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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.



Cyclin' with the Mayor 2020

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

Except where noted.
Subject to change.

Daulton Elementary CANCELED	April 28
Lone Star/Campion Trail Ride	May 26
Fish Creek Trail Ride	June 23
Back the Blue Ride	July 28
Nottingham Ride	August 25
Mountain Creek Ride	September 29
Strollin' with the Mayor	October 17
Pink Out	(9 a.m. - 10 a.m.)
Prairie Lights Ride	November 23



Association Contact Information

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Grand Prairie, TX 75054

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Saturday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **by email/phone**
Closed temporarily for in-person visits.
Closed Sunday and Monday.

**FirstService Residential 24/7
Customer Service**
(877) 378-2388

Mail Payments To:

Mira Lagos Homeowner's Association
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Relationships based on respect, trust and effective communication are the cornerstone of our success.



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Meetings: 1st Tuesday monthly



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New Members welcome on all committees!

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Mira Lagos Messenger

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FROM THE POOL & SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear Neighbors,

My name is Alex Marques and I am the new Mira Lagos HOA Pool and Sports Chair. I moved to the neighborhood with my family in January, and I will be glad to serve you in the best way possible. I have several initiatives to improve the community network and health wellness.



All of us are troubled with this new reality and these sudden changes to our daily routines. So, as a community, we need to be stronger than ever and support each other.

In this moment of crisis, there are 5 things that you can do to cope:

- **Exercise:** A run around the block or a walk in the park are the best ways to relax the mind. (Look for the Mira Lagos Runners Club on Nextdoor.)
- **Do breathing exercises:** They can combat anxiety and nervousness, as well as help you stay calm and

organize your thoughts.

- **Eat something healthy:** Eating healthy foods can almost guarantee that your body will function better. Also, make sure that you have a set meal schedule.
- **Pay attention to what you are watching on TV and social media:** It's important to be aware of what's on the news, however, please analyze the content and people you're following. Clean out anything that doesn't feel right.
- **Organize your home:** Consider

starting with your bedside table, then move on to your dresser, and gradually to other rooms in the house. This can help to reduce your stress level.

Consistency is the key to keep yourself in the best mindset possible. We will get out of this together! If you have any questions, please let me know!

**Best Regards,
Alex**

poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com



SCAN ME

For the latest news on the Coronavirus from the City of Grand Prairie scan this QR code.

Dirt bikes are not allowed in our common areas.

Motorized vehicles of all kinds can cause significant damage to the landscaping, irrigation systems and sidewalks that are expensive to repair. Please call the Grand Prairie Police Dispatch number, 972-237-8700, if you observe anyone operating a dirt bike, four-wheeler or similar vehicle in our common areas.



Something is Hidden. Can you find it?

When you find the hidden American flag in this issue, 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!



SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS

As people are turning to the outdoors for walking, running and cycling during the Coronavirus, distancing on sidewalks and trails can be a challenge. What's the best way to stop the spread when exercising or walking your dog? Follow this general advice to keep yourself and others safe:

- Don't go out if you feel sick. Stay home.
- Do not gather in groups. Seriously.
- Only go out alone or with someone you live with.
- Stay six feet apart. If you see someone ahead, pass at a minimum distance of six feet.
- Warn others of your presence and politely ask for more space if necessary.
- If an area is too crowded to pass safely, change your plans. Go out at a less popular hour or take a different route.
- Bikes should move to the street for pedestrians to remain on the sidewalk.
- Carry your own water and hand sanitizer as well as avoid public fountains and bathrooms.
- Avoid touching your face, crosswalk buttons, benches, handrails and playground equipment.
- Leave nothing behind. If you empty a bottle or use a tissue and generate any trash while out, take it home with you.
- Wash your hands with soap and water when you get home.

As the situation changes, continue to protect yourself and others. Stay safe out there, Mira Lagos!

WHAT'S HAPPENING *Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities*

First Aid and CPR

Robert McLain, Safety Chair



The Red Cross First Aid and CPR certification classes previously scheduled for April will be rescheduled when dates and instructors are available.

Each class lasts approximately 3-4 hours and is a great opportunity to renew your certification or learn new, life-saving skills!

Pool Opening Day Saturday, June 6

The opening of our pools depends on the status of the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order and social distancing instructions as well as the availability of pool monitors and resources for operation.

