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Do You Like Mira Lagos HOA On Facebook?

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



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.

★★★ National Vietnam War VETERANS DAY

Join the Grand Prairie chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America in celebrating National Vietnam Veterans' Day. Veterans will be sharing stories of their experience during their service in the Vietnam War.

March 29 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Main Library
901 Conover Drive
Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

This day was first recognized as a one-time occasion on March 29, 2012, when President Barack Obama issued a proclamation calling Americans to observe the day with appropriate programs and ceremonies. In 2017 President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act establishing the Day as a national observance.



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Relationships based on respect, trust and effective communication are the cornerstone of our success.



Committee Chairs

Chair Meetings: Bi-monthly



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3rd Tuesday (Apr-Sept)

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1st Tuesday monthly

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**New Members welcome
on all committees!**

Board of Directors

Joshua Spare, President
Eric Blackwell, Vice President
Ken Self, Director
Deirdre Garrett, Director
John Hughes, Director
board@miralagoshoa.com

Mira Lagos Messenger

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Recycling and Recycling bins

The City of Grand Prairie offers curbside recycling for all Grand Prairie residents. These recycling bins are open bins (have no lid) therefore, they are subject to the natural elements such as wind and wildlife. On really windy days recycled trash can blow into your neighbor's yard as well as into the ponds and lakes surrounding Mira Lagos.

and making a mess for other homeowners to have to pick up from their yards.

Blue Bags

You may also use blue-opaque plastic bags for extra recycling that does not fit in the green recycle bin. These blue bags are available for purchase at retail stores throughout Grand Prairie and the Grand Prairie Landfill.

New water bill customers get their first green bin free by showing their most recent water bill (as proof of Solid Waste service in Grand Prairie) at the Lake Parks Operations Center. Additional bins are just \$5 each.



Placing a leftover brick or something heavy on top of the recycle trash can help to prevent debris from blowing away

Lake Parks Operations Center
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway, Grand Prairie TX 75052

(Call 972-237-4135 to confirm hours.)

For more information go to gptx.org and put "recycling" in the search bar.

spring FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS AT 2:00 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.

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Something is Hidden. Can you find it?

This month a basketball is hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger! When you find it 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.

In the subject line of your email put, "I FOUND IT" and provide the page number the image is on, with your name, address and phone number.

Thank you for reading the Mira Lagos Messenger!

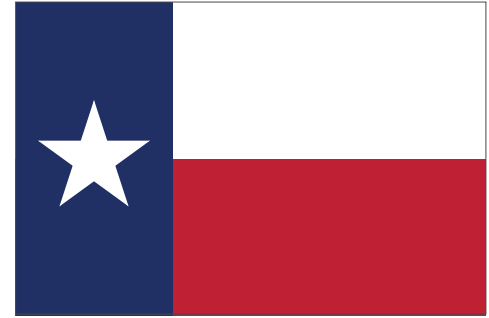
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| GARAGE SALE | ANNUAL MEETING |
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| CLOVER | RUSTIC OAK |
| SPRING | COMMUNITY |
| DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME | SHAMROCK |
| GOOD LUCK | PICKLE PARADE |
| ST PATRICKS DAY | LIVE LIFE GRAND |
| SPRING BREAK | HOMEOWNER |

Texas Independence Day

Texas Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836 and marks Texas' independence from Mexico. This event is an annual legal holiday in Texas, on March 2. March 2 also marks Texas Flag Day and Sam Houston Day, although these are special observances rather than legal holidays. Sam Houston Day observes the birthday of the man who led the Texans to victory over Mexican troops at the battle of San Jacinto.



The Republic of Texas was annexed to the US by joint resolution of the US Congress nine years after the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. The US Congress then admitted Texas as a state of the Union on December 29, 1845.

Happy Independence Day Texans!

