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As a nonprofit hunger relief organization, we distribute donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of more than 340 Food Assistance Partners in 13 counties. Every day, we support the nutritional needs of children, families and seniors through education, advocacy and strategic partnerships.



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Mira Lagos Messenger

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Mira Lagos Safety Committee is teaming up with the Santa Cop and Santa Spot programs that are collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for Grand Prairie families in need during the holidays. Toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted throughout November.

Donation boxes are available at the following locations:

- Station #1, 321 W. Main, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #2, 3102 Bowles, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #3, 1702 Robinson Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75051
- Station #4, 1502 Duncan Perry, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #5, 3202 S. Great Southwest, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Station #6, 602 Stonewall, Grand Prairie, TX 75051
- Station #7, Lake Parks Rescue Facility, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Station #8, 3017 Roy Orr Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Station #9, 315 E. Polo Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Station #10, 2645 Grand Peninsula Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75054
- Mira Lagos Homeowners Association, 3025 S. Camino Lagos Grand Prairie, TX 75054
- Public Safety Building, 1525 Arkansas Lane, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- City Hall, 317 W. College St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- GP Credit Union, 209 N Center St, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Development Center, 206 W. Church St., Grand Prairie, TX 75050
- Grand Prairie ISD Transportation and Maintenance Facilities, 514 Skyline Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Mira Lagos HOA will be taking the last of donations on December 1st 9am-2pm at the clubhouse at 3025 S. Camino Lagos! Drive by or stop by for some coffee and donuts!

Santa Cop is really in need of teenager appropriate gifts (purses, wallets, hand held electronic games, makeup, hair care products, etc.). For more information call 972-237-8882 or email at santacop@gptx.org.



Veterans Day is November 11th, 2018, however this year it will be observed as a Federal Holiday on Monday, November 12th, 2018, so schools and businesses can celebrate and take a day off.

Take this time to thank a living veteran! Salute our veterans! Show a veteran extra appreciation especially this day, by attending an event or parade in the area. Visit a VA hospital, and ask a veteran about their service.

The City of Grand Prairie will celebrate Sunday from 2pm-4pm at the Veterans Event Center at 925 Conover Dr. This year the ceremony will include the newly dedicated brass bell presented by the Grand Prairie Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, vintage aircraft flyover provided by the Commemorative Air Force, bagpiper, color guard, 21-gun salute and taps. Punch and cookies will be provided by our local Rotary Clubs.



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ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. Tarrant County registered voters can vote at their precinct polling location from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you're in line by 7 p.m., you are legally entitled to cast your vote! Voters will choose a number of statewide officials, including governor, state representatives and senators and federal representatives to the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Remember to bring identification! You'll need one of the seven approved forms of ID:

- Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas election identification certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport (book or card)



For more information, call the Tarrant County Elections Office at 817-831-8683 or use Tarrant County's interactive voter lookup tool: <https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/VoterLookup/>.

Tarrant County Hospital District Bond Election



VOTER INFORMATION

The election will be Tuesday, November 6.

Early voting begins Monday, October 22 and ends Friday, November 2.

www.tarrantcounty.com/elections



BALLOT PROPOSITION A

The issuance of \$800,000,000 by Tarrant County on behalf of the Tarrant County Hospital District for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping or enlarging facilities of the hospital system, including, but not limited to, a new mental health and behavioral health hospital, a new main hospital tower for general and specialized patient care - physician nurse training - and Level One Trauma Care, a new cancer center, four new regional health centers, and a new ambulatory surgical center.