Access to each of the three Mira Lagos HOA pools is ONLY for members of the Homeowners Association, possessing a valid HOA photo ID access card, and their guests. There is a limit of four (4) guests per household. Distribution of access cards will resume when the HOA office reopens for face-to-face visits.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Mira Lagos Pools Open | June 6

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

New Resident Welcome Reception | August 1

Community 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

Events subject to change.
All events are for Mira Lagos HOA members.



HOMEOWNER YOGA

Virtual Homeowner Yoga with Zoom
Alternating Strength & Stretch and Deep Stretch
Every Monday Morning in May
May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Homeowner Yoga at the Clubhouse
June 1 | Strength & Stretch | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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.

RSVP required and all students that pre-register will be emailed with instructions on how to log into Zoom. HOA photo ID required for Clubhouse entry.

REGISTER ONLINE

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



Welcome Reception

Saturday, October 10 • 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse

New residents are invited to a reception that will welcome them to the neighborhood!

Invitations will be mailed to the neighbors who moved to Mira Lagos within the past few months. Bring your invitation for a special door-prize drawing!

Residents who moved to a home within Mira Lagos HOA in the past year and have never attended a Welcome Reception, you are invited too!

Let the new neighbor on your street know about this reception in their honor.

Refreshments * Door-prizes * Welcome bags * New Friendships

CORONAVIRUS *Creativity* for Community



Lighting Up the Mansfield Methodist Healthcare Frontline from the car

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he community has rallied to be positive and creative during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Before the Stay at Home Order went into effect, Mansfield ISD teachers and students had already been separated for what was originally thought to be an extended spring break. To connect with students, MISD teachers made signs, decorated cars, and then honked horns during parades through neighborhood after neighborhood. The students loved it and participated by waving and holding their own homemade signs.

When homeschoolers (and parents) need a break, kids take to their driveway and sidewalk with colored chalk to draw inspirational messages and art. Indoor/outdoor projects have also included painting and displaying hearts to show love to neighbors.

The Luna family spent one weekend celebrating Christmas to make the most out of their family time. They baked Christmas cookies and each of them made one family member a homemade gift.

One beautiful spring evening, citizens who call Mansfield Methodist their hometown hospital gathered at the hospital but stayed in their cars. Dozens of vehicles arrived and parked at respectful distances from the building and each other. Then at exactly at 8:00 p.m., honked their horns and flashed their lights, “Lighting Up the Mansfield Methodist Healthcare Frontline” and showing their appreciation to the healthcare workers.

Working from home looks different for everyone. In my case, I just had to get a few things done and put up a “working” sign. Sadly, the dog can’t read.

Whatever you’re doing, be safe and continue to lift each other up with encouragement from afar!