Spring
 ≈ Break

Mansfield ISD Spring Break Dates
March 9: Student Holiday & SDCE Day
March 10-13: Spring Break



We are always looking for bikers to join our casual riding group!
 times vary | 8:15 am or later | as weather permits
 esherlock@me.com

HAPPY
 St. Patrick's
 DAY

Tuesday, March 17



Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse Rental Information

\$500 Deposit (refundable)
\$50/hour, minimum 2 hours

Capacity 150, tables and chairs are included in the rental

Cleaning Fee

\$75 (non-refundable after 4pm)

Tuesday – Saturday, All Day Sunday & Monday

\$35 (refundable before 4pm) Tuesday – Saturday

Alcohol Requirements

\$45/hour additional security

Grand Prairie Police Officer - arranged by office staff

TABC licensed bartender - your choice

NO HOLIDAY BOOKINGS

Information: admin@miralagoshoa.com

Reservations: reservations@miralagoshoa.com

Confirm Your Reservation

Clubhouse reservations must be confirmed by signing the contract and paying the deposit within 30 days of your date. Reservations must be canceled no later than two-weeks prior to the event to prevent losing your deposit.

Resident Run Clubs & Activities

For Homeowners by Homeowners

Are you interested in meeting neighbors who have similar interests? Do you have a social activity, hobby or sport that would be fun to share with Mira Lagos residents? Write to communications@miralagoshoa.com to promote your resident-run, neighborhood club in the next newsletter.

- **Ladies LCR (1st Monday)** - Ladies get together at someone's home to play this fun, easy-to-learn game on 1st Mondays. Ages range from 30-75, so consider coming and meeting some new ladies. To get involved with this fun-loving group, contact Elissa at esherlock@me.com.
- **Ladies BunKo (2nd Monday)** - The ladies BunKo club meets the 2nd Monday monthly. There is no obligation to come every month, so the pressure is off there! Contact Elissa at esherlock@me.com to play LCR.
- **Crafting and Day Trips** - The ladies who coordinate LCR and BunKo also offer a group for crafting and day trips. This group is totally social, AllMyHomeGirls! Contact Elissa at esherlock@me.com for details.
- **Bikers** - Join our casual riding group! This group meets at 8:15 a.m. or later as weather permits for casual cycling through the neighborhood. Contact Elissa at esherlock@me.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 club host for club details.



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Contact Community News
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for more information:

972-396-8855

info@communitynewsconnection.com



Cyclin' with the Mayor

April 28 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Daulton Elementary
2607 N. Grand Peninsula Dr.
Grand Prairie, TX 75054

Meet at 6 p.m.
Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Blood Drive | March 21

Annual Meeting & Election | March 26

Spring Garage Sale | March 28



CPR Certification Class* | April 2

New Resident Welcome Reception | April 4

Spring Fling | April 11

First Aid Certification Class* | April 16

2nd Annual Autos for Animals Car Show | April 25



Mira Lagos Pools Open | May 2

Wildlife on the Move | May 2

Mom & Son Workshop & Brunch* | May 9

Mira Lagos Luau at The Epic | May 16



Pack the Bus | July - August 1 (deliver August 6)

New Resident Welcome Reception | August 1



Fall Garage Sale | September 12

Jazz Night | September 19



Texas National Night Out | October 6

New Resident Welcome Reception | October 10

Fall Festival & Vendor Fair | October 17



Brunch with Santa | December 5

*Advance registration required.

All events are for Mira Lagos HOA members.

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election

You are invited to join your Board of Directors for the Mira Lagos HOA Annual Meeting and Homeowner Board Member Election.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:30 PM sign-in, 7:00 PM meeting

Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse

3025 S Camino Lagos • Grand Prairie, TX 75054

This meeting will include a management overview, Board Member election, a summary of the 2020 budget, and election results. After the meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet with individuals and committee leaders.

During the meeting, three residents will be elected to the Mira Lagos Homeowner's Association Board of Directors to fill the vacancies of the expiring terms of Homeowner Director currently held by Ken Self, Deirdre Garrett and John Hughes. The residents elected will serve two-year terms. Joshua Spare and Eric Blackwell who were elected in 2019 will continue to serve the community as Homeowner Directors until the Annual Meeting and election in 2021.

If you would like to nominate yourself, please provide your interest letter, a headshot (photo), and a biography to Stacy McGrath, prior to March 4, 2020.

