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I'll Be Home for Christmas

A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

Set in late 1941, I'll Be Home for Christmas is the story of the faith of a family, and a nation on the brink of World War II, preparing to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Most of the action takes place in the main characters' home, with the choir providing music and drama as it is broadcast over the family radio. The music highlights the sounds of the '40s, including swing, lush ballads, and big band songs interspersed with reenactments of radio broadcasts during that time. Original music mixed with familiar Christmas favorites form the backdrop for this memorable dramatic musical. Book by Deborah Craig-Claar; music by Mark Hayes.

Saturday, November 9 | 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, November 10 | 2:00 p.m.

Willie Pigg Auditorium
 1520 N. Walnut Creek Dr. • Mansfield, TX 76063

\$16 Adult • \$14 Senior • \$12 Student

Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the door. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to VetStarts, Inc. a Texas-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization helping veterans return, learn, and earn with greater purpose and impact. Presented by Mainstage Classic Theatre.



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 Closed Sunday and Monday
 *Holiday Hours, page 9

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New Members welcome on all committees!

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Holly Days Christmas Market

November 16th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pictures with Santa 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center
 2700 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX 76063

Vendors & Shopping

Presented by the MMMC Auxiliary
 Sponsored by United Dermatology Associates
 Pictures with Santa Claus sponsored by Simmons Bank

All proceeds benefit Methodist Mansfield Medical Center.



VETERANS DAY Ceremony

Monday, November 11 | 10:00 a.m.
 Grand Prairie Veterans Memorial, 925 Conover Drive

Celebrate our nation's heroes. The ceremony will include a fly over, 21-gun salute and so much more. Admiral Patrick Walsh, Retired USN, will be the speaker this year. Admiral Walsh commanded the Pacific Fleet during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The ceremony will be followed by a free lunch provided by the Grand Prairie Rotary Club, Grand Bank and Epic Waters.

For more information, contact the Parks, Arts & Recreation Department at 972-237-8100.




DNA 4 Veterans

Your neighbor Dante Burress wants to introduce veterans of Mira Lagos to DNA 4 Veterans and invite you to monthly meetings. D.N.A. stands for Developing New Attitudes and DNA 4 Veterans in the Dallas/Fort Worth area meets twice monthly in Grand Prairie.

1st Saturday | 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 3rd Monday | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Identity Church
 441 West Pioneer Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75051
 info@identitychurchgp.com | 469-340-1974

Learn about a wide range of benefits that are available including healthcare and education. They also provide assistance with forms and records, how a Veteran can start a tax-free business, disabilities, and disability ratings.




Holiday Décor

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

Thank you.



GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday
November 5, 2019

GET OUT AND VOTE!

PENINSULA PID ANNUAL MEETING IN REVIEW

In the City of Grand Prairie, a Public Improvement District or PID provides an upgraded appearance and maintenance of public areas in designated residential developments. The Mira Lagos HOA is one of many developments in the Peninsula PID, also known as PID #8.

On September 5th, residents gathered at the Clubhouse for the annual Peninsula PID meeting. The presentation included an overview of PID operation, a summary of completed maintenance projects and a look at future plans. In 2020, PID projects will include pond erosion control and maintenance and repair of 5 ½ miles of



La Pradera Cedar Marquis Sign



El Sendero and Escondido Cedar Marquis Signs



Replacement of Faded Street Signs

screening wall easements.

