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The number of likes on our neighborhood Facebook page is growing! On our page you will find information to enhance your knowledge of the community.

Find us on Facebook

facebook.com/miralagoshoa Like your page today!

The MiraLagosHOA Facebook page is managed by the Communications Committee and is just for fun! A volunteer will reply to comments (when appropriate), but customer service is not provided through the page. If you need homeowner assistance, please contact FirstService Residential Management directly. Association Contact Information is on page 2.



Love the Messenger? Want to be in the Messenger?

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Submit your feedback, ideas, clubs, and photos for consideration to the Communications Committee. communications@miralagoshoa.com

PLACE A BUSINESS AD

Reach homeowners with Community News Connection. info@communitynewsconnection.com 972-396-8855

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Social

Welcome Susan Kennedy welcome@miralagoshoa.com Meetings: monthly/electronically

New Members welcome on all committees!

Board of Directors Ken Self, President Eric Blackwell, Vice President John Hughes, Secretary Alex Marques, Treasurer Kenny Donnell, Director board@miralagoshoa.com

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Mira Lagos Messenger

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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

www.gptx.org

Workforce Solutions Resume and Career Help Wednesday, January 4 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Main Library

Your new professional future awaits! Get assistance with job hunting or resume support. A no cost opportunity to learn about helpful resources.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, January 7 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

City Hall, 300 W. Main St. Grand Prairie, 75050 Registration is required. Call 972-237-8055 or register online.

Drop off your household hazardous waste. Any household product that you no longer want (items that should not be disposed of via trash or washed down the drain), is considered household hazardous waste. No commercial waste will be accepted.

MLK Parade and Celebration Monday, January 16 | 9:00 AM

300 W. Main St. 75050

This event will showcase talent from Grand Prairie ISD, and community leaders will be recognized. Participants will receive a free lunch. The celebration will follow at the Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St., Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

Peninsula PID Board Meeting Tuesday, January 17 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Mira Lagos Clubhouse 3025 South Camino Lagos 75054

The Public Improvement District Board, representing Grand Prairie residents of the peninsula, will conduct its first quarterly meeting of 2023.

> Details apply. All city events subject to change. Confirm status before attending.



"I FOUND IT"



Charlie Lepin of Las Brisas village is our December *Something Hidden* winner! The wreath was hidden on page 12.

Congratulations! Thank you for reading the Messenger.

Something Hidden



Can you find the hand weights hidden in this issue? When you find this item, email manager@miralagoshoa.com to be entered into a random drawing to win a \$25 gift card and have your photo featured in the Messenger.

Put **"I FOUND IT"** in the email subject line and provide the page number the image is on along with your name, address, and phone number.

May all your fitness goals be realized in 2023!



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Mira Lagos HOA Office 2023 Holiday Hours & Closures

Close Early | Saturday, December 31 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Closed | New Year's** Sunday, January 1 *Open* | Tuesday, January 3

> **Closed** | Saturday, February 18 **Closed** | **President's Day** Monday, February 20 *Open* | Tuesday, February 21

Close Early | Saturday, April 8 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Closed** | **Easter** Sunday, April 9 *Open* | Tuesday, April 11

> **Closed** | Saturday, May 27 **Closed** | **Memorial Day** Monday, May 29 *Open* | Tuesday, May 30

Close Early | Saturday, June 17 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Closed | Juneteenth** Monday, June 19 *Open* | Tuesday, June 20

Closed | Independence Day Tuesday, July 4 Open | Wednesday, July 5

Closed | Saturday, September 2 **Closed** | **Labor Day** Monday, September 4 *Open* | Tuesday, September 5

Closed | **Thanksgiving** Thursday, November 23 **Closed** | Friday, November 24 *Open* | Saturday, November 25

Close Early | Saturday, December 23 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Closed** | **Christmas Eve** Sunday, December 24 **Closed** | **Christmas** Monday, December 25 **Closed** | Tuesday, December 26 *Open* | Wednesday, December 27

Regular Office Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Closed Sunday and Monday

For immediate needs after hours and holidays, contact FirstService Residential 24/7 Customer Service. 877-378-2388 | FirstService Residential miralagos.connectresident.com

Winter Weather WORD SEARCH

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ICICLES

THANK YOU!

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Mira Lagos has partnered with Santa Cop for over a decade to collect new, unwrapped toys for local children in need at Christmastime.

The Grand Prairie Police Santa Cop program has grown since its first year in 1985, when about fifty gifts were delivered to Grand Prairie families to now giving gifts to over 400 families annually.

Your support in December was greatly appreciated! Thank you for giving to this growing program by donating right here at home in Mira Lagos.