An Annual Meeting Notice and Election Proxy will be mailed to each homeowner in January. You may vote in person at the meeting or by proxy. Should you choose to vote in advance, drop off your completed form at the HOA office no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the Annual Meeting.

Please direct questions to:

Stacy McGrath, General Manager

manager@miralagoshoa.com

(817) 473-6787

First Aid & CPR

The Mira Lagos Safety Committee is hosting Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification classes. Each class will last approximately 3-4 hours beginning at 6:00 p.m.

These classes have always been well-liked and free to HOA members. In 2019, a second CPR class was held to accommodate more residents. Here are the upcoming class dates.

April 2 | **CPR Certification**

April 16 | **First Aid Certification**

If you need to renew your certification or have never taken First Aid or CPR, register today by sending email to Robert McLain, Safety Chair at safety@miralagoshoa.com! Space is limited.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities

SPRING GARAGE SALE Saturday, March 28

The city of Grand Prairie allows two garage sales per residence annually. Residents of Mira Lagos may conduct a garage sale twice annually on spring and fall dates selected by the HOA. Join neighbors for the bi-annual Mira Lagos HOA community-wide spring garage sale on Saturday, March 28th.

Participating in the community garage sale is as easy as 1, 2, and 3!

- 1. Apply online for a free permit** from the City of Grand Prairie. Go to www.gptx.org and enter "Garage Sale" in the search bar. When you apply online, a permit number will be generated.
- 2. Print your permit and permit numbers** to adhere to any signs you place. You may place up to three (3) signs in the ground (not on any street poles) to help direct traffic to your address.
- 3. Get ready to sell!** Clean out your garage, closets, cupboards and drawers and make some cash!

Garage sale signs will be placed in association common areas to promote the community-wide garage sale day on Saturday. Garage sales will be permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the weekend of March 28th.

For additional promotion, provide your permit number and address to the Social Committee. All participating addresses received by Monday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m. will be included on a "take-one" flier for shoppers. Email social@miralagoshoa.com or call the office at 817-473-6787 to be included.

For a Garage Sale map visit www.gptx.org and type garage sale in the search field. Tag your Garage Sale posts with #MLGarageSale!



HOMEOWNER YOGA First Mondays

March 2 | **Deep Stretch**

April 6 | **Strength & Stretch**

May 4 | **Deep Stretch**

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
in the Clubhouse

Yoga is taught by Dai Flake, Mira Lagos resident and Clubhouse Yoga E-RYT certified instructor. Open to Mira Lagos residents (and non-resident guests up to 2 guests per household). HOA photo ID and RSVP required.

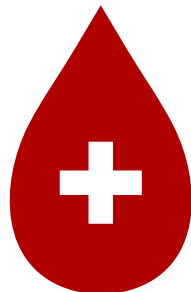
Register for details.

<https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/CYBDEW>

Blood Drive

**Donate at the Clubhouse
Saturday, March 21
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

An online registration link will be provided in the Mira Lagos eNews and our Facebook page when available. Walk-ins welcome.



Welcome

RECEPTION

Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM -11:30 AM

Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse

New residents are invited to a reception to welcome them to the neighborhood! Invitations will be mailed to those who moved to Mira Lagos within the past few months. If you moved into a home in the Mira Lagos HOA within the past year and have never attended a Welcome Reception, you are invited! If you receive an invitation, bring it for a special door-prize drawing!

Refreshments * Door-prizes
Welcome bags * New Friendships



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

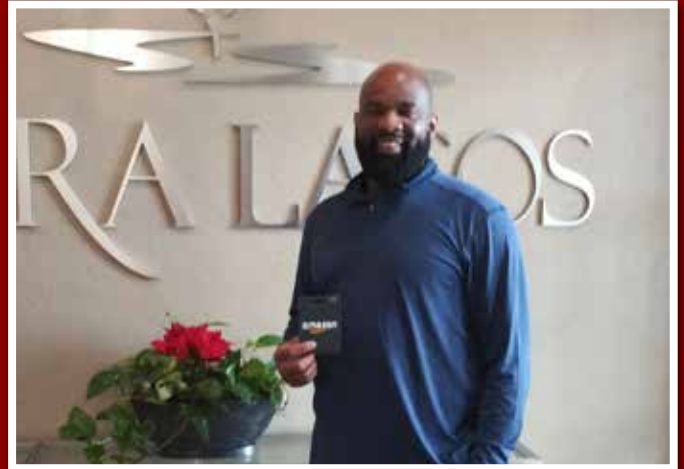









“I FOUND IT”