Tarrant County Hospital District Bond Priorities

- Mental & Behavioral Health Hospital
- Cancer Center
- Four Regional Health Centers
- Inpatient Tower
- Ambulatory (Day) Surgery Center

Quick Facts

- ➔ The proposed \$800 million bond package is a no tax rate increase proposition.
- ➔ It's been 33 years since the Tarrant County Hospital District held a bond election.
- ➔ Since 1985, Tarrant County's population has grown by more than 1 million residents.
- ➔ Every 2.5 seconds a patient need is cared for by the Tarrant County Hospital District.
- ➔ Tarrant County Hospital District is currently able to serve only 37% of our county's inpatient mental and behavioral health needs.
- ➔ Demand for cancer patient treatment has increased 77% in the last 10 years.
- ➔ Tarrant County Hospital District has Tarrant County's only Level One Trauma Center.
- ➔ Tarrant County Hospital District is the area's main training facility for local doctors, nurses, and other healthcare provider specialists.

You will find the Hospital District Bond Proposition at the bottom of the November election ballot.

This publication is for informational purposes only

To learn more visit: www.tarrantcounty.com and click on the button...



ATTENTION MIRA LAGOS RESIDENTS!

For those of you preparing yourself for the New Year already... we have a few 5k runs in the area. Please sign up with our local host to participate in the opportunity to benefit a cause as well as benefit yourself.



Sat. Oct. 27
8:00am
Starrett Elem/Fish Creek Trail



www.GoRunDFW.com



Thur. Nov 22nd
8:00am
Mike Lewis Park/Large Pavilion



www.GoRunDFW.com



Saturday
Dec. 15
8:00 am



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How To Select a Great Realtor

DO NOT blindly walk into or call a neighborhood firm and ask for an agent at random.

Ask friends and family for recommendations.

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.

Broker & State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser (# TX-1336180-R)

MIRA LAGOS 2018

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Spread holiday cheer by decorating in lights this year! The Landscape Committee will be making a list and checking it twice to determine who has the best light display and holiday decorations this December. Shine bright this winter during the annual Mira Lagos Holiday Lights Yard of the Month Contest!

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE
by providing your address to the
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE
landscape@miralagoshoa.com
BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2018

Judging begins December 15th through the 22nd.
Lights must be turned on by 6:00 p.m. daily.
Each winner will receive a gift card.



NEW CLUBHOUSE INFORMATION



\$500.00 Deposit (refundable)

\$50.00 per hour/ minimum of 2 hours

Cleaning Fee:

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

\$35.00 (refundable before 4pm) Tuesday – Saturday

Alcohol present:

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

NO HOLIDAY BOOKINGS

For more information please contact:
admin@miralagoshoa.com

For reservations email:
reservations@miralagoshoa.com

Grand Prairie Snap & Send!



Grand Prairie residents using the city's new "Snap and Send" app can now report issues, such as street light outages and code violations, using their smartphones. The app, currently compatible with iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, allows users to specify the location of an issue and attach a photo to send directly to city staff as well as track the status of their service requests.

Search "Snap and Send Grand Prairie TX" in the Apple App Store and download for free. The city plans to make the app available for Android users in the future.

Residents can also report issues directly through the city's website at gptx.org/report or call city offices at 972-237-8000.



Holiday Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 8, 2018

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Mira Lagos Club House

3025 S. Camino Lagos, Grand Prairie, TX 75054

The Mira Lagos Social Committee cordially invites you to attend the "Holiday Brunch with Santa" on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Mira Lagos Club House.

Come with your family and meet some of your neighbors or just catch up with those you haven't seen in a while! Children of all ages will have an opportunity to visit with Santa, have their face painted, enjoy great door prizes and listen to fantastic holiday music by one of our local DJ Shon. Everyone will be wrapped up in the spirit of the holidays with the delicious brunch and festivities we have planned. Be sure to bring your own cameras to take photos with Santa so that you can capture all of these wonderful moments with your family! This is the last event of the year and you are not going to want to miss it!

Happy Holidays Mira Lagos

Santa has it in the Bag!