The following candidates for Advisory Board lead your PID for 2020:

- Andrea Kinloch, Vice President

- Bob Menno, Secretary/Treasurer
- Joshua Spare, Director
- Ken Self, Director
- Roy Davis, Director
- Bill Crolley, City of Grand Prairie, Non-Voting Member

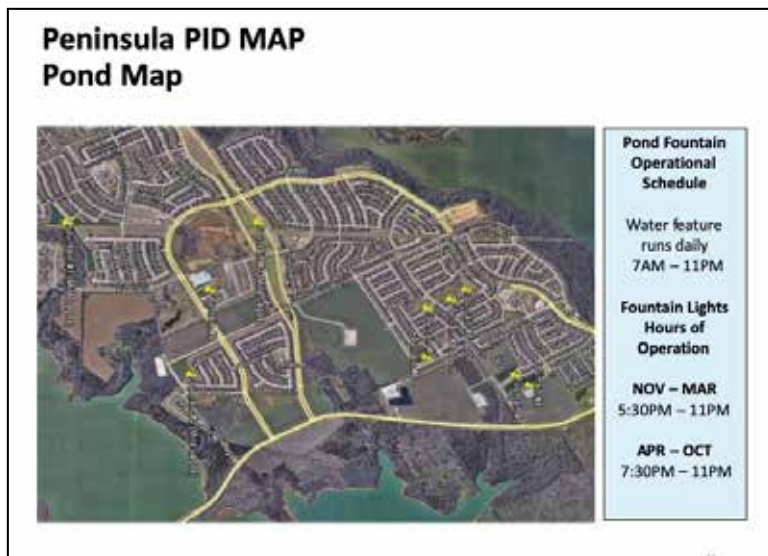
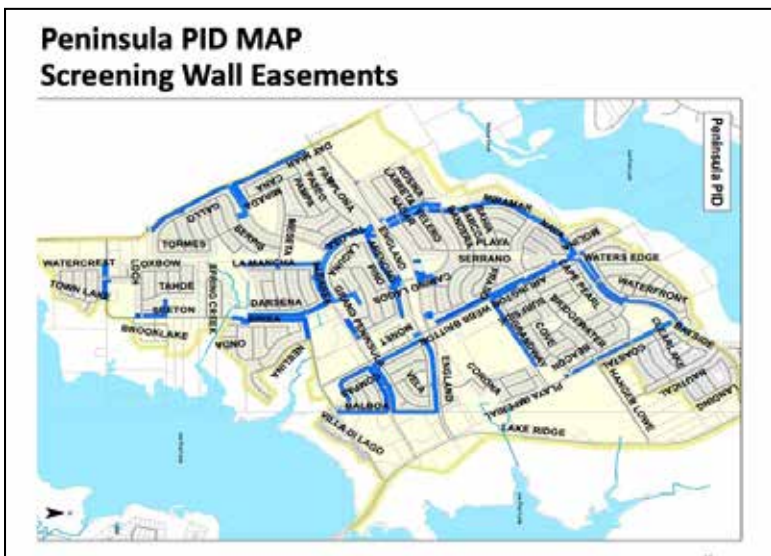
PID Management:

- Lee Harriss, CPA, Special District Administrator, City of Grand Prairie, Lharriss@gptx.org
- Tamara Moore, PID Manager, FirstService Residential, tamara.moore@fsresidential.com

For more visit www.gptx.org and enter "Peninsula PID" in the search field.



Arlington Webb Britton Fence Repair and Staining



Something is Hidden. Can you find it?



An image is hidden in the Mira Lagos Messenger! When you find this football email manager@miralagoshoa.com to be entered into a random drawing to WIN a \$25 gift card.

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

Have fun reading this month's Mira Lagos Messenger!

"I FOUND IT"



Terri Kasody of Cordova village found the hidden latte and won the Something is Hidden drawing for October. Congratulations!



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Your HOA Management Team

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Pies for Thanksgiving!

Would Thanksgiving dinner be a celebration without pie for dessert? The three top flavors for Thanksgiving pies are pumpkin, apple and pecan!

Have you ever wondered why serving pie at Thanksgiving became a tradition? Most likely fruit pies were not served at the first Thanksgiving. Some attribute British immigrants and their dedication to meat pies with buttery pastry shells as the beginning of baking fruit pies for celebrations. Apples and the love of apples have been around for centuries all throughout Europe, continuing in early America. Later came the saying, 'American as apple pie.' Pumpkin, a winter squash, was native to North America and easily became a pie favorite for dessert. In the south, pecans were native to most coastal areas and with French influences the pecan pie began to be a staple on many Thanksgiving tables.

Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Riding on the tails of this national holiday, newspapers began publishing recipes such as stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie, as well as many cookbooks were being published and contained many dessert pie recipes.

No matter the reason for the tradition, Thanksgiving dinner wouldn't be complete without a pumpkin, apple or pecan pie for dessert. Happy Thanksgiving!!!



2019 RECAP

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out 2019 was observed in Texas on October 1st. In Mira Lagos, residents and police came together at the Clubhouse in partnership against crime.

The event included food, first responders and fun! Kids enjoyed games, face painting and balloon art and volunteers served Chick-fil-a sandwiches. Representatives from the Grand Prairie Police Department and Grand Prairie Fire Department were present throughout the evening.

There were also opportunities to learn about *Drop the Drugs*, a community partnership with GPPD to promote substance abuse prevention and *Home for Hounds*, a partnership of the Dallas Sheriff's Department and Prairie Paws to provide obedience training for shelter dogs.

Our NNO was also attended by Mayor Ron Jenson, Mayor Pro Tem Councilman Greg Giessner (District 8, At Large), Councilman Jeff Wooldridge (District 6), Councilman John Lopez (District 4) and City of Grand Prairie Code Enforcement.

This year's event was hosted by the Safety Committee and our management team. Thank you to everyone who came out to serve, partner and have fun!



Grand Prairie Fire Department Fire Truck



(L-R) Stacy McGrath, Chief Steve Dye, Michelle Hairston, Dr. mOe Anderson, Carol Landrum, R.N., Warren Landrum, Greg Giessner



Greg Giessner, Mayor Ron Jenson, Chief Steve Dye



Code Enforcement



Face Painting



Balloon Artist



Fall Decorations



Robert McLain, Safety Chair (center)



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.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

www.gptx.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day & Free Electronics Recycling

November 2, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Development Center

206 West Church St., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Drop off your household hazardous waste. Registration is required. Register online or by phone at 972-237-8055. Registration is also required for Electronics Recycling. Visit the gptx.org Recycling webpage for more information.

Herb Your Enthusiasm: Herb Gardening

November 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Public Works Training Center

317 N. Beltline Rd. Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Free Class

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 14, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Dalworth Recreation Center

2012 Spikes Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Information: 972-237-4760

Free, warm Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. Donations accepted and volunteers welcome.

Prairie Lights Sneak-a-Peek 6:30 PM

Saturday, November 23: Run, jog or fast walk

Sunday, November 24: Walk and stroll

Lynn Creek Park

5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

www.PrairieLights.org

Be the first to see all new displays at the 2019 Prairie Lights. Registration is limited to the first 1,250 participants each night. Early registration is preferred, but onsite registration will be accepted as space allows.

Cyclin with the Mayor - Prairie Lights Ride

November 25, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lynn Creek Park

5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy., Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

www.gptx.org/getfitgp

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

Prairie Lights

November 28 - December 31, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Lynn Creek Park

5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

[Facebook.com/PrairieLights](https://www.facebook.com/PrairieLights)

Family vehicle general admission fee every day: \$45

Cars must be in line by closing times to guarantee admission. Carnival rides, vendors, food and an outdoor walk-through at Holiday Village are all features of this event. Fast Pass available online. (details subject to change)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities

2019	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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Social Committee

Holiday Brunch & Toy Drive | December 7, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
This community event is for all Mira Lagos residents. Come enjoy refreshments and a holiday atmosphere. New, unwrapped toys and gifts will be accepted for Santa Cop.

Daddy Daughter Dance | February 2020

Spring Fling | April 11, 2020

Mira Lagos Night at The Epic | May 2020

Landscape Committee

Christmas Lights Decorating Contest | December 2019

Yard of the Month Contest | May - August 2020



HOMEOWNER YOGA

Pool & Sports Committee

Yoga Strength & Stretch | November 4, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Yoga Strength & Stretch | November 16, 8:30 am – 9:30 pm

Yoga Deep Stretch | November 25, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

RSVP to poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com for a registration link.