Tony Bridges of Valencia village found the hidden snowman in the January issue and won the *Something is Hidden* drawing for January. Kudos!

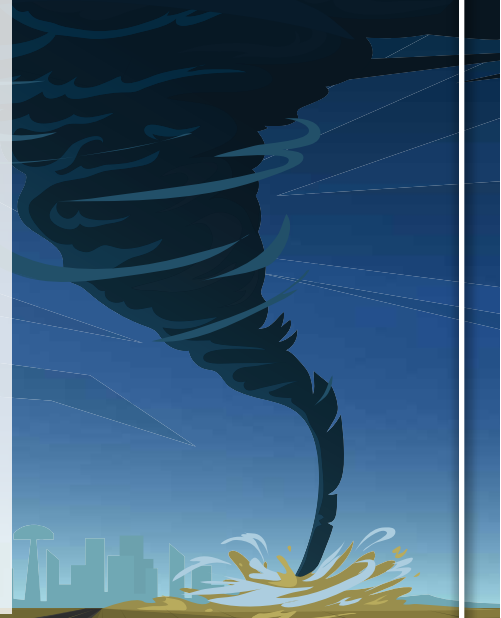
“I FOUND IT”

Tiffani Kaumeyer of Sonora village found the hidden heart at home in Mira Lagos in the February issue and won the *Something is Hidden* drawing for February. Congratulations!

Reaching Others When **DISASTERS** Strike

The first thing many of us do during or immediately following a natural disaster is to call family and friends. Unfortunately, in the minutes and hours after a disaster, overloaded cell phone networks can make it difficult—if not impossible—to reach others. While there is no guarantee, the following tips can increase your chances of getting through when it matters most.

- Even if you have a traditional landline, keep a corded phone in your home. It will work even if you lose power.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers in your cell phone and near your home phone.
- Prepare a family contact sheet with at least one out-of-town person who can serve as your family's emergency contact. Often it's easier to make long distance rather than local calls during an emergency.
- Have charged batteries and car phone chargers for back-up power.
- Subscribe to text alert services from local or state governments and schools to receive emergency alerts.
- Use text messaging, e-mail or social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and Linked In instead of making calls on your cell phone. Texts and e-mails are less likely to experience network congestion. You can use social media to let family and friends know you're okay.
- Keep phone calls brief to avoid tying up voice networks.
- Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing screen brightness and closing apps you are not using.
- Limit streaming videos, downloading music or playing video games on cell phones after a disaster to help emergency calls get through to 911.
- Call 911 only if you have a life-threatening emergency.





Register to Vote

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. Simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date. Get your application and much more at votetexas.gov.

2020 Elections for Registered Voters

- Tuesday, March 3 – Primary Election
- Saturday, May 2 – Uniform Election Date (Limited)
- Tuesday, May 26 – Primary Runoff Election
- Tuesday, November 3 – Uniform Election Date

HOA Purpose

Protect & increase your property values

Create a cohesive community through organized communication, committees, community events and activities

City requires HOA if there is common property

HOA Responsibilities

Maintenance of common areas including entries, pools, playgrounds, walking trails, open green space

Enforcement of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Architectural Control Committee guidelines

MARCH

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The Mira Lagos HOA Annual Meeting date changed from February 27th to March 26th. You didn't miss it! Mark your calendar for the new date.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:30 PM sign-in, 7:00 PM meeting
Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse

3025 S Camino Lagos • Grand Prairie, TX 75054



Grand Prairie Library Events

www.gptx.org

Workforce Solutions Resume Help

March 03, 10, 24, 31 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Come get help finding a job or preparing and updating your resume. Learn about helpful resources at no cost.

