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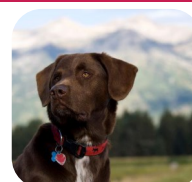
Harvest Goes

Summer has come and gone here at Harvest. To close out the summer, we hosted a back to school party that brought kids from all grade levels together. More than 100 Harvest kids attended the event! The day was filled with snow cones, games, and a visit from The Critter Man!

We always look for ways to help the **North Texas Food Bank**, particularly to provide fresh produce to families in need. Our friends from Michael Chaumont's State Farm Agency graciously sponsored our dunking booth, which we in turn used to raise funds for the North Texas Food Bank. Kids and parents purchased tickets and spent the afternoon dunking the Chief of Northlake Police, our Harvest General Manager and Lifestyle Manager, and each other! **We raised approximately \$270, which will feed more than 800 people!**



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NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK UPDATE

To date, Harvest has provided **15,644 meals** to the people of North Texas!

Harvest Summer Reading Program

As the summer is coming to a close, we asked our summer readers to share their experience in the Harvest Summer Reading Program. Below is an interview with Leland (age 10) and Andrew (age 6).



What did you read?

Leland: The Book Report from the Black Lagoon, Nate the Great and the Big Sniff, SpongeBob SquarePants, Put me in the Zoo

Andrew: The Foot Book, Hop on Pop, The Best Teacher Ever, Put me in the Zoo, Diggers

Why did you read it?

Leland: I read those books because they were easy for Andrew and me.

Andrew: I read those books because Leland could help me become a better reader.

Where did your read?

We read at the Farmhouse and Andrew's house.

What was your most favorite part?

Leland: My favorite part was reading the books that I brought such as SpongeBob, Nate the Great and Put me in the Zoo.

Andrew: My favorite was reading Diggers because I like to feel the textures of the duck and the dog.

What was your least favorite part?

Leland: My least favorite part stopping my video game so I can go to reading.

Andrew: My least favorite part was stopping my movie so I can read with Leland.

What would you do different?

Leland: We would meet at Starbucks instead and get a Frappuccino.

Andrew: I would spend more time talking with Leland.

How do you feel about your reading experience?

Leland: I feel that it's OK.

Andrew: At the beginning, I thought eh and now I think it's kinda cool.

Would you recommend the reading program to other kids?

Yes if they like reading and if they don't then they should try it.

Do you want to keep reading together?

Yes, we do.

Any other comments?

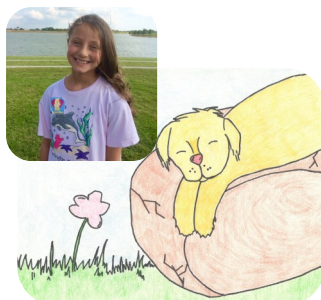
Leland: It was fun!

Andrew: It was interesting and inspiring.

Kid's Art Corner

By Estelle Brower

Hi my name is Estelle and I love animals and art. One of my favorite things to draw is dogs. That is why I decided to draw a picture of a dog. *What do you like to draw?*



Harvest Kids

"New Neighborhood, New Friends"

by Hailey Clark, Elizabeth Bedunah, and Kaitlyn Lott

Harvest is a great little community, there are lots of fun things to do, our families love and enjoy staying here. We are looking forward to all the fun events that Page has put together for us kids!

When we moved here, we left all of our friends in Arlington, Missouri, and Arizona. When we moved here we noticed that we all lived by each other and that day we met 20 kids playing Harvest kickball!

Also, we go bike riding around the wonderful lake that Harvest has created. We also love the two pools that Harvest has offered to the community. The wonderful garden that Harvest has created, not only provides fruit, but also a great environment for everyone in the Harvest community.

We like this neighborhood so much better because we have so much more friends and more fun events! We love living here because we feel so much safer...if we could talk to another kid that just moved here, we could tell them about all the fun things that Harvest provides for everyone. We would tell them about our communities fun events like kickball, back to school parties, the game octopus, holiday events, and popsicles!

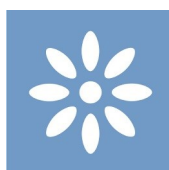
We love to make things, like sugar scrub, cookies, goodiebags, and all sorts of fun things! We love to make our neighbors happy every day. It is so much fun to live in this safe, wonderful, beautiful, neighborhood!



Why Scoop the Poop?