Jeanne Spare



Mallory Luna Pet Rock School Project



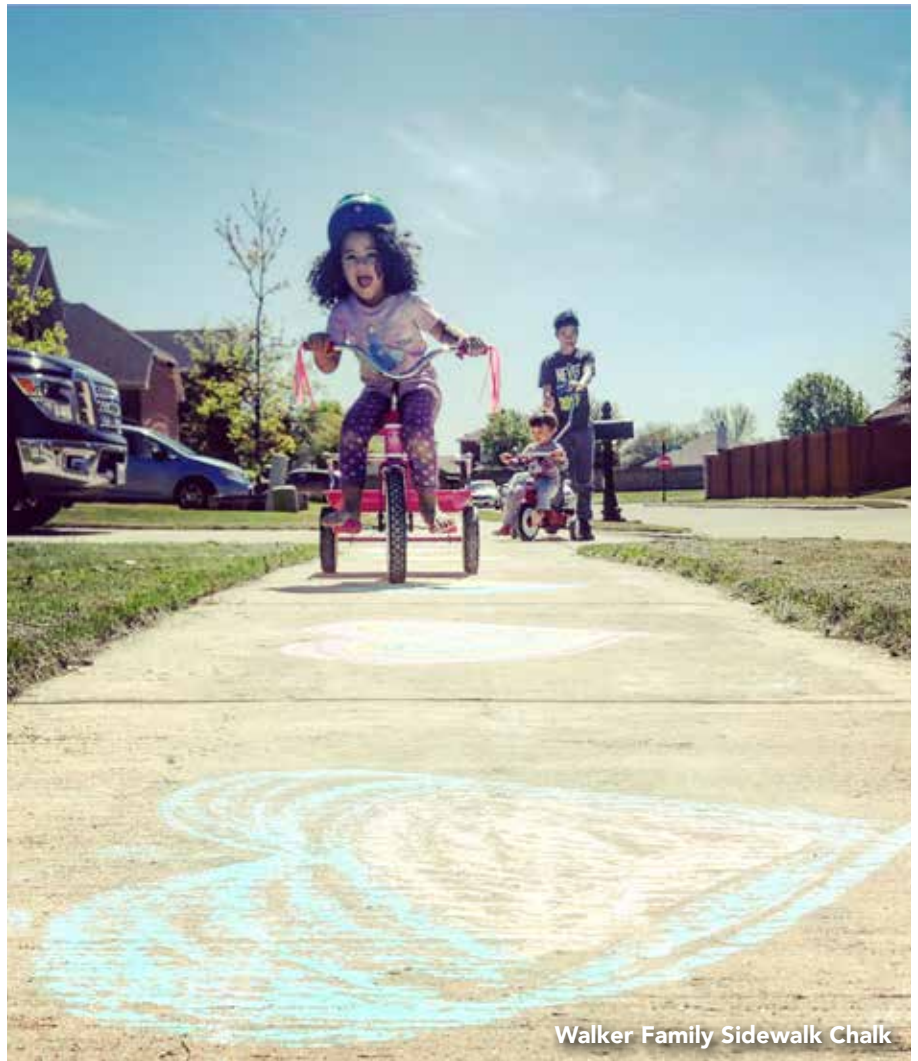
Walker Family Hearts on Display



Appreciating Mansfield Methodist Healthcare Frontline



Mallory Luna Homemade Sewing Gift



Walker Family Sidewalk Chalk



Walker Family Painting Hearts



Mallory Luna Teacher Parade



Working from Home but the dog cant read



Grand Prairie Library

www.gptx.org/library



The Grand Prairie Libraries have indefinitely closed public access and are focused on virtual services for residents.

The Grand Prairie Libraries' new website (www.gptx.org/library) includes improved search tools, better results, and book recommendations. Explore online collections of e-books, e-audio books, videos, and learning tools.

Electronic media is available covering a broad range of subjects in a variety of categories including: Adult Education, Business & Careers, Computers, Do It Yourself, Genealogy, Health, History, Homework Help, Languages, and Research. The library recently added new online learning & law platforms, powered by RBDigital. These include 500 classes, 100 languages, 150 legal documents and more, free with your library card.



Facebook Live at the Library

facebook.com/cityofgptx

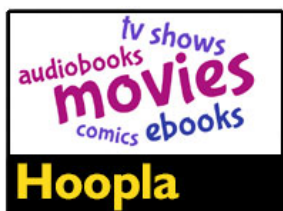
facebook.com/grandprairielibraries

For videos on how to get started with electronic media and a complete list of online tools with descriptions, visit the library website! There are additional opportunities to interact with the library on Facebook.

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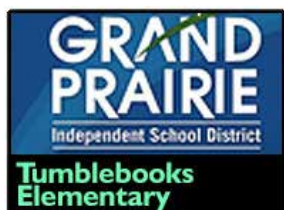
Hoopla Digital

Ebooks, audiobooks, comics, music, TV & movies to download or stream.



Overdrive eBooks

OverDrive offers eBooks for all ages to enjoy on your computer, smart phone or eReader.



Tumblebooks Elementary

Online children's picture and chapter books in English and Spanish. Made possible by the Grand Prairie I.S.D.



RBDigital eAudiobooks

Stream or download eAudiobooks.



Watering



To keep the city's water supply at a safe level and to comply with the city's whole sale water purchase contracts, **the following restrictions apply at all times:**

- **No** watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **No** watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Even numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday and Fridays.
- When watering, a constant stream of water should not be allowed to flow into the street drainage.
- Watering during precipitation is prohibited. Rain sensors are required on newer watering systems.

Allowed:

- Handheld and soaker hoses are allowed to be used any time.

Report Water Restriction Violations

During regular business hours: 972-237-8296

After 5 p.m. or on weekends: 972-237-8400

Members Responsibilities

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.

Special Election November 3rd

The City of Grand Prairie election and Mansfield ISD board election, both originally scheduled for May 2nd, have been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

What is on the ballot?

City of Grand Prairie Proposition A

Whether the City of Grand Prairie, Texas Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for twenty (20) years and the Crime Control and Prevention District sales tax should be continued for twenty (20) years

View the Crime Tax Election web page at gptx.org for more information.

Mansfield ISD Board of Trustees seats Place 6 and Place 7 are up for re-election. Current board members whose seats are up for election or re-election can remain.