Gifts for Toddlers,
Kids and Teens

Gifts for the Family,
Guys and Gals



Jolly ol' Santa Claus and all the elves have been very busy this year creating the absolute ideal gifts for your family and friends. From babies and toddlers to teens, guys and gals, Santa has thought of everyone. Listed on the next page, are toys, gadgets, kitchen and home accessories that are in Santa's bag.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL
A GREAT GIFT GIVING SEASON!**

1. TODDLERS

Fisher-Price Dance & Groove Rockit – This toy will encourage your baby to play, move and groove to the music with over one hundred sounds and songs as well as phrases to teach numbers, shapes, alphabet, colors and more. *Recommended for 6-36 months*

PAW Patrol - Ultimate Rescue Fire Truck – This fire truck toy has lights, sounds, two feet extendable ladder and working claw arm perfect for any PAW Patrol rescue mission. *Recommended for 3+*

Pomsies Blossom Plush Interactive Toy – Cute adorable toys that tell when they are hungry, cold and tired, Light up eyes and make purring sounds when they get the attention needed. *Recommended for 3+*

2. KIDS AGES 5-10

WowWee Untamed Raptor – These dinosaurs react to motion, sound and touch. They have wild roars, 0 jaws and will grip a finger for a playful, fun, roaring time. *Recommended for 5+*

Flipslide Game – A fun puzzle game of skill that will be addictive! Find moves to beat the block, flip to find the color and slide to match lights. Play with friends or challenge yourself. There are multiplayer modes, speed modes, memory modes and level modes. *Recommended for 8+*

LEGO BrickHeadz Go Brick Me – Express yourself and build a LEGO BrickHeadz version you, a friend or a family member. This kit includes two baseplates, LEGO brick hairstyles, and skin color bricks for building and creating fun selfies (708 pieces)! This set is compatible with all LEGO sets. *Recommended for 10+*

3. TEENS

Nerf Dude Perfect HoverKup Toy Pong Game – This pong game is perfect for kids and adults. Play with friends and family, as a party game and even solo! This game comes with two hovering battery powered cups, six balls and an arena for setting up on any flat surface.

Fujifilm Mini 8 Instant Camera is a great gift for tweens, teens and college students creating instant photos to experience, share and display. This camera has a selfie mirror to use for the picture-perfect selfie! The camera is fun for holidays, birthday parties and all sorts of get-togethers.

Echo Show is entertaining and cool for the whole family. Echo Show has Dolby speakers which are great for streaming music or listening to books, a 10" HD screen for movies, TV, and to see weather forecasts, to-do lists and calendars. You can watch a recipe video, set alarms and times as well as make video phone calls.

4. FAMILY

Nintendo Entertainment System, Classic Edition is for the entire family. Remember all the game cartridges? This game center has the original look and feel of the classic old school Nintendo but has 30 pre-loaded games which include: Donkey Kong, Super Mario Bros., The Legend of Zelda, PAC-MAN and so much more.

Giant Wooden Playing Dice Set is a fun outdoor game set for hours of outdoor play that everyone will love. The giant dice set works with a myriad of dice games. The set includes 6 Dice, Dry-Erase Scoreboard and Canvas Carrying Bag. The score board is called a ROLLZEE Board which is based on the game YAHTZEE.

For a gift that lasts longer than a day, the **Little Passports Program** (littlepassports.com) is a monthly subscription designed specifically for children and their families to learn about other countries, travel and science. With a subscription, you receive a kit and ongoing monthly packages which include a wall size map, stickers and activity sheets that will have your kids running for the mailbox all year long. Choose the kit that is right for your child depending on age.

5. HOME

Instant Pot® is a multi-use programmable pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker and it can sauté, steam and warm. Instant Pot® reduces cook time significantly! Make meals in minutes. The Instant Pot® Instant Pot®, a cooker that does it all plus looks pretty in your kitchen.

Star Wars R2-D2 Coffee Press is a cordless 32 oz. coffee press for the Star Wars movie lovers. Place your grounds and boiling water in the glass body, let it brew for a few minutes and plunge. This coffee press makes four cups of coffee and comes with a glass carafe, metal plunge, filter and housing

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS GIFTS FOR GUYS

FANCHEST – for the sports fan of the family! \$59/month you get a gift box of officially licensed sports items such as apparel, memorabilia, headwear and other exclusive merchandise.