WIND



Scavenger Hunt

Congratulations to Ziri Olivas of El Mirador for finding one of the fall scavenger hunt items in November!

Monitor and Manage Water Use

Monitor and manage your water usage from the H2Know online portal 24/7 on your personal computer and mobile devices. The H2Know system measures and transmits hourly water usage data.

H2Know Benefits:



- Receive automatic alerts of higher-thannormal usage
- Establish monthly budget with alerts when reached maximum total
- Identify high usage and suspected leaks with precise meter readings
- Monitor usage patterns such as irrigation to better manage frequency and time
- Save water and money!

To access H2Know, register at gptx.org/H2Know



December 21-January 3: Winter Break

January 4-6: Student Holiday & Teacher Workday / Staff Development

January 9: School Resumes / 2nd Semester Begins

January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

#WeAreMISD | mansfieldisd.org

Calendar subject to change.

Resident Clubs & Activities

For Homeowners by Homeowners

MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Host: Lanh Phan

Email: miralagosmulticulturalclub@gmail.com Group: facebook.com/groups/miralagosmulticulturalclub

Do you live in a culturally diverse community? Absolutely! The goal of this club is to promote awareness, cultivate inclusiveness and mutual respect of multicultural diversity. Join us today so we can embrace and celebrate our differences.

NETWORKING CLUB

Host: Marlow McGuire

Email: miralagosnetworkingclub@gmail.com Group: facebook.com/groups/miralagosnetworkingclub

Are you looking for an engaging group of neighbors who are excited about networking? This is the club for you! We are committed to thriving together.

GRAND LAGOS CORVETTE CLUB

Host: **Reginald English** Contact: ereginald90@yahoo.com Phone: 214-336-1283

Do you own a Corvette and like to show it off? Would you like to meet new people? Do you like giving back to your community? If you answered "YES" to these questions, then we're looking for you! The Grand Lagos Corvette Club is made up of Grand Peninsula and Mira Lagos residents who own a Corvette. Call or email Reginald to join us!



BUSINESS NETWORK

Host: Alex Marques

Contact: www.linkedin.com/groups/14100399/

This group is connecting business professionals and entrepreneurs who live in the Mira Lagos community through network meetings, book reviews, webinars, and other initiatives.



BOOK CLUB

Host: Marlow McGuire When: Last Thursday, monthly, 6:00 p.m. Email: miralagosbookclub@gmail.com Group: facebook.com/groups/miralagosbookclub

Join us monthly on Thursdays and connect with

our group via Facebook to get details on our book of the month and where we will meet up each month.

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LIST YOUR CLUB TOO! Host: Your Name

When: Your Schedule Contact: How to Reach You

Do you host a small group that is open to your neighbors? Your neighborhood club or activity could be listed in the next Mira Lagos Messenger. Email communications@miralagoshoa.com.

Clubs are initiated and hosted by residents. The Homeowners Association does not endorse any resident club or activity and does not endorse products, services, or postings by such groups. Dates, times, locations, and other details may change. Contact the host for details.



AT'S **happening**

RA LAGOS HOA 2023 **Members Only Upcoming Events**



Polar Plunge Feb. 4















Mother

Dance

May 6

Son







All events are for Mira Lagos HOA Members only. Events are subject to change. Updates may be found in your homeowner eNews and on the Mira Lagos HOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MiraLagosHOA.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities

Annual Meeting 2023 February 23, 2023 Mira Lagos Clubhouse | 7:00 pm



The association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in our community. Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet board and committee members and the manager.
- Learn about the association's mission statement.
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- Review the budget and hear the association treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager, and your neighbors to find a wealth of information about your community!

Artist Showcase

March 25, 2023 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Are you an artist or do you know someone who is?

We will be hosting an artist showcase. We are looking for 5-7 artists, 18 and older who would like to showcase their work at the Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse.

To learn more or submit artwork please email: admin@miralagoshoa.com

We will have a "self-pay" lobster food truck and a jazz band for the event. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.





Join neighbors for fitness and fun at these Mira Lagos HOA Members only classes at the Clubhouse. Your HOA Photo ID Access Card is required upon arrival.

Yoga - Monthly Mondays | 6:30 PM Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6 Register: schedulicity.com/scheduling/CYBDEW

Reservations required. No walk-ins. Reservations, cancellations, and questions are accepted by the instructor via Schedulicity.

Zumba - Weekly Weekly | 6:00 - 7:00 PM Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Bring only what you need: your water, a towel, and your enthusiasm! Waiver required upon arrival for first-time participants.

