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## LiveSmart Principle: A Sense of Community

There's always something going on at Harvest. We provide opportunities for neighbors to connect with each other throughout the month. We strive to create "sticky" environments where neighbors can gather, build friendships, and gain a sense of belonging. Be sure to join in on all of the fun!



## Welcome to Harvest Nantz Family!

On July 4, Hillwood Communities, a Perot company, announced its partnership with builders David Weekley and Highland Homes, and the non-profit organization Building Homes for Heroes to provide homes and family support for two wounded veterans.

Hillwood donated land in its Harvest Community. The builders expect the project will be completed in February 2017.

Hillwood chose to partner with Building Homes for Heroes, one of the fastest growing and most efficiently run veterans' charities in the nation, because of the organization's extensive outreach and programs offered to wounded veterans. The organization provides them with financial, family and emergency support in addition to mortgage-free housing.



One of the home recipients is Army Sergeant First Class Randy Nantz and his family, who currently live in Tehama Ridge in Fort Worth. At the age of 33, Nantz joined the Army immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He was honored as the oldest Green Beret four years later.

In December 2006, Sergeant Nantz and his squad were on a routine reconnaissance mission of an area they were planning to visit two days later. Shortly after arriving, Sergeant Nantz's Humvee was struck by an explosively formed projectile. The projectile ruptured the Humvee's fuel tank, dousing Sergeant Nantz and causing him to catch fire. He was engulfed in flames as he was removed from the flaming Humvee by his team. With their help, he had managed to put the fire out and proceed to the nearby Green Zone for safety.

Sergeant Nantz spent five days in surgery at the hospital. He suffered third degree burns throughout his body and sever nerve damage in both of his legs. After the surgeries, Sergeant Nantz was still unable to walk normally from extensive pain in his left foot, which led to an amputation of his left leg below the knee.

For his service to his country, Sergeant Nantz received the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal (3x), and the Army Achievement Medal.

We are so proud and excited to welcome Sergeant Nantz to the Harvest family!



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# Harvest Celebrates AMERICA

America is land of the free because of the brave! Harvest kicked off the weekend with a fire truck spray down, watermelon games, and a dive-in movie at the pool. The Argyle Fire District brought its red fire engine and cooled off the Harvest kids before joining in on the watermelon games. There was fun had by all!

On Saturday, July 2, Harvest held its first Red, White & Blue bike parade led by the Argyle Fire District's red fire engine. It was fun to see all of the creativity! **#HarvestBetterTogether**



## Harvest Community in ACTION

You often hear us talk about the sense of community at Harvest. We say **#HarvestBetterTogether** and we want you to hear one of the many stories of why we say that. Christa and Chad Murray's daughter Gracie was rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy and internal infection. It was a scary time for the Murray family. But they weren't alone. The Harvest community banded together to brought them dinners, snacks, desserts, watered their garden, took care of their dog, visited Gracie at the hospital and so much more. Chad said it perfectly, "until you live here you just don't have a clue."



We are so glad Gracie is home and recovering well. **#HarvestBetterTogether**  
**#GracieStrong**

## Harvest Backs THE BLUE

On July 7, Dallas police officers were ambushed, five officers were killed and nine others injured. Harvest was saddened by the attacks and mourned the deaths of Officer Patrick Zamarripa, Officer Michael Krol, Officer Lorne Ahrens, and Officer Mike Smith. To honor and remember those lives and to show support for our local police officers, Harvest hosted a "Back The Blue" event at the Farmhouse on Friday, July 15, 2016. Mayor Peter Dewing, Northlake Police Chief Robert Crawford, and Hillwood Communities President Fred Balda, joined

more than 150 homeowners for the event. The evening was filled with remarks, a moment of silence, TAPS, and wonderful conversations with the Northlake officers.