Menlo Club – for the guy who wants to dress better! Each month, he will get a box of 3 clothing items based on his style preferences. Priced currently at \$60/month.

Bespoke Post – Get an awesome collection of items from small batch brands such as cocktail kits, coffee, and apparel each month for \$45/month.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS GIFTS FOR GALS

Stitch Fix – 5 pieces of clothing, shoes & accessories, chosen just for you and your style preferences along with options on how to wear the items. Keep and pay for only what you want and return the rest in the prepaid return envelope.

Ipsy – For only \$10/month you get full and sample-sized makeup and beauty products from beloved and up-and-coming brands, PLUS a cute new makeup bag to tote your goodies.

Coffee – there were SO MANY different coffee boxes we just couldn't decide on one. So here's your idea to run with – google this idea for the coffee lover in your family. Find the brands they love and get them ordered today!

Garbage & Recycling

Pick-Up Schedules

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

If one of these holidays falls on your garbage or recycling collection days there will be no makeup collection for the holiday. Please set out your garbage and/or recycling on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

AREA 5

Zone 9: South of Joe Pool Lake Dam	Garbage: Mon & Thu Recycling: Mon	No change
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For questions on the garbage and recycling routes, call 817-261-8812.

Garbage and Recycling Collection Info

The City of Grand Prairie provides garbage collection to each residence twice a week. Recycling collection is on one of your regular garbage days. Separate trucks pick up garbage and recycling.

All garbage and recycling must be set out by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day but no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before your collection day. Notify Code Compliance if violating with snap.

Garbage Collection:

Use any color plastic bag for garbage except blue or red (blue bags are used for recyclables only and will not be collected if they contain trash).

Do not put garbage in trash cans or any container except plastic bags. Containers will be taken with garbage.

CPR TRAINING



Thank you for those that participated in the 2nd class for CPR training, on September 25th. Thank you to our very own firefighter Mr. Bradley Smith for taking the time to instruct the class. We look forward to 2019 for our future classes.

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.

THAT STREET LIGHT IS OUT!



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

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

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

NOVEMBER 2018 LANDSCAPE TIPS



Question of the month: “I remember a time when grass was green all through the year. Is it ok to overseed my lawn with rye-grass?”

The answer is yes, but with that yes comes stipulations. Overseeding requires a lot more of everything....more work because you have to scalp the old turf so that the seed can come in contact with soil; you have to water more to get the seed germinating and it requires more water than your current turf; you have to use more fertilizer to keep it that nice “green” appearance; and you have to rid it quickly in the spring months so it won’t overshadow the current turf preventing it from coming back. While winter overseeding is great it does require a lot more time and expense. Besides that, dormant grass is the new green!



Hmmm...what’s going on here?

A common phenomenon that occurs a lot in St. Augustine when cooler temperatures and rainy weather arrives is known as Brown Patch. This annoying occurrence is a fungus and becomes more prevalent this time of year. The good news is that if your turf has not been stressed a lot it will naturally fight this off. The bad news is that if your

St. Augustine went through any stress you’re more likely to experience it. Also, if your turf has experienced previously, chances are it will again.

Natural treatments can be used, such as neem oil, compost tea, baking soda and “Snowy flakes” are some of the common home remedies for the Natural Gardener. We suggest a fungicide application containing bayleton or PCNB (Terraclor) be applied when the rings appear. Also, reduce the amount of irrigation being applied to your lawn and keep it cut a bit higher.



Plant of the Month: Pansies

Commercial property managers, HOA managers and homeowners alike often look for the newest and most different of colorful plantings. We are all alike in that we often tire of the same plantings in our annual color beds. But, we will throw out a strong salute to the ever present, ever performing pansy. These tough flowering plants will stand up to the harsh winters Texas throws at them and still bloom well into spring. Even snow cannot “crush” the happy little pansy.