Medicare 101

March 03, 17 | 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Join us for a presentation about Medicare Advantage plans by a licensed agent. We will have fun games, prizes and light refreshments. Additional dates: April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19

Workout Wednesday: Line Dancing

March 04, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Free program for adults! Come workout, make new friends and have fun for free! No sign-up required. April: Zumba

Late Night at the Library: Pub Trivia

March 06 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052
Registration required. Visit: gplibraryadultprogramming.eventbrite.com

For ages 21 and older. Join us for these fun, non-traditional, after-hours programs. All events are 21 and older with a \$5 cash-at-the-door cost. Next event: May 1: Craft and Wine, Main Library, 901 Conover Drive

Full STEAM Ahead: Life Cycles with the Texas Wildlife Association

March 25 | 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Betty Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

For grades 1-5. Students will investigate and compare life cycle models and record their observations. We will learn about the characteristics that allow a plant or animal to grow into a mature adult and how each stage affects its habitat and other plant and animal populations.

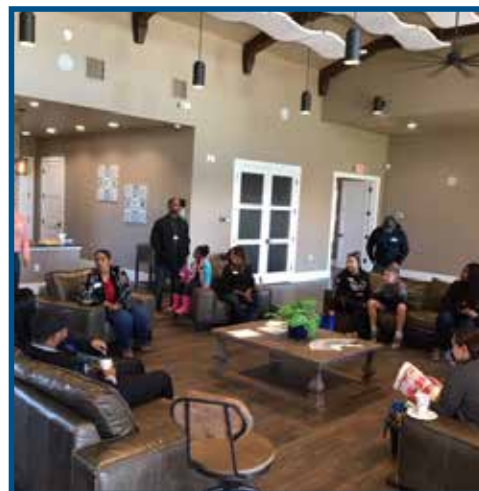
WELCOME RECEPTION

The winter Welcome Reception in January was another grand event! Residents from many different villages were in attendance. We're grateful to the new residents who came to meet their neighbors and learn about their HOA.

Thank you to an awesome team of volunteers and our HOA Management team for their help with set-up and hosting.

The spring reception for new residents will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 and invitations will be mailed to the homes of our newest neighbors.

Susan Kennedy, Welcome Chair





Register with FirstService Connect

<https://miralagos.connectresident.com>

When visiting your community’s landing page, navigate to the resident access section by selecting the Resident Access button.

For registration, we require a valid email address and a mobile phone number. If a mobile phone number is not available, a non- mobile phone number is allowed but will not be used for registration.

Once a user submits their registration information, there are a few scenarios that may occur.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WAS FOUND

Your email address was found in our system. We will send you an email to the email address provided. In the email you will find a link to validate the email address. Once the email address is validated, you will be redirected to a registration form to complete your registration.

YOUR PHONE NUMBER WAS FOUND

We did not have your email in our systems, but your phone number was found. We will send you a SMS text message with a code to your phone number. You will then be prompted to enter the code provided to validate your phone number. Once the phone number is validated, you will be redirected to a registration form to complete your registration.

This code can include letters and numbers and is case sensitive.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER IS ALREADY REGISTERED

Unfortunately, your email address or phone number could not be found in our system. If this is not correct, you will be prompted to contact customer care. The number will be displayed on the screen.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM

Now that we have validated the information provided, fill out the registration form to complete the registration process.

Now that you have registered with FirstService Residential Connect, use the email address and password you created during registration to log in.

ACCEPT TERMS OF USE

On your fist log in, you will be presented with the Terms of Use for FirstService Residential Connect. You must read through by scrolling down to the end to select the “I Agree” checkbox. You must agree to the Terms of Use in order to use the First Service Residential Connect. Once you have accepted the Terms of Use. You will not be asked again unless the terms have been updated.

INITIAL LINK TO PROPERTIES

Upon accepting the Terms of Use, the system will link you to your available properties based on your verified email address or phone number.

YOU ARE NOW READY TO USE FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL CONNECT FOR RESIDENTS.