The **sense of community** is strong at Harvest. After the horrific events, homeowners gathered together to pray for those fallen officers, their families, and our city and country. Homeowners also spent time cutting 400 blue ribbons, making blue bows, and painting a banner. We had around 40 homeowners and children show up at the

Farmhouse to get blue ribbons to tie on all of the Harvest mailboxes. All week, homeowners dropped off baked goods, meals, drinks, and cards for the Northlake Police. It was heartwarming to see the community come together.

We are proud supporters of the Northlake Police Department. We appreciate their bravery to put on the uniform each morning to protect our town. We realize the sacrifice they make as well as their families and we are thankful. **#HarvestBacksTheBlue**

**PROGRAM**

Peter Dewing  
Mayor of Northlake

Robert Crawford  
Northlake Police Chief

Moment of Silence  
Farmhouse Lighting

"And there's no greater love than this. That these five men gave their lives for all of us."  
Dallas Police Chief David Brown

**TAPS**

**BACK**

THE **BLUE**

#HARVESTBACKSTHEBLUE

harvest  
community living center



# Developer's CORNER

To date, Harvest has 412 occupied homes. We also have 184 under construction. We can't wait to meet those new neighbors!

## New Furniture

The new furniture has arrived at the Barn and the Hall! Be sure to check it out! We hope you and your family will use these spaces and create wonderful memories for years to come.



## Harvest Commons

We know everyone is interested in the coming retail! As you may know, Hillwood sold the 5-acres between the two main entrances of the Harvest community on FM 407 for retail development. We wanted to share with Harvest neighbors the update from the owners of new Harvest Commons.

## Retail Update from Office Equity Solutions:

The initial construction phase will include 19,500 square feet of retail, medical and community services. The second phase will consist of over 40,000 sf. We have Letters of Intent from several tenants including Northlake Town Hall, Family Dentist, Veterinarian, Nail Salon and others. All services will provide a community flavor. If you are interested in opening a business in Harvest Commons or have questions regarding the commercial development, please contact the OES office at 817-416-3981. Feel free to call the Leasing Agent, Nancy Plum, directly on her cell 817-437-9304 or e-mail: [nplum@officeequitysolutions.com](mailto:nplum@officeequitysolutions.com).

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# Gardening by the MOON

By Dr. Robert Moon



## Hummingbirds and Butterflies

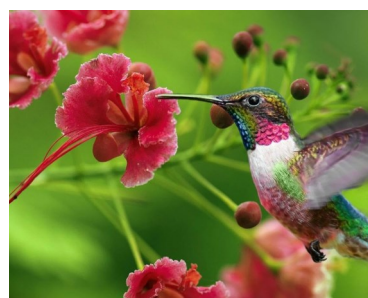
Imagine it is a clear Saturday morning and you have just set down in your comfortable back yard chaise to drink your coffee and look out over your backyard. You have been looking forward to this relaxing time all week because you like to watch the butterflies and hummingbirds fluttering and flying around your beautiful, blooming butterfly plants. The butterflies are lazily moving around the plant and the hummingbirds are having in-flight disagreements on who will get to the flower first!

If this isn't your back yard, it could be! Over the past few weeks, I have been exploring Buddleia or butterfly plants. These plants are great for attracting butterflies, hummingbirds and other beneficial plant pollinators for the garden. The large, beautiful, colorful spiked flowers bloom throughout the summer. These plants come in a variety of colors and sizes. Colors can be either light or dark red, purple, pink and orange. There are dwarf varieties that grow only 2 feet in height and regular varieties that can grow up to 6 feet. These plants are drought tolerant once established and require very low maintenance. Flowers begin in late May and plants bloom throughout the summer. Butterfly plants can grow in a wide range of soils from heavy clay to rocky or sandy soils. They grow in full sun and they are deciduous during the winter.



My favorite varieties include: Bicolor, Rainbow, Black Knight, Buzz Purple, Buzz Magenta, Springhill Black, Miss Molly, Buzz Tutti Frutti, Buzz Midnight, Miss Ruby Purple Emperor and Royal Red or select the one in the store that catches your eye.