Class sizes limited. Schedules may vary on holiday weeks. Details subject to change. Guest restrictions apply.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities



Alex Marques, Pool and Sports Committee Chair

Chess Players

Pool and Sports is organizing chess events in the neighborhood to start a Mira Lagos Chess Team. If you think you can beat Magnus Carlsen or if you haven't heard about chess, we want to hear from you!

Community Shirts

Mira Lagos community shirts are available for a discounted price of \$10 at the HOA office.

Social Media Surprise Events

Join over 150 residents who are a part of Mira Lagos Pool and Sports groups on GroupMe and Facebook. In addition to the events already planned for this year, we are organizing SURPRISE EVENTS that will be shared ONLY on social media.

Scan these codes to join our groups.





Let's Watch Sports Together

The Mira Lagos HOA Pool and Sports Committee is offering residents a chance to watch sporting events for a reduced price!

COWBOYS OF COLOR RODEO

Monday, January 16 | 2:00 p.m. (MLK day) Dickies Arena, Fort Worth \$20 each

LIGHTNING VS STARS HOCKEY

Saturday, February 11 | 12:00 p.m. American Airlines Center, Dallas \$20 each

PICKLE RUN 10K, 5K, 1-mile

Saturday, March 18 | 9:00 a.m. Mansfield

The limited number of tickets to these events for Mira Lagos HOA Members are first come, first serve. Purchase your tickets or pay your entry fee at the HOA office or email Alex at poolandsports@ miralagoshoa.com to reserve a spot.

Pool and Sports Committee events are for Mira Lagos HOA Members only. Events are subject to change and can be canceled/postponed based on community interest.



March 18 | September 23



2023 Mira Lagos HOA Blood Drive Dates

March 18 | September 23

All events are for Mira Lagos HOA Members only. Events are subject to change. Updates may be found in your homeowner eNews and on the Mira Lagos HOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MiraLagosHOA.

CHESS WITH DAD

Mira Lagos Pool and Sports organized a special event in partnership with Cora Spencer's and Danny Jones' "All Pro Dad" organization. The "Chess with Dad" event was a great chance for kids and male role models (dads, grandads, brothers) to spend time playing chess. Over 30 people participated, and the event had great feedback from the community!

We would like to thank Arlington Chess Club for providing chess boards and clocks!













MARINE CORPS MARATHON 2022

Mira Lagos Pool and Sports Runners Club would like to congratulate Mira Lagos resident, Kristi Burns, for competing in the 2022 Marine Corps Marathon on October 30th!

All Residents: Please send your pictures to Alex Marques at poolandsports@miralagoshoa. com so we can celebrate your running accomplishments!





NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

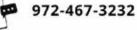
- Introduce yourself to a neighbor.
- Pull weeds from your flowerbed more frequently.
- Recycle curbside pick-up every Monday!
- Help a neighbor with one landscaping need. •
- Register in FSR Connect for account access and community alerts.
- Attend the HOA Annual Meeting February • 23rd.
- Choose one HOA community event and volunteer.
- Advertise in the Mira Lagos Messenger.
- Take time to enjoy the beauty around you every day.

New Year New House?

Have you been thinking about selling your current home and moving into something new? Let's make that a reality! As your neighbor and an experienced Realtor I'm ready to showcase your home in the best light.

Get In Touch

I can't wait to partner with you.





Tanika@TanikaDonnell.com







Annual Assessments

Mira Lagos Homeowner Association Assessments are due January 1st and are considered late January 31st, 2023. Late fees and interest will be applied after January 31st, 2023.

There are several ways to pay:

1) By Mail

Please remit HOA payments to this address: Mira Lagos HOA c/o First Service Residential P.O. Box 30343 Tampa, FL 33630-3343

2) Online | www.Clickpay.com

Important Note: Please make the payment online on or before January 28th to ensure your payment is posted on time. Paying your association online on January 31st will not be accepted as paying on-time. It takes 3 business days to hit your account, which will ultimately make the payment late.

3) In Person

Payments can be made at the on-site office at 3025 S. Camino Lagos during normal business hours, Tuesday-Saturday 8:30am-4:30 pm.

If you need a payment plan, please reach out for assistance by contacting the on-site office staff at admin@miralagoshoa.com before January 31st to avoid additional late fees.

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WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

Leash, please!

Leashed dogs can't run into traffic or run away. Leashed dogs will be less likely to startle your neighbors. They can't go on a midday hunt (protect the bunnies!). Dogs-at-large are not allowed in the City of Grand Prairie. Save yourself the fine and leash your dog.



Good Winter Practices

Keep your water bottle filled, even in the cold weather. Your body loses approximately eight cups of water each day even when you do not sweat as much. Be sure to replenish your body with at least eight cups of water a day.