TOY DRIVE

The Tradition Continues

The tradition of giving in Mira Lagos continues! The Safety Committee has once again partnered with the Grand Prairie Police Department to bring the Santa Cop toy drive to Mira Lagos. New, unwrapped toys, bicycles and cash donations will be accepted during business hours at the HOA office at 3025 S. Camino Lagos throughout November.

Donations to the Santa Cop toy drive benefit deserving Grand Prairie families in need this holiday season. To find additional drop-off locations throughout Grand Prairie or contribute online, visit www.gptx.org and search "Santa Cop" for details.

Your last chance to give to Santa Cop at the Clubhouse will be at the Social Committee Holiday Brunch on December 7th from noon to 2:00 pm.



Your Mira Lagos ID Gives You Access

Jeanne Spare, Communications Chair



You are a VIP when you have your Mira Lagos HOA photo ID access card with you at events. Your Mira Lagos ID gives you member-only access to the fitness center, pools and special items at community events like food-truck tickets, the buffet and door-prize drawings. Our events are for members and having your ID will set you apart.

To obtain an access card your account must be current with the HOA. Send headshots of the members of your household who are age 14 and up to admin@miralagoshoa.com along with your address and the names of the people in the photos. Cynthia will then send you paperwork that needs to be filled out and returned once the cards are ready for pick up.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mira Lagos HOA Upcoming Events & Activities



HOA OFFICE HOLIDAY Hours & Closures

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov. 27 | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 28 | Closed

Friday, Nov. 29 | Closed

Saturday, Nov. 30 | Closed

Christmas and New Year's

Tuesday, Dec. 24 | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 25 | Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 31 | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 1 | Closed

For immediate needs please contact
FirstService Residential Customer Service 877-378-2388
or visit www.texas.fsrconnect.com/miralagos.

CPR SECOND CLASS

The American Heart Association CPR certification class is growing in popularity! This annual class has always been popular and free to HOA members. This year, a second class was held on September 19th to accommodate more residents.

Safety Chair Robert McLain said, "CPR has had more interest than First Aid, historically." With interest in both classes growing, Robert said, "There may be two First Aid classes and quarterly CPR in 2020." Dates will be announced in the Messenger!



Happy Holidays Mira Lagos

The Mira Lagos Social Committee cordially invites you and your family to attend the "2019 Holiday Brunch with Santa" on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Mira Lagos Club House.

Come and meet some of your neighbors and enjoy a delicious brunch along with some great door prizes. Listen to festive holiday music while the children visit with Santa and his cheerful elf. There will also be a real-life reindeer. Be sure to bring your cameras to take pictures to capture these wonderful memories.

Saturday, December 7 • 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Mira Lagos HOA Clubhouse

3025 S. Camino Lagos, Grand Prairie, TX 75054

CROSSING GUARDS

Mansfield or Grand Prairie?

The Mansfield ISD Police Department and Grand Prairie Police Department serve Mansfield ISD with School Crossing Guards. Both hire part-time civilians to work selected street crossings and schools in our area.



The Mansfield ISD Police Department has a staff of 48 Crossing Guards, forty-seven who serve in the field and one who serves as the section supervisor. The current Supervisor, Stephanie Denova said, "I am always accepting applications. This is a fantastic job for anyone to make \$500 a month with benefits and leave for two hours a day."

The following Mansfield ISD schools are served by Mansfield ISD Police Department School Crossing Guards:

- Judy Miller Elementary (two)
- Elizabeth Smith Elementary (one)
- Mary Lillard Intermediate School (five, Lillard & Jones)
- Danny Jones Middle School (combined with Lillard)

Grand Prairie Police Crossing Guard Coordinator Michelle Green oversees 93 School Crossing Guards including eleven at nearby schools and two at the intercession of Grand Peninsula and England Parkway. Grand Prairie Crossing Guards work three hours daily in morning and afternoon shifts at \$9 per hour.