Pansies are grown with “faces” or blotches which make them seem to be smiling and happy. They also are produced without the blotch for more of a bright splash of color they are representing.

Once established, they are tolerant of a bit of drying but respond best if planted with compost or other rich garden amendment which holds moisture. Occasionally, aphids will appear on them if it is warmer than usual, and of course the only other pest to really be a problem to them is the deer. They are not deer resistant and will be nothing more than an appetizer for most.

Their beauty can also be shared with other plants to create a framing effect for them. Consider borders of Alyssum or Dusty Millers to add some pop.

GENIUS SCAN APP FOR IOS AND ANDROID

The Genius Scan app is a like having a scanner in your pocket for fast scanning anywhere and everywhere. This app is an excellent tool to scan documents and export them as a .pdf or .jpeg file for business and for your personal documents. Genius Scan works with both iOS and Android devices. Have you ever needed to quickly scan a document and taken a photo of it only to have the document distorted? Genius Scan creates picture perfect results with its smart page detection, perspective correction and image post-processing technology.

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When you are on the go and need to scan receipts, documents, certificates, handwritten notes from a class or seminar for future reference, the Genius Scan app will make your life easier and more organized.

Genius Scan is free to download. There are also upgrades available for a fee.



Grand Prairie TEXAS

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 3RD

Comic Con

Electronics Recycling

DIY Rain Barrel Class

Texan Plants

Quarter Horse Racing

NOVEMBER 10TH

Veterans Day Bash

**Blue Red Run,
Hosted by Grand Prairie
Police Department**

**Farmers Market
Veterans Day Giveaway**

Veterans Dance

NOVEMBER 11TH - 12TH

**Veterans Day
Ceremony**

NOVEMBER 17TH - 18TH

Crab Fest

**Prairie Lights Sneak
a Peak Run**

NOVEMBER 22ND

**Thanksgiving Day
Prairie Lights**

NOVEMBER 25TH

Santa Cop Car Show

For more information www.gptx.org.

PUMPKIN BREAD PUDDING

- 6 large eggs
- 1 15oz can pumpkin puree
- 2 cups half and half
- 1 cup milk
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. Pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 8 cups bread cut into cubes

In a mixing bowl combine and blend all ingredients except for cubed bread. Place bread in a greased 9 x 13 pan, pour custard mixture over all, let stand at room temperature for 30-45 minutes or cover and refrigerate overnight. Stir ingredients before baking. Bake at 350 until set about 40 - 50 minutes. Serve with whip cream or ice cream.



2018 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



On October 2nd, the Mira Lagos Safety Committee hosted the annual National Night Out event at the new clubhouse in Mira Lagos. Over 300 residents and guests were treated to many activities and yummy food items during the event, which lasted from 6:30 pm 8:30 pm.

The fire department from Fire Station #10 was on hand with their fire truck. Fire fighters were on hand to explain all of the equipment on the trucks that help them perform their jobs. Did you know each fire truck holds 500 gallons of water for fighting fires? Also, did you know most fire fighters are paramedic certified? Feel free to visit their station located on S. Grand Peninsula at the intersection of Balboa.

The Grand Prairie Police Department was on hand to mingle with residents and answer questions about their role in keeping our community safe. Chief Steve Dye made an appearance and answered many questions. The Grand Prairie Code Enforcement had a couple members in attendance to pass out stickers and flashlights for kids.

Shred America, a Marine Veteran owned company, came out to the community with their shredding truck and thanks to all of you homeowners cleaning out your garage, offices, and homes- the Shred America truck shredded between 1300-1500 pounds of documents. Let's do this again in the spring!