Grand Prairie Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected, each for a three-year term in District 1, 3 and Seven At Large.

www.gptx.org | www.mansfieldisd.org



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup Rescheduled

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 21. To expedite the process, we encourage families to take advantage of online enrollment through Skyward. (The window for new registration is tentatively scheduled for May 1.) Instructions for enrolling online and uploading required documents can be found on the Enrollment and Registration web page.

*Please note: Since pre-K students must qualify to attend the free pre-K program, the qualification portion will be done in July during the Roundup event; however, parents can go ahead and complete the enrollment in Skyward starting in May.

More information about the Roundup event is available at www.mansfieldisd.org/KRoundUp2020.

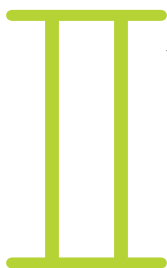
FROM THE EXPERT

THE PURCHASE MINDSET



by **ALEX MARQUES**, Organization Expert

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REMEMBER THE DAY as a kid in Brazil when my parents gave me my weekly allowance! It filled me with such great excitement

because I felt that I had the power to buy anything. I know that my concerns as a child were much more focused on ice cream and candies, however it brought me joy and a profound sense of independence.

When we grow up, the idea of purchasing something (i.e. acquire something by paying for it) can be easy for some and really complicated for others.

Overall, there are four major reasons why you would purchase something:

- **Need** (purchase to survive or to meet a specific goal)

- **Want** (purchase to meet a specific wish)
- **Deserve** (purchase to fulfill a specific wish that you convinced yourself you need)
- **Impulse** (purchase of something that you didn't know you wanted)

As individuals, the main goal in life is to focus our purchases most on the things that are necessary. However, according to the site 'statista.com', on average, **40% of individual purchases are made based on impulse.**

One reason for an impulsive purchase is because of marketing strategies and advertisements to bring attention to products. Another reason is that it doesn't feel like you're actually spending money when using credit/debit cards or apps such

as PayPal, Cash App, Apple Card.

I am not trying to be the Grinch when it comes to your purchases! The goal is to make you **Ready for UnstorageSM** and make you less stressed. By asking yourself these three questions, you can create a stronger mindset every time you purchase a product:

1. **Do I really need what I am planning to purchase?**
2. **Can I wait 24 hours before purchasing this product?**
3. **Have I tried to find the best price?**

Reserving spending money in your budget for unneeded purchases and making lists before going to stores can help you to create the purchase mindset that you're looking for. Be smart with your money because you have worked hard for it!

Space for Sale
 Call 972-396-8855
 or email info@communitynewsconnection.com
 for ad rates and sizes.

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

Be Genuinely Helpful
 Aim High
 Improve It
 Build Great Relationships
 Own It
 Do What's Right

FirstService RESIDENTIAL



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 first 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.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

www.gptx.org

Farmers Market - Lions' Club Car Show

May 23 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

120 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

www.gptx.org/farmersmarket

*Come out to the Farmers market to see a wide variety of classic cars. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the show. Farmers Market Open: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Car show: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Farmers Market - Craft Fair Day

May 30 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

120 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Information: 972-237-4599

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off

May 30 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Main Library

901 Conover Drive

Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

*For all ages! Imagine your story at the Grand Prairie Libraries! Join us for an enchanting, fairytale-themed events with wicked activities as we kick off our Summer Reading Club! At the event you can pick up reading logs and our Summer Guide with a complete list of programs taking place June-August.

*Note: Events subject to change based on the ability to resume public activities following COVID-19 Shelter in Place and social distancing instructions.



★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★
MAY 25



Memorial Day was formerly known as Decoration Day. This holiday takes place on the last Monday of May. Whether commemoration takes place at home or by visiting cemeteries and memorials, we remember the sacrifice of all men and women who have died in military service for the United States.

MAY WORD SEARCH

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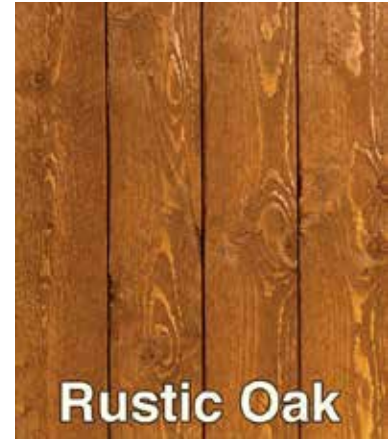
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 SUMMER
 TOGETHER
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FENCE STAIN

Fence maintenance and stain guidelines are in place to uphold the overall look and value of your home, as well as the value and appearance of our Mira Lagos Community.