The following Mansfield ISD schools and local street crossings are served by Grand Prairie Police Department School Crossing Guards:

- Anna May Daulton (five)
- Cora Spencer Elementary (four)
- Louise Cabaniss Elementary (two)
- Grand Peninsula & England Pkwy. (two)

For more information contact:

Mansfield ISD Police (817) 299-6000
Grand Prairie Police (972) 237-8990



Crossing Guard Appreciation

If school is in session, you can believe Ms. Mildred Bennett is reporting for duty! Mira Lagos residents may have encountered Ms. Bennett, as she has worked as a crossing guard at Cora Spencer Elementary school on South Camino Lagos for the past three years.

The pedestrians Ms. Bennett is responsible for are the precious elementary school-aged children that live in Mira Lagos! Ms. Bennett's social perceptiveness and awareness is key in being able to safely direct both students and motorists.

What may surprise you is Ms. Bennet is not a Mira Lagos resident. She chose the Cora Spencer location three years ago. When asked if she had the option to work closer to her home, she admits that she could transfer closer to where her twin granddaughters' attend school any time she wanted to. However, Ms. Bennet enjoys the staff and parents at Cora Spencer, so she continues to make the drive from her Arlington home to Mira Lagos every day, twice a day, just to ensure OUR children are safe. We asked Ms. Bennett what happens when she gets sick. Her simple response: "I don't."

We recognize that the job of crossing guard takes stamina and endurance and is nothing short of a sport! For that reason, the Pool and Sports Committee wants to show our appreciation to not only her, but all the employees that guard the perimeter for our youth on N. Day Miar Road and surrounding areas that cover Mira Lagos.

The next time you are near one of the Mansfield ISD schools serving Mira Lagos (Spencer, Lillard, Danny Jones, Daulton, or Lake Ridge) during school zone hours, take time to show your appreciation to a crossing guard with a wave, a smile and a thank you!

Deneisha Barns, Pool and Sports Committee Chair
poolandsports@miralagoshoa.com



Mildred Bennett



November Meetings, Holidays & Closures

5	Called Board Meeting, MISD PAC 6:00 PM
11	Veterans Day Holiday
13	Town Hall Meeting, Summit HS PAC 6:00 PM
19	Board Meeting, MISD PAC 7:00 PM
25	Student Holiday / SDCE Day
26-29	Thanksgiving Holiday

REPORTING STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Streetlight outages on our city streets can be reported by contacting Oncor.

1-888-303-4747

www.oncorestreetlight.com



GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION



The city of Grand Prairie collects garbage and recycling on the peninsula on Monday and garbage only on Thursday. 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.

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day).



fall favorites

DELICIOUS DESSERT RECIPES TO CELEBRATE AUTUMN

BEST PUMPKIN BREAD

- ½ teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon (ground)
 - ¼ teaspoon cloves (ground)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 ½ cups flour (all purpose)
 - ½ cup pecans (chopped)
 - 1 cup pumpkin puree
 - ½ teaspoon nutmeg (ground)
 - ¾ teaspoon salt
 - 1 ½ cups Sugar (granular)
 - ½ cup water
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - ½ cup oil (vegetable or corn)
- 9x5-in. loaf pan

Combine all ingredients folding in pecans last. Pour into a greased loaf pan and bake at 350° for 65 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool before removing from pan. Enjoy!

EASY CROCK POT HOT APPLE CIDER

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 2-3 cinnamon sticks

Place all the ingredients in the crock pot and simmer for 3-4 hours or combine all ingredients in large pot and simmer on the stove for one hour. Remove cinnamon sticks before serving.

