemade salsas and vote for your favorite will be on sale for a minimal fee. At the end of the competition, the winner

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# Farmers Market

will be declared according to who got the most votes from the taste testers. The top three departments will all have a cash prize donated to the charity of their choice. Come enjoy fresh salsa and celebrate Mexican Independence Day while you enjoy live music, shop the market, and help your favorite department win money for their charity!

For more information, contact Andrew Byrd at 972-237-8115 or abyrd@gptx.org.

# EAT ONE PEAR A DAY its good for you Pears are a low calorie fruit which can aid in weight loss. Pears contain 18% of the daily recommended fiber which can aid

• Pears contain potassium which positively impacts heart health.

in digestion.

- Pears are high in copper and iron which is helpful for anemia and other iron deficiencies.
- Pears are also high in vitamin C which helps build your immune system.
- Pears are a great source of vitamin A for eye health.
- Pears contain magnesium and calcium which support bone health.

sweet, crunchy, delicious

### WATERMELON LIMEADE

Serves 4

6 cups cubed watermelon (from about ½ of a 5-pound watermelon)

½ cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons sugar (or substitute honey, agave, or maple syrup)

Mint leaves or lime wedges, for serving

Puree watermelon, lime juice, and sugar in blender until smooth. Add more sugar if needed. You can strain the puree before serving, if you like, but it's not necessary. Serve over ice and garnish with mint leaves or lime.



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Pay attention to whether a potential agent is listening closely to what you say. Is he or she asking follow-up questions which prompt further explanation and help him or her understand exactly your needs and wants?

Give a potential agent the opportunity to educate you. A good agent should walk a customer through the buying or selling process before ever showing properties or discussing a specific transaction.

Have a good idea of what you expect from an agent and communicate those expectations. How often do you want to hear from your agent? Do you want to hold meetings at your house rather than the real estate office?

Evaluate the agent's firm and/or office. Look for a real estate organization whose agents can empower you with real estate expertise and resources and provide first-rate customer service.

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# YARD OF THE MONTH



La Pradera - 7274 Mirada



El Sendero - 7008 Alcala



El Llano - 2955 Montalbo



Valencia - 2711 Columbus



Marbella - 7268 Bucanero



El Arroyo - 7436 Gallo



La Tierra - 2924 Sendero

Thanks to all of those who participated in yard of the month for the month of August. As we know that there are so many beautiful yards out in Mira Lagos, please remember we are volunteers of the community. If you would like to assist, please contact the landscape committee at: landscape@miralagoshoa.com. We would appreciate all the help we can get.



La Ensenada - 7132 Playa



Escondido - 7071 Miramar



El Mirador - 2820 Pescadero



Bella Vista - 2823 England Pkwy



Las Brisas - 2848 Terrosa



Sonora - 6931 Sarria



Cordova - 3016 Laretta

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









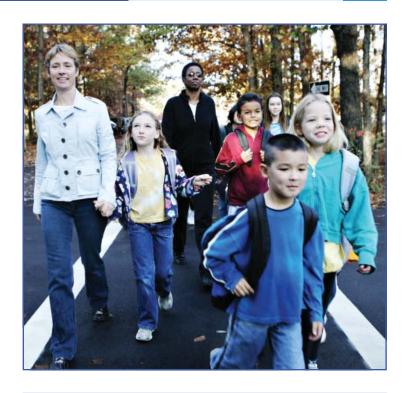
Walking is a fun and healthy way to spend time with your children while teaching them skills that can serve them well throughout life. The walk to school is a great time to use these safety tips.

### 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 without you.

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:
  - 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.



### Choose the safest route to school

Select a walking route with less traffic and intersections.

- 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.
- 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.

# **NEW POOL ACCESS CARDS**



In anticipation of our new fitness center we are starting to distribute new photo ID access cards. If you are current on your dues or have payment plan

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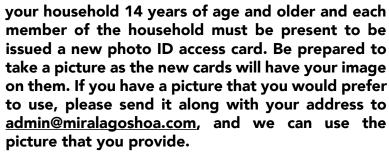
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arrangements in place and are actively paying, these new access cards will give you access to the new fitness center and all three of the pools.

If you are not current on your HOA dues or you are not on a payment plan, no access will be given.

The new photo ID cards will be issued to each member of



Please return any of your old pool cards, if you have them, as they will no longer work once new cards have been given out.