Children and adults alike enjoyed the balloon artist, face painter and a pirate bounce house (provided by Texas Jump) throughout the night. McGruff the crime dog could be found mingling around the event while residents feasted on the chicken sandwiches provided by Chick Fila on Broad Street. Residents even had the opportunity from our own Grand Prairie Mayor, Ron Jensen, and City Council Members Jeff Wooldridge, Councilman Richard Friego, Councilman Greg Giessner, and Councilman Jeff Copeland. The event provided a wonderful evening of music (thanks to our own DJ SHON), door prizes, education, fellowship, fun and food – thanks to our wonderful community and the residents that make it great.



NOVEMBER HOME MAINTENANCE

- HVAC's **Air Filter Change** will help your system run more efficiently and will help cut down on those pesky allergens.
- **Chimney cleanings** are important for those that use their fireplaces in the winter. Keeping them free of soot buildup can avoid winter house fires.
- **Prep your Plants** by adding mulch to your flowerbeds as this can create a warm blanket for the plants. Also bring in any warm weather plants to help survive the winter months.
- To avoid a bad situation, **Wrap those Pipes**. Busted pipes are not welcome no matter what season.
- Hot air rises, so **Ceiling Fans** should be spinning clockwise.
- Cold drafts coming into your home could mean openings around the home may need to have **Weather-Stripping replaced or Caulking replaced**. This could impact your utility bill if not taken care of prior to those cold winter nights.
- **Smoke Detector Battery** check-up. Now is the perfect time to check those batteries around the home to insure you and your family are prepared in the case of a fire.
- Pesky **Pests and Rodents** like to drop in as the temperatures drop. Seal any holes around pipes or cables running into your house.
- **Garbage Disposal** cleaning
 - » Pour 1/2 cup baking soda into the disposal.
 - » Follow it with a cup of white vinegar. The vinegar and baking soda will react to form frothy bubbles.
 - » When the bubbles subside, pour a pot of boiling water down the disposal and let it sit for about five minutes.
 - » Turn on the water in the sink and the disposal, and let it run until the disposal is rinsed out. To keep the disposal smelling fresh: put some leftover chunks of lemon in an ice cube tray, cover them with water, and freeze. Whenever your garbage disposal gets a bit funky, run a few "lemon cubes" through the disposal for a quick freshen-up.



ATTENTION RENTERS

Welcome to the Neighborhood

If you rent a home in our community, you're part of our community association, and we welcome you. We'd like to meet you at our community events, meetings, and social gatherings. Sometimes we can't reach you to announce a party or meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state owner or a corporation. If this is you, please let our manager or a board member know your name, address, and phone—and we'll include you on all our mailing lists. In case your landlord hasn't passed along this information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress free:

- All residents—owners and renters—must comply with association rules and regulations. They're reasonable rules protect property values, preserve the nature of our community, and make more life enjoyable for everyone. If you need a copy of our rules, please contact the manager or a board member. The association has the legal authority to enforce all rules, which we do—equitably and consistently. We don't like to take action against those who may not have received this important information, but it's our obligation to do so.
- Renters are entitled to all the privileges of association membership except voting. We can't extend those privileges to you if we don't know who you are. Contact our onsite management team and let us know how to reach you. That gives you the advantage of knowing what's going on in the community. Access HOA pools and amenities is available to you also, with a copy of your lease agreement provided to the HOA staff.
- You don't have to own your home to be interested in your community. If you'd like to volunteer for a committee or other type of service to the association, we can't wait to meet you. Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of their ownership status.
- If your lease is about up, and you're moving away, we're sorry to see you go; but, please notify the manager or tell a board member.

So, welcome to our community. We want you to enjoy your experience here—perhaps enough to become an owner some day.

Something is Hidden. Can you find it?



We have hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger, search for a pie. 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.

'Would You Rather' Game at your Holiday Gatherings

During or after your holiday dinner, why not play the 'Would You Rather' game? You can easily make this game yourself before the big day.

You will need paper and pen to write your questions, then cut each question out and place them in jar or bowl. Have a person choose a question and tell their answer. Then each person can take turns answering the question. Here are few questions for you to use.