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. We have seen poop on the soccer fields, event lawn, and around on the trails. We don't want a child or an adult to step in poop when they are playing soccer, kickball, or out on event lawn. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:

- The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
- Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.
- The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
- The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.
- Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.



A Message from the Chief



My name is Robert Crawford, I am the Chief of Police for the Town of Northlake. The Northlake Police Department provides police services to the community of Harvest. Our mission statement is:

“The Northlake Police Department strives to create a quality environment by partnering with and serving our community through efficient and effective police services for those who live, work, visit or pass through our community.”



Currently crime remains low in the community and we want to keep it that way! Criminals are very opportunistic and below are a few ways you can help keep the crime rate low and keep you and your property safe.

- Get to know your neighbors. Although the police patrol the area frequently, we can't be everywhere at the same time. The more watchful eyes out there the better.
- Participate in your Neighborhood Watch Group. The first meeting will be Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 1:00pm in Harvest Hall.
- Lock your doors (vehicle and residence). A majority of motor vehicle burglaries are due to people not locking their car doors and thieves taking advantage of the lack of security.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle and take inside – phones, computers, guns, wallets, etc. If you don't take them inside, place them in your trunk. If the thieves see nothing in the vehicle, they are more likely to move on. It may be inconvenient at the time, but will be worth it in the long run.
- Keep your blinds closed when not at home. Another opportunity for thieves to see what you have inside your home.
- Report everything to the Police. You may think it was not a big deal that someone stole some insignificant item from your vehicle, garage, or home, but there may have been other victims that lost something of value. Additionally, we want to find the people responsible for committing the criminal acts and limit the amount of criminal activity that occurs.
- Call 911. The fastest way to get an Officer to respond is by calling 911. The Denton County Sheriff's Office Communication Division has direct contact with our Officers and can get them to your location quickly.

Although we cannot rid society of crime all together, we can take the necessary steps to reduce the amount of crime that occurs in our community. With your help, we can continue to keep the crime low and our relationship strong!

Hello From Jackson Hole, Wyoming!

By Jack the Dog

In Wyoming I am the Bar BC Mascot, in Texas I am the Harvest Farm Dog, but most importantly I am Mary Jane's loyal friend!

For those whom I haven't met, my name is Jackson Jack Ashmore also known as Jackie Boy, Jackie, and Jack. My owner, Mary Jane, rescued me when I was 18 months old. I used to live in Texas and spent most of my days at the Farmhouse. While I loved being at Harvest, it was time for me and Mary Jane to go back to the Bar BC Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

What I miss most about Harvest are the kids. They would always come to the Farmhouse and ask if I could come out and play. I also LOVED when the Watson's or Kleehammer's would stop by and take me out for a walk! If you don't know, I love to run! I would explore all the back roads around Harvest and run as fast as I could on that road behind the cemetery. Since I have been back at the ranch, I have found lots of places to run. Mary Jane clocked me running at 23 miles an hour one time!

Interesting fact about me, I am Labrador but I don't bark, swim, or retrieve. I am, however, a people dog. I will sit, shake, lie down, and wait patiently to do something for you. In fact, when I was at Harvest Mary Jane would put mail under my collar and I would head upstairs and deliver it to Tim (the General Manager for Harvest)...mainly because Tim kept yummy doggie treats at his desk but shhhh don't tell Mary Jane that!

Since I have been back to the ranch, I have made some wild friends! Matilda the Moose, who comes to the door to say hi, is one of my favorites. The cows here are really nice too and they share the road so I can run. I am sure I will meet many more friends and have many more adventures here in Jackson Hole. Be sure to follow me on Facebook to keep in touch!



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Gardening with ROCKY



Ready, Set, Sow!

Fall is a great time for planting and it's something the whole family can do. There are advantages to planting a fall garden. For one, it offers cooler air temperatures which are easier on plants and gardeners; and the soil is still warm, which allows roots to grow until the freezing temperatures arrive.

Cool-season vegetables such as snap beans, carrots, radishes, and turnips can all be effectively planted in the fall. Lettuce, spinach, and other greens with a short maturity time are perfect things to plant late in the season.

Tips for fall planting:

- Once you have planted, be sure to cover with grass clippings once seeds sprout
- Be sure to water until plants are 3" tall.
- Fertilize regularly.
- Be on the lookout for aphids and treat as soon as you see them! You can use Neem Oil to control the infestation.