PECAN PIE

- 1 Pillsbury pie crust (room temperature)
- 4 tablespoon margarine, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup light Karo syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecan pieces
- ¼ cup pecan pieces (keep separate)

Flour your glass pie baking dish (do not just use PAM spray, it doesn't work!) Soften /melt margarine in mixing bowl. Combine all other ingredients except last ¼ cup of Pecans and stir with spoon and pour into unbaked pie crust. After it settles 30 seconds or so, fill in the open spaces without pecans with left over pecans. Lightly press on them to coat them with mixture but not move them. Cover Pie crust edges only with foil or crust covers. Bake in oven 450° for 10 minutes. Then reduce heat to 325° and bake for 35 minutes or until knife insert into center of filling comes out clean and middle appears more stable/solid.

PUMPKIN MOUSSE

- 1 can pumpkin puree (15 oz)
 - ¾ cup of sugar (superfine)
 - ½ teaspoon Pumpkin pie spice
 - 3 cups of heavy cream (separated into 1 cup to cook and 2 cups to whip)
 - 1 tablespoon Vanilla
- graham crackers – *add crumbled up graham crackers to the bottom of your serving dish for a crunchy crust (optional)*
- ginger snaps for garnish on top (optional)

Combine pumpkin, 1 cup of the heavy cream, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in a medium pan. Cook at medium heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. While the pumpkin mixture is cooling, whip 2 cups of the heavy cream and vanilla to soft peaks. Set aside to be folded into pumpkin mixture when cooled. If desired crumble graham crackers in the bottom of your serving dish for a crunchy crust. Pipe or spoon mousse into a serving dishes and chill. Just before serving garnish with crumble the ginger snaps or more graham crackers on top.

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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:

<i>Name(s)</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Best time to call:</i>	

2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

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

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

<i>Homeowner's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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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

<p>For additional information call: 817-473-6787</p> <p>Email – manager@miralagoshoa.com</p>
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PREVENTING PACKAGE THEFT

It's the most wonderful time of the year — until your package gets stolen from your doorstep.

Want to avoid “crimes of opportunity”? Here are a few tips to keep your packages safe during the holidays:

1. Ask for a tracking number to know when your package is delivered. Track your packages and try to be home at the time of delivery. When you're placing an order, try to schedule shipment for a day you expect to be home, if possible.
2. Not sure if you'll be available for your tracked package's delivery? FedEx and United States Postal Service (USPS) suggest scheduling your delivery beforehand to set a time you know you'll be home.
3. FedEx also suggests requesting a signature for delivery. This will ensure the package won't be left at your door without you there to sign and bring it safely inside.
4. Want your package placed at the back door or behind a porch plant instead? Leave a note specifying what less conspicuous spot you would like it left. The FedEx Delivery Manager lets you leave delivery instructions on where you want your deliveries to be dropped off.
5. Have your packages delivered somewhere else. If you know you won't be home when your package will be delivered, FedEx and United Parcel Service (UPS) tell you to opt for delivering it to a neighbor who is home or to your workplace, if allowed.
6. Another option is to deliver your packages to a retail store or locker, where they'll stay safe until you can pick them up

at your convenience. Many retailers will let you place online orders and then pick up your items in the store. You can also look into the Amazon Locker service, which delivers Amazon orders to a “locker” in your area; you're provided a pickup code that will unlock the door for you. And the U.S. Postal Service suggests taking advantage of their Request Hold Mail service, which securely holds letters and packages at your local post office until you're back in town. FedEx and UPS also have similar location delivery services.

7. UPS suggests signing up for a service called “UPS My Choice,” which allows users to request their packages to be held at a UPS store for pick-up and more. You can control the service through text or email; it includes features such as delivery notices and the option to re-route your packages to a different address if you won't be home. You can also re-route your packages using the FedEx Delivery Manager.




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Grand Prairie Library Events

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Imagination Playground

November 4, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Imagination Playground encourages unstructured and child-directed free play with blocks. Adult supervision required.