All residents are to use Wood Defender Semi-Transparent Stain by Standard Paints, Inc. Color – Rustic Oak #808404. To achieve the best appearance and longest lasting results, do not thin or alter the stain.

Stain can be purchased directly from Standard Paints, Inc. The same stain is also available for purchase at the on-site HOA office when the office is re-opened for face-to-face business.



The actual stain color may vary from the color shown here.

Rustic Oak by Wood-Defender
 by Standard Paints, Inc.
 940 South 6th Avenue, Mansfield, TX
 (817) 477-5060
www.standardpaints.com

Please review Governing Documents Section 4.15 Walls, Fences and Hedges and make plans now to bring your fence into compliance. No wood fence may be stained to alter the fence from a natural wood color. The use or application of paint (or any stain which cures in a solid color) is prohibited.

If you receive a violation notice, you have a limited time to make necessary repairs. You may email questions to manager@miralagoshoa.com.

Bear Hunts



Going on a teddy bear hunt was a morale booster for many in early April! Teddy bears were on display in communities all the way from the U.K. to the U.S., in windows from New York to Texas, and right here in Mira Lagos.

The Teddy Bears on display were a great treat for cooped-up kids to hunt down during walks with their moms and dads. Thank you to our neighbors and to those who can't bear to see bored kids!





Resident Notice

PAYMENT & BILLING OPTIONS

Dear Resident,

Welcome to FirstService Residential. As the managing agent for your community, we ask that you please review the following information on how we accept your payments.

Manage & Pay Your Charges Online

As the **preferred way** of accepting payments, we request that you create an account online with our provider, **ClickPay**. Through this convenient platform, you can view your balance due and make individual or automatic recurring payments from your smartphone, tablet or other media device.

Payments can be made online by e-check (ACH) from a bank account at no cost to you or by credit or debit card for a 2.95% fee. Get started by visiting the web address below and following the instructions listed:

www.ClickPay.com/FirstService

- ① Click **Register** and create your online profile with **ClickPay**
- ② **Connect Your Home** using the account number found on your coupon or statement
- ③ Set up **Automatic Payments** or click **Pay Now** to make one-time payments

Please set up your payments 3-5 business days prior to your "late date"

For help with your account or setting up payments online, please contact **ClickPay** through their online help center at www.ClickPay.com/GetHelp.

Mailing Address for Payments

If you choose to submit your payments by paper check, money order or through your bank's Online Bill Pay feature, please mail your payments to the address listed below.

**Mira Lagos HOA
c/o FirstService Residential
P.O. Box 62047
Newark, NJ 07101**

Please make all checks payable to the entity listed on your statement or coupon, include the remittance slip with your payments, and write the account number found on your statement or coupon in the notes section of your check or Online Bill Pay settings.

NO NEW RESERVATIONS DURING CORONAVIRUS



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

When Clubhouse operation resumes, reservations must be confirmed with a signed contract and deposit 30 days prior to the reserved date. Cancellations less than two weeks prior will result in loss of deposit. Management has been contacting residents whose reservation was during the shutdown to make arrangements.

TRASH COLLECTION CHANGES

Brush Collection

Bagged leaves will no longer be picked up by garbage collection due to a shortage of sanitation workers and an abundance of residential trash during COVID-19 Shelter At Home restrictions. Residents may take bagged leaves to the landfill for disposal, hold bags until COVID-19 has passed, or create a compost bin for the leaves.

As we continue to balance supply and demand, bagged leaves join the list of other items not being collected at this time: bulky items, brush and limbs, even if bagged.

Bulky Items

Trash and recycling collection will continue on your scheduled days. Bulky items that will not be picked-up include any objects too large for placement in normal collection or unwanted appliances and furniture such as washers, refrigerators, sofas, chairs etc. You may take these items to the landfill.

Trash and Recycling

Due to the potential risk to waste collection crews, the city's garbage provider, Republic Services, respectfully requests residents:

- Place all trash in plastic bags (not in boxes or other unsecured receptacles). Secure bags tightly to prevent the scattering of waste materials.
- Please do not bag your recycle materials, continue to place your recycle materials loosely into your recycle bins (blue bags tangle processing equipment).

For additional information about Trash Collection Guidelines, please contact Republic Services, 817-317-2000. Visit the city's Garbage Collection page for scheduled Garbage and Recycling routes.