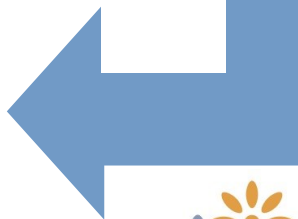
Fun Fact: Did you know that many root crops taste sweeter when they're harvested after frost? Planting isn't just a spring activity!

What will your family plant this fall?

IRRIGATION Update:



Be sure to set your irrigation controller to run 1x per week.



GARDENING by the MOON



SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL

Dr. Robert E. Moon

NEEM OIL – In my garden, I am always looking for a safe, non-toxic insecticide and fungicide that can be used without worrying about negative side effects. I always prefer organic when possible and when I found Neem Oil, I was one happy gardener. This product not only controls many insects but many diseases as well. And it is safe to use on vegetables and fruit trees! And most importantly, it is effective. It is my "go-to" insecticide and fungicide for my landscape and garden.

Neem Oil comes from the Neem Tree and is oil pressed from the fruits and seeds of this tree. This evergreen tree is endemic to the Indian subcontinent and has been introduced in many areas of the tropics. For years it has been used in soaps, oils and organic cosmetics.

If Neem is applied properly, it is nearly non-toxic to birds, fish, bees and wildlife. Studies have shown no cancer or other disease causing results from its use.

As a natural insecticide, Neem controls aphids, mealy bugs, scale, whitefly, mites, ants, fleas, ticks, fruit flies, snails, slugs, caterpillars, webworms, squash bugs and beetles. As a natural fungicide, Neem controls rusts, powdery mildew and other mildews, scab, black spot, anthracnose, leaf spot, botrytis, needle rust, blight and alternaria.

I have found Neem Oil to be available in most stores that carry gardening materials. So, if you are looking for that one product that really works, try Neem Oil. I am sure it will become your gardening pal like it is mine.

Developer's CORNER

We are excited to announce that the sand volleyball court and basketball goals are open and ready for use! We are working on other amenities, such as the trail around the lake and the pocket park, and will keep you informed on when those are completed.





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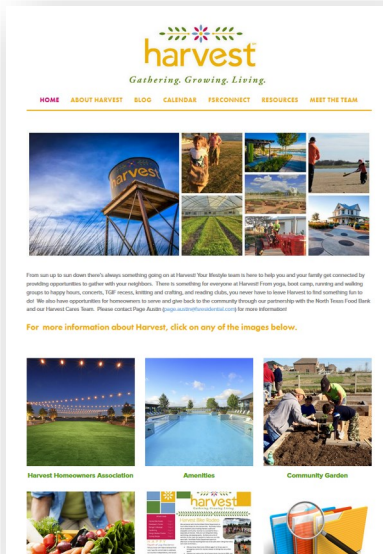
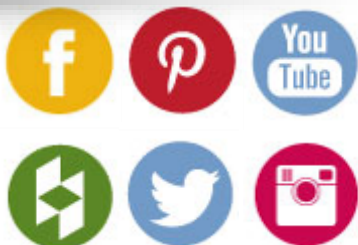
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HOA now has
a website?

You can access the event calendar,
download important forms and
documents, read blog posts, see
pictures from recent events, and
much more! Be sure to visit and
explore the site today!

www.harvesthoa.com

Apple Compote

Recipe courtesy of Melissa d'Arabian for Food Network Magazine

- 4 cups whole milk
- 1/4 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1/4 cup maple syrup (optional)
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt with active cultures

For the Apple Compote:

Combine 6 cups diced peeled Granny Smith apples, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, a pinch of salt and 1/4 cup water in a skillet over medium heat. Simmer until soft, stirring, about 30 minutes.

Add Checked Items To Grocery List

Directions

Heat the milk in a large saucepan over medium-low heat until a thermometer registers 185 degrees F. (The milk should be steaming but not boiling.) Turn off the heat and slowly whisk in the dry milk. Whisk in the maple syrup, if using. Let the milk mixture cool to 110 degrees F, 20 to 30 minutes. Whisk in the plain yogurt.

Pour the milk mixture into a large jar or glass bowl. Cover with a kitchen towel or plastic wrap vented with a few holes. Set aside in a warm place (90 degrees F to 105 degrees F), such as near a heater or in a cooler with a thermos filled with hot water, 12 to 18 hours. (The longer it sits, the thicker and tangier the yogurt will be.)

Transfer the yogurt to the refrigerator; chill at least 8 hours. Stir before serving.