- Winter can leave your skin vulnerable to dryness. Keep your skin hydrated with moisturizing lotions and soothing oils. A humidifier also helps to keep your skin less dry and protected from winter's harshness.
- Despite the winter temperatures, keep active. Go for a brisk walk or try to balance on an exercise ball (working on your core) while watching television. Keeping active during winter can keep you healthy and keep the winter blues away.

Shorter days during winter can affect your sleep cycle. Keep track of your sleep making sure you get seven to eight hours of sleep.























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COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

Name:	
Street Address:	
Phone Number:	_Email:

Many of our communities have committee involvement, which greatly contributes to their sense of neighborhood. If you are not already involved in the community and would like to be, please complete the form and return it to **3025 S**. **Camino Lagos, Grand Prairie, TX 75054** or the respected committee email address. A committee chair in your community will contact you.

I would like to volunteer on the following committee(s):

Pool & Sports Committee: The Pool and Sports Committee hosts and develops pool and sports related activities. The committee also assists with monitoring community pools. If aquatics and sports are of interest to you, this is the place to be. **Email:** poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com

Social Committee: This committee develops social activities and functions responsive to the needs of the community and sets up recreational programs for all interests and age groups. Get to know your neighbors and make them feel at home in *your* community. Find out neighbor's interests and how they'd like to get involved in the community association. **Email:** social@miralagoshoa.com

Landscape Committee: The Landscape Committee will help select seasonal color changes, contribute ideas for long and short-term landscape improvements, and host yard of the month throughout the summer months. Email: landscape@miralagoshoa.com

Safety Committee: The function of this committee is to organize a neighborhood crime watch and to inform the neighborhood of any criminal activity in the area. This committee hosts first aid, CPR, and self-defense events. Email: safety@miralagoshoa.com

Welcome Committee: The Welcome Committee is just that, here to welcome new homeowners to the neighborhood! Be the first to welcome new people as they move in. A welcome reception is given quarterly as a meet and greet. Email: welcome@miralagoshoa.com

Communications Committee: The goal of the Communications Committee is to keep everyone informed! If you have skills as a writer, editor, photographer, or reporter and want to contribute articles, take photos, or proofread - we need you! Help to share useful information and community news with homeowners in the Mira Lagos Messenger magazine, the eNews newsletter, and on social media. **Email:** communications@miralagoshoa.com

I have a	_considerable	_moderate	small amount o	f time to devote.	
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Suggestions/(Tomments:				



Clubhouse Rental is a HOT Commodity.

Here's what you need to know to get your event on the calendar:

- 1. Clubhouse rental is strictly limited to Mira Lagos Members in good standing whose accounts are paid in full.
- 2. Each household may only reserve up to 2 (two) rental dates at one time. Once one reservation has occurred, another rental date can be reserved.
- 3. The rental contract and deposit must be completed within 7 (seven) days of when you are added to the calendar. Staff will NOT follow up to remind you about this deadline. After 7 days, unconfirmed rental dates will be forfeited to the next interested party.

Mira Lagos HOA community events and meetings are given top priority on the rental calendar. The Clubhouse is not available on holidays and other designated blackout dates.

Holiday Décor

Please remove seasonal décor after each holiday. Our governing documents (Article IV, Section 4.25) require all holiday decorations be removed within 30 days after the holiday in which they relate. Thank you.



C	Winter Lawn & Garden Checklist
	Gervice lawn mower
	Prune trees and roses
	Prepare garden soils
	Treat for insects with oil spray
	Buy and plant trees
Ē	Rake leaves when needed
	Apply pre-emergent to lawn
	Disconnect and drain garden hose
Ľ	Insulate outdoor faucets

Sign Up to Receive Emergency Alerts



AlertGP is a free service that will notify you by phone, email, or text about emergencies affecting the Grand Prairie area.

To sign up, visit: gptx.org/alertgp



For ad rates and sizes, call 972-396-8855 or email info@communitynewsconnection.com



ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Among other powers, the Board of Directors has the power to exercise for the Association all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to the Association. Among other duties, the Board of Directors has the duty to supervise all officers, agents, and contractors of the Association and establish the amount of the annual assessment.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors and would like to be on the official election ballot, please email **Stacy McGrath at <u>stacy.mcgrath@fsresidential.com</u></u> or mail a letter expressing your interest and a bio to:**

Mira Lagos HOA 3025 S. Camino Lagos Grand Prairie, TX 75054

DEADLINE FOR CANDIDACY SUBMISSION: Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Submissions must be RECEIVED by this date to be on the ballot. There will be no nominations taken from the floor.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the association, please contact the onsite office at 817-473-6787 or Customer Care at 877.378.2388.