Brush and Limb Collection

The city will continue to offer once-per-month residential collection of brush and tree limbs no larger than 10 inches in diameter and no longer than 5 feet in length. Brush must be placed at the curb. City equipment cannot pick up brush from alleys. This collection does not include bagged leaves.

For brush collection info, call 972-237-8525 or visit the city's Brush Program Information page.

Proper Yard Maintenance

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) in your community are specific in that every homeowner in the community is legally obligated to maintain their entire lawn, front and back. Overall yard maintenance reasonably consists of the following duties:

- 1) The yard should be watered regularly.
- 2) The yard should be mowed and edged regularly.
- 3) The yard, flowerbeds and tree rings should be kept free of weeds and grass.
- 4) Trees and shrubs should be trimmed neatly and any dead plant material should be removed and replaced immediately.

Speaking with a professional about a program for maintaining your yard on a year-round basis is also a great idea.



Crime Tax Election - November 3, 2020

Crime Control District Sales Tax Vote – Hire, Equip and Train Police for 20 Years

Ballot Language

Whether the City of Grand Prairie, Texas Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for twenty (20) years and the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for twenty (20) years.

In May 2007, 80 percent of voters approved a Grand Prairie Crime Control and Prevention District ¼ cent sales tax (Crime Tax) to build the new Public Safety Building (PSB).

In 2012, 86 percent of voters approved extending the Crime Tax for 10 years. In 2013, because the amount of money the city collects from the Crime Tax is more than the debt payments on the PSB, 86 percent of the voters approved adding the ability to hire and equip police officers.

Next Step:

The PSB will be paid off in 2022. On November 3, 2020, the city is asking voters whether or not to approve extending the existing Crime Control District 1/4 cent sales tax for 20 years. The city plans to use the entire 1/4 cent to hire police officers and pay for their salaries, benefits, equipment and training, once the PSB is paid off.

What Happens if Vote Passes?

If approved, once the PSB is paid off, the entire 1/4 cent sales tax would be used to hire, equip and train police officers for 20 years. The city could continue using the Crime Tax to pay for police officers thus allowing the city's general fund to be used for other city departments, such as fire, parks, libraries, planning and development.

What Happens if the Vote Fails?

If this Crime Tax is not approved, the city would have to eliminate police and city services to fund police officers, equipment and training, or ask voters to raise property taxes 4-6 cents per \$100 of taxable value to fund police officers. The sales tax would reduce from 8.25 percent to 8 percent; and a Crime Tax using sales tax could not be brought back to the voters for three years.

Facts

This will not increase the city's sales tax. It is a continuation of an existing sales tax.

Since this is a sales tax, non-residents who shop in Grand Prairie help pay for police officers.

Grand Prairie's population has increased by 30,000 residents since 2007 when the Crime Tax was first passed. In 2007, the Police Department employed 223 police officers, or 1.3 officers per 1,000 population. Currently, the department employs 287 officers, or 1.5 officers per 1,000. By adding officers through the Crime Tax, the city can keep up with growth and maintain a 1.5 officer per 1,000 ratio of coverage.

Resident Run Clubs & Activities

For Homeowners by Homeowners

If you (used to and will again) regularly host a social activity that you would like to share with your Mira Lagos neighbors, write to communications@miralagoshoa.com. Include your group name or activity title, a brief description of the activity, as well as the contact information to be shared publicly in the Messenger.

We're in this together! Please follow the current orders, social distancing guidelines, and proper hygiene instructions to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

When it is safe to gather together, we will be ready!



May 2020 Observances

National Nurses Day

May 6

We appreciate you! This observance is celebrated annually on May 6 to raise awareness of the important role nurses play in society. It marks the beginning of National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

National Day of Prayer

May 7

Let's pray! This day calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year.

Armed Forces Day

May 16

Thank you to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces! Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

“I FOUND IT”



Our April *Something is Hidden* winner is seven-year-old **Avaani Shrestha**. She found the raindrops on page 6 in the “Spring Fling” advertisement. Congratulations! Thank you to Sanjeep Shrestha for sending in her photo!

Thank you for reading the Messenger!

Mira Lagos Homeowners Association - ACC Property Modification Approval Request Form

ACC Use Only
Rq. No.
Phase

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:

FirstService Residential
3102 Oak Lawn Ave, Ste 202
Dallas, Texas 75219

**For additional information call:
817-473-6787**

Email –
manager@miralagoshoa.com