To make this scene happen in your back yard, take your kids or grandkids and make them part of the adventure to purchase and plant these wonderful bushes.



It will give all of you years of enjoyment to see the butterflies and hummingbirds that will gather around this perennial accent plant.



## Harvest Is The Perfect Fit For...

Click here  
for available  
Move-In Homes!



- Deena Tucker

“ We moved here from St. Louis and fell in love with the amenities and the true community feel. Everyone in Harvest is so welcoming and you immediately get the sense that your neighbors are your friends. ”



- Joelle Zavzavadjian

“ I love that Hillwood and Harvest don't fit the mold, keep me on my toes wondering what they might do next and challenge me to consider the next implementation of their well thought-out concept. I continue to be amazed with how they continue to elevate our community beyond the mundane norm. My heart is filled with tremendous gratitude because of the sometime discomfort that quickly dissipates when I see the impeccable results of their hard work. Harvest aligns with our family, lifestyle, and community values and we are thankful for the opportunity to live in this oasis. ”

“ My wife April and I decided to move to Harvest for several reasons. We loved being a little further away from all the crazy traffic, easy commute to work, new construction at great prices, and the community amenities. What we discovered was far more than that. When we moved into Harvest we quickly discovered that this was not just any ordinary community. Because unlike most neighborhoods, it truly is a community. We have close relationships with our neighbors, we have cookouts, parties, and that's just with the neighbors that live on our street! When you move to Harvest, you're joining a family community where you will build lifelong relationships with some of the most amazing people you will ever meet! People actually know one another here. You may move into a neighborhood for a variety of reasons, but the reason you stay, is because of the people. ”



- Micah Beebe (Realtor)

“ My husband and I are empty nesters and were looking for a community that had activities for all ages. We definitely found the right place! Our Lifestyle Manager for Harvest - Page Austin keeps all of us busy and connected, she is the best! We love to garden in our community plot and we have met lifelong friends!! Couldn't be happier!! ”



- Karen Nail

# University of North Texas—EMERITUS COLLEGE

Join us for another exciting semester with new classes and topics for everyone! At UNT, classes start September 7, 2016. At Robson Ranch, classes start September 8, 2016. Register today for a fall full of learning! For more information on becoming a member and enrolling in classes:

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Here are just a few classes we are looking forward to in September:

## **The History of Rock in Ten Songs – Mr. Louis DeGiulio** **Robson Ranch**

Rock music evolved from Rock and Roll, originating in the southern United States in the 1950s. Over the years, rock has spawned numerous musical sub-genres and powerful cultural changes. This class analyzes ten songs which represent the milestones in the development of rock. The class incorporates historical lecture and listening to the selected recordings.

## **Sanctuary, Exile, and Outlawry in Medieval England –** **Dr. Peter Johnstone** **UNT**

This class will explore the immunities that existed for felonious clerics in England during the late Middle Ages. Using examples obtained while researching a recent book on the topic, Dr. Johnstone will share with the class how priests, bishops, abbots, and monks flouted the criminal law to gain immunity from prosecution...and if they failed, how they ran to the sanctuary of churches.

## **Tories and the Revolution – Mr. David Shields** **Robson Ranch**

The Tories were a neglected group of colonists mostly because they were not on the "right side" of the Revolutionary War. Who were they and why did they either not support or actively oppose the Revolution? How were they treated before and during the war, and what happened to them afterward? What can we learn about the limits of free speech and political dissent from this experience? This course will explore these and other issues including how they relate to modern "anti-government" movement.

## **TRAVEL AND LEARN**

At the University of North Texas, we take extended learning to a whole new level with mind-expanding trips to places around the world. Join the UNT Travel Learn program for tours of far-off places such as Machu Picchu, the Isle of Capri, the Galapagos Islands, and Slovenia. Each trip offers a unique educational opportunity to broaden your horizons as you travel the world alongside a member of the UNT faculty. Our customized itineraries combine leisure and sightseeing along with UNT's commitment to lifelong learning.