Please contact Cynthia at 817-473-6787 to sign up for a time spot to have your household come in to take a photo and receive your new access cards for all of the pools and the new fitness center.

NO WALK-INS! By Appointment Only. Tuesday - Saturday from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you!!

### NOTE:

- \* Your old cards will continue to work until you are able to make the appointment.
  - \* Your old cards will not work if you are behind in payments on the HOA dues.



# New Homeowner's Welcome Reception

Sunday, September 9th 4:30pm - 6:00pm Mira Lagos Clubhouse 3025 S. Camino Lagos

If you have moved into Mira Lagos in the past six months, please join us! The Mira Lagos Welcome Committee is hosting a reception for our newest neighbors! Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes. Your entire family is welcome!

For more information or become a volunteer, email welcome@miralagoshoa.com





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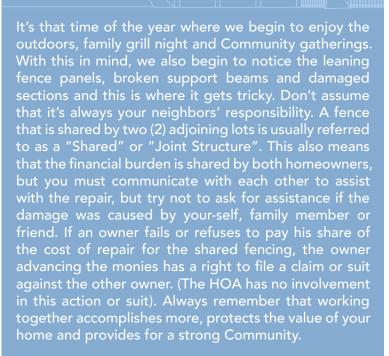
# sunflowers

- The sunflower is only flower to contain the word 'flower' in its name.
- Sunflowers follow the sun across the sky in a process called heliotropism.
- Sunflowers have oil that is used in cooking and is rich in calcium, iron and contains vitamin A and D.
- An average sunflower can grow up to 8 to 12 feet and contain up to 2,000 seeds.
- The sunflower has the largest flower bloom of all flowers.
- The center of the sunflower varies in color from yellow to dark brown.
- There are two kinds of seeds in a sunflower, either black or striped. The striped seeds are made into snacks and the black seeds are used to make oil.



# **NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR**

"The Great Divide - Friend or Fence"





### Chilton Automotive Library Now Available Online to Grand Prairie Library Cardholders

The Grand Prairie Public Libraries have added the Chilton Library database of automotive information to their eBranch offerings.

Free with your Grand Prairie library card, Chilton Library provides

- Step-by-step service and repair procedures
- Wiring diagrams
- Maintenance and specification tables
- Troubleshooting guides and diagnostic trouble codes
- Photos, illustrations, diagrams and multimedia (videos and animations)
- ASE test prep

The Chilton Library is one of the many Texshare databases, made possible by a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services. The TexShare Databases are a program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, made possible by state and federal funds, as well as through member library fees.

For more information, call 972-237-5700 or visit us online at www.gptx. org/library. Grand Prairie library cards are free, even to non-residents.

# **NORTH TEXAS GIVING DA** 9.20.18 COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

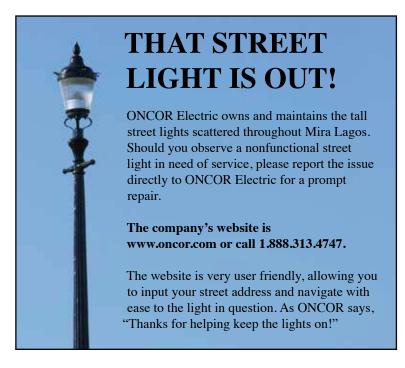
# **WE'RE COUNTING DOWN TO NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018!**

Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-touse platform.

The event helps build awareness and support for nonprofits like nothing else. In 2017, \$39 million was raised through more than 137,000 gifts benefiting 2,723 local nonprofit, bringing the nine year total to \$195 million for our community. North Texas Giving Day is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation.

In ten years, this online event has transformed from an idea to help raise awareness of nonprofits, to a movement that has ignited a broad culture of community-wide giving. During North Texas Giving Day, everyone has the opportunity to be a philanthropist to build a stronger and more vibrant community.

## www.northtexasgivingday.org



# Mira Lagos HOA **Bi-Annual Community**



# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 7:00 AM-3:00 PM

Clean out your garage and your closets! It is time for the big Fall Yard sale! Just put your items out in your front yard on this day and wait for customers! Please keep all "sale" items on your front yard and keep the alley ways clear for emergency vehicles and neighbors. Make sure to get your permit. Email social@miralagoshoa.com to be added to the Garage Sale List.