First Fridays STEAM Edition

November 1, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Registration required, email kolabode@gptx.org

Programs for Special Needs Teens and Adults | December 6: Gingerbread House Making

Family Science Night: Pumpkin Catapult

November 20, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Registration required, email kolabode@gptx.org

For grades K-5. Come work through various science projects with your family. Are you up for the challenge? December 18: Gingerbread Houses

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.



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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.

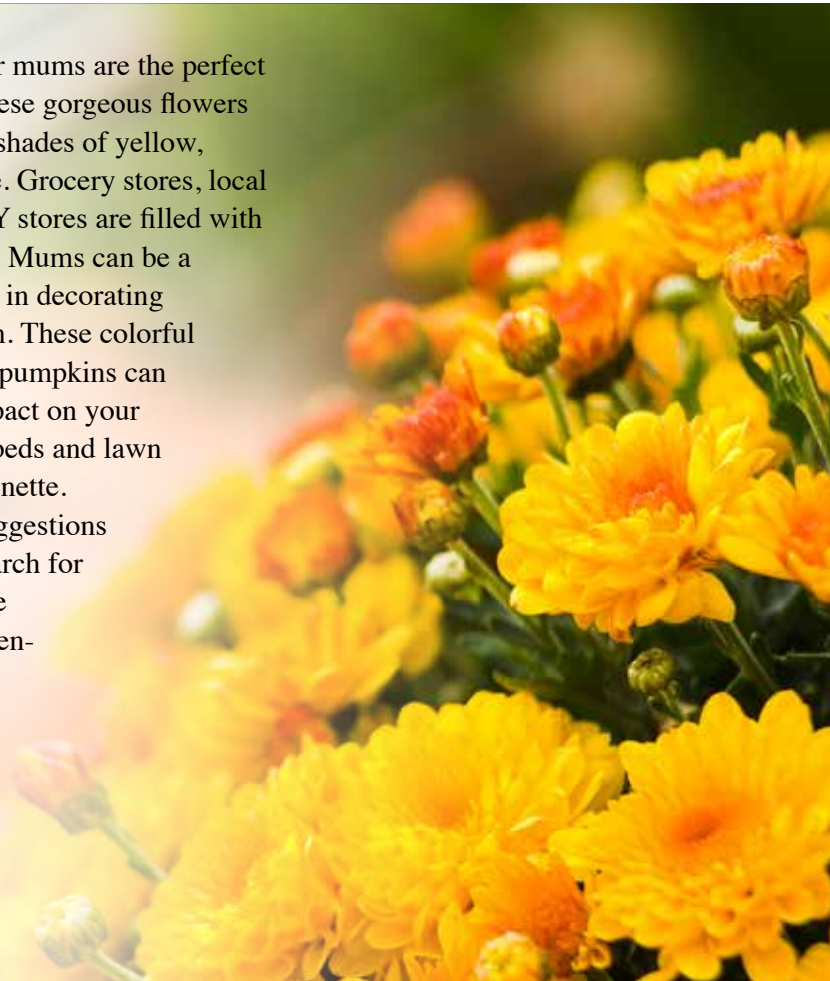
MUMS



Chrysanthemums or mums are the perfect flower for fall. These gorgeous flowers come in amazing shades of yellow, orange, red and purple. Grocery stores, local garden stores and DIY stores are filled with mums, big and small. Mums can be a fundamental element in decorating during the fall season. These colorful mums together with pumpkins can make a fabulous impact on your front porch, flower beds and lawn for a vibrant fall vignette.

Here are a few suggestions

for purchasing mums and keeping mums fresh longer. Search for a plant as it starts to break bud (little to no flower, only the bud), for increased bloom time. Check the plant tags to identify the color of the mum or check other plants that have begun to bloom as many stores try to group like colors together. Choose a darker shade of mum because darker colors look better longer and after the flower blooms they are less noticeable. A bigger, fuller plant is the best buy. Be sure to place mums in full sun, water often for moist soil (not wet) and pinch spent flowers which encourages more blooms.





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.

NOTARY SERVICES

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