TYPES OF DEFICIENCIES

& their solutions

NITROGEN deficiency

SIGNS:
Yellow or pale green leaves, stunted growth.

SOLUTION:
Add coffee grounds directly to your soil or plant nitrogen-rich plants near nitrogen-deficient plants. Common nitrogen-rich plants include beans and peas.



PHOSPHOROUS deficiency

SIGNS:
Darkening around edges of leaves, small or absent flowers, stunted growth.

SOLUTION:
Add bone meal directly to soil. You can also add used fish tank water to soil if it does not contain saltwater. This water is also a good source of nitrogen.



POTASSIUM deficiency

SIGNS:
Leaves with brown spots, brown or yellow veins or yellow edges. This deficiency is more susceptible to disease and drought.

SOLUTION:
Bury banana peels an inch into your soil. Peels take a while to rot, so this is a method that will slowly help your plants. Banana peels also deter aphids.



MAGNESIUM deficiency

SIGNS:
Yellowing of veins and edges of leaves. Can sometimes have a marbled appearance.

SOLUTION:
Add epsom salt directly to the top of your soil before you water your soil. Epsom salt is especially beneficial for tomatoes, peppers and roses.



CALCIUM deficiency

SIGNS:
Yellow spots between leaf veins, blossom end rot, stunted growth, weak or dying stems.

SOLUTION:
Add crushed egg shells into soil. This method will slowly help your plants, so make sure you till the egg shells well into the soil to help the process along.



ProFlowers

www.proflowers.com/blog/homemade-plant-food



How to Turn Your Empty Nest Into a **Dream Retreat**

When you're raising children, your home has to accommodate their needs (not to mention, endure the messes they make!). But when the last little bird flies, having an empty nest means you can turn your home into a space that's all your own. With so many possibilities, the big questions to answer are what you want to get out of the project and how much to budget for it.

SETTING A BUDGET

Before picking an idea to run with, the first thing to consider is how much you want to spend on home improvements. Lots of these ideas are things you can do yourself, so they're pretty cost effective. However, The Simple Dollar explains how unexpected costs can pop up. The best way to avoid these surprise expenses is to have a realistic plan for how you want to use the space.

For example, some empty nesters start on a project and then realize their goal actually requires more space. Maybe you're envisioning a home gym or library, but you still want to have

a guest bedroom. In this case, one solution is to look into having an addition built. If you're considering this option, start by getting an estimate of what you can expect to spend. The average cost for an addition is around \$44,777, but this number could be higher or lower depending on how much space you're adding and the materials you choose, with a higher end cost of \$125,000 and up.

CHOOSING AN IDEA

Once you have a budget, you're ready to pick an idea and run with it! These are just a few of our favorites, but this space is all yours, so don't hesitate to make it as unique as you are.

A Space for Entertaining

If you have friends who are also empty nesters, this is the perfect time to reconnect and enjoy each other's company. An empty bedroom can easily be converted into a space for entertaining, or you could even do this in a basement that was previously used by the kids. One affordable idea is to create a game room with a relaxed lounge vibe, complete with a bar cart, comfy seating, and fun entertainment like a billiards table, foosball, or a video game setup. If you're a movie lover and have a little more room in your budget, you could create a home theater and invite friends over to enjoy your favorite flicks.

A Space for Hobbies

Besides being able to entertain more, having your kids out of the home also frees you up to spend more time on hobbies. Whatever it is you want to spend your days doing, there's an opportunity to create the perfect space for it. If you're a book lover, we love Elle Decor's ideas for designing a home library or reading nook. The great thing about setting up a library is that it doubles as storage for all those books you have laying around anyway! The same goes for creating a craft room. All those craft supplies need to be organized (if you

need a place to store them, Walmart sells stackable containers for \$20.99), and a craft room gives you that organization along with space to spread out and create to your heart's content.