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## Harvest Cancer SUPPORT GROUP

*By Kristi Sanders, homeowner*

Our Harvest Cancer Support Group is making a difference in our community! We recently delivered a gift basket to Jennifer and Larry Moss, Harvest homeowners and support group members. This basket was to celebrate Larry's last chemo treatment! Congratulations Larry! He still has other treatments in the fight to beat his cancer, but finishing chemo is definitely a big step. Thank you to our amazing support group members who donated items for Jennifer and Larry to enjoy!

At our July meeting, we hosted a guest speaker, Terry Purdom. He is an almost 12 year survivor of Multiple Myeloma. Terry refers to his cancer as his best friend, which he knows sounds odd to most people. However, his journey has taken him to places he never would have gone and allowed him to meet and help people he never thought possible. He speaks about hope elevated, and how he uses his story to make a difference. Here is a quote from Terry from his personal Facebook page: "I get a chance now and then to talk with someone that is battling cancer, or it may be a caregiver. I will always talk about the power of hope. For me hope is one of my greatest weapons in my battle with cancer. You can't afford to lose hope, if you lose hope you may lose the battle. Along with hope you also have to keep a healthy dose of reality. Things may go south, and when they do you have to be ready. At the present time there is no cure for Multiple Myeloma, the cancer that I have been fighting for nearly 12 years. They are making great strides in the fight against this deadly cancer. I get a lot of hope from knowing this, but at the same time I understand that it could also take my life. This reality helps keep me on an even keel. Of course my ultimate hope comes from my faith in God and in his promises. This is one hope that will never fail me." To learn more about Terry and his life, you can follow him on Facebook on his personal page "Terry Purdom" and/or his other page "Terry's Big Adventure." He is such an amazing person and so full of inspiration!

The Harvest Cancer Support Group is open to anyone who wants to join and help support others dealing with cancer. We support fighters, survivors, caregivers, family, and friends. If you prefer to meet with me one on one for more information or to discuss your situation confidentially, please feel free to contact me directly at [Kristi.L.Sanders@gmail.com](mailto:Kristi.L.Sanders@gmail.com). Stay tuned to future newsletters for articles containing more accomplishments and personal stories from our Harvest neighbors.







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## General Manager's CORNER

We love seeing homeowners enjoying the Splash, especially on those hot Texas summer days. However, we need the help of all of the homeowners to make the pool an enjoyable amenity for the community!

There has been a significant amount of pool trash left behind at the end of the day. Homeowner funds are used to maintain the pools and everything associated with them. We do have a cleaning service, but they do not police the pool decks. This is

something that can be added to the bill for a significant increase in cost. To save resources, please pick up trash and items that you brought to the pool. We have put additional trash cans and can install more if needed. We want the pool area to be clean and safe for everyone.

Additionally, if you see something or someone that doesn't belong at the pool, please call the Northlake Police (911).

## Social SPOTLIGHT:

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## Sweet Corn BRUSCHETTA

*Recipe by Evelyn Faught*

### Ingredients

4 ears fresh sweet corn, husks removed  
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 tablespoon granulated sugar  
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into wide strips  
Salt and ground black pepper  
1 8 - ounce baguette-style french bread, cut into 24 1/4- to 1/2-inch slices  
1/4 cup olive oil (scant cup)  
4 ounces goat cheese (chevre)



### Directions

Preheat broiler. Using a sharp knife, carefully cut kernels off the ears of corn. In a large bowl, combine kernels, honey, sugar, and balsamic vinegar, tossing to coat. Stir in basil, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Brush both sides of each bread slice with olive oil, and arrange on a broiler pan.

Broil bread slices 4- to 5-inches from the heat for 1 to 3 minutes, flip them over, and broil for another 1 to 2 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven, spread each slice with goat cheese. Using a slotted spoon, top each bruschetta with corn mixture. Serve immediately.