1. Would you rather go into the past and meet your ancestors or go into the future and meet your great-great grandchildren?
2. Would you rather have more time or more money?
3. Would you rather have a rewind button or a pause button on your life?
4. Would you rather be able to talk with the animals or speak all foreign languages?
5. Would you rather be without internet for a week, or without your phone?
6. Would you rather be Batman or Spiderman?
7. Would you rather read an awesome book or watch a good movie?
8. Would you rather lose your keys or your cell phone?
9. Would you rather be too hot or too cold?
10. Would you rather hear the good news or the bad news first?

Enjoy your holiday dinner, have fun getting to know your family and friends better and possibly have a few laughs.

Best Way to Load a Dishwasher

The holidays will soon be here when family and friends gather to eat scrumptious holiday foods and enjoy all kinds of beverages which lead to filling up your dishwasher with glasses, plates, platters and serving dishes. Here are a few reminders for loading your dishwasher for the best cleaning results.



- Place bowls and glasses on the top rack. Dinner plates should be placed on the bottom rack facing the center.
- Plastic containers and drinkware should be placed on the top rack to keep away from heat element.
- Glass serving bowls, casserole pans and large pots should be placed on the bottom rack at an angle as to not block water flow.
- Vary flatware placement in the basket to prohibit nesting.
- Utensils too tall for the flatware basket should be placed horizontally on the top rack. Serving spoons should be placed face down on the top rack.
- Knives should always be placed blade side down in flatware basket.
- Platters and cookie sheets are best on the bottom rack along the outer edges.
- Appliance and maintenance specialists suggest:
 - » For better results when using dishwasher tabs, place them in the flatware basket for a thorough cleaning.
 - » In order to keep the motor seals working properly, run your dishwasher at least once a week.

Sweet Potato Casserole

3 Cups Cooked Mashed Sweet Potatoes (5 or 6 Medium)
½ Cup Sugar
2 Eggs Beaten
½ Cup Milk
¼ Cup Butter
½ Tsp Salt
1-½ Tsp Vanilla
1 tsp Cinnamon

TOPPING:

¼ Cup Softened Butter
1 Cup Light Brown Sugar
¼ Cup Flour
1 Cup Chopped Pecans

Bake or boil sweet potatoes, peel and mash with sugar and butter. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish. Mix together ingredients for topping and sprinkle on top of potato mixture and bake at 400 degrees for about 45 minutes.



STAR SERVICE

At FirstService Residential we have very strong values!

We strive to meet these values every day for our residents and hope you will join us in recognizing those individuals who go above and beyond in delivering great customer service.

- ▶ Have you witnessed an associate doing something great?
- ▶ Have you been exceptionally pleased with the service you have received?
- ▶ Do you want to let others know how awesome someone is?

Help us show recognition to our Star Performers. Please email your feedback to starserviceonsite@fsresidential.com. Be sure to list the Star performers' name and community. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Your HOA Management Team










Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Auxiliary
presents

Holly Days Christmas Market
Sponsored by United Dermatology Associates
Saturday, November 10, 2018
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center - Main Floor

The 13th annual Holly Days Christmas Market offers a variety of unique gifts including home décor, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, raffles and much more!

Pictures with Santa 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Caroling provided by Music Place Mansfield

All proceeds benefit Methodist Mansfield Medical Center
Contact Jody Tolar, Director of Volunteer Services
682-242-7301




All Grand Prairie Residents are welcome District 4 Town Hall Meetings

Thursday, Nov. 1 • 7 p.m.
Starrett Elementary School
2675 Fairmont Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 • 7 p.m.
Grand Peninsula Owners Association
Community Center
2603 N. Grand Peninsula

Updates will be provided by Fire, Police, Economic Development, Transportation, Public Works and Parks, Arts and Recreation departments. There will also be time for questions and answers. For info: 972-237-8022.