A Whole-House Upgrade

Rather than creating a new use for certain rooms, some empty nesters use this opportunity to remodel rooms that are dated or worn. For example, if you installed carpeting for little knees to crawl on years ago, why not upgrade to hardwood flooring now? If you enjoy spending time cooking, this may be the right time for a kitchen remodeling project. Or if you're ready for some quiet and relaxation, give your master bathroom a facelift with an indulgent soaking tub or rain shower.

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Many empty nesters have mixed feelings about these changes. You may be feeling the loss of one chapter in life coming to an end, while at the same time, you're excited about what comes next. Nothing can replace your time raising children, but focusing on the fun opportunities for your home will at least soften the blow.

- Bret Engle | DiyGuys.net



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Big Event is a city-wide community service day that pairs volunteers with residents who may need a little help around their homes. Grand Prairie comes together for one big day of helping others on **March 28, 2020**.

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Read and comply with governing documents.

Maintain your property according to established standards.

Vote in community elections.

Pay association assessments and charges on time.

Request and obtain approval prior to making changes, additions or modifications to your property.

Provide current contact information to association leaders and managers to help ensure you receive information from the community.

Ensure those who reside on your property (e.g., tenants, relatives, friends) adhere to all rules and regulations.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

March 7 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Development Center

300 West Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Drop off your household hazardous waste. Registration is required. Register online or by phone at 972-237-8055. Visit the Recycling Web Page for more information.

Free Electronics Recycling

March 7 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Development Center

300 West Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Registration is required at www.gptx.org/electronics-recycling or call 972-237-8159

Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones

Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Farmers Market Pop Up

March 7 | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

The Epic, Lobby

2960 Epic Place, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Join us for a small sampling of your favorite Grand Prairie Farmers Market vendors at our Winter Pop Up Markets, located inside The Epic! Featured will be a few of our artisan craft and food vendors bringing you a thumbnail look at what we will offer at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market beginning in April.

Grand Prairie Historical Organization Prairie Days

March 21 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Grand Prairie Historical Organization Museum

1516 W. Main St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Free Admission. See what was popular during the time of Grand Prairie's incorporation in 1909. Music, arts, storytelling, games and museum displays. Food truck and fundraising items available.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Main Library

901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Join the Grand Prairie chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America in celebrating National Vietnam Veterans' Day. Veterans will be sharing stories of their experience during their service in the Vietnam War.

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March 9: Student Holiday & SDCE Day

March 10-13: Spring Break

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Mira Lagos Homeowners Association - ACC Property Modification Approval Request Form

As each of us bought our property in Mira Lagos, we agreed by our signatures to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (a.k.a. CCRs or Deed Restrictions). The Deed Restrictions protect our property values by keeping Mira Lagos a highly desirable place to live. ACC (Architectural Control Committee) approval must be obtained prior to the start of your project. To avoid delay, make your request as complete as possible and type or print legibly. Incomplete requests will be returned for additional information. Incorrect information or changes made after approval invalidates approval. The ACC tries to assure that all changes to our properties conform to the appropriate Deed Restrictions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1. ABOUT THE RESIDENT(S) **EMAIL ADDRESS:**

Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	Best time to call:

2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

Proposed start date	Proposed completion date
Describe the nature of the project (attach pages as necessary)	
Location (attach sketch/drawing)	
Dimensions	Distance from fences and easements
Colors	Shape
Materials	
Builder	
Other (specify)	

IMPORTANT: Include plan view and elevation drawings (to scale) plus any other supporting documents indicating project's location and its relationship to property lines, neighbors, construction, easements, etc.

3. ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS

YES	NO	N/A	
			I/We have read the appropriate Deed Restrictions
			I/We have obtained a Grand Prairie building permit (attach copy) City approval does not supersede deed restrictions.
			This project will require a fence removal (if yes, inform Association Manager)
			Completed project will be visible from the street
Check any that apply:			<input type="checkbox"/> Corner lot <input type="checkbox"/> Iron park fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Project already started

Homeowner's Signature	Date
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Signature constitutes permission for ACC members to inspect property and agreement to abide by ACC's decision.

Mail this request, along with all supporting documents, drawings, photographs, etc. to:

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3102 Oak Lawn Ave, Ste 202
Dallas, Texas 75219

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