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Fast Facts:

- ▶ Father's Day is the fourth-largest card-sending occasion with 80 million cards given every year.
- ▶ The most recent U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are 70.1 million fathers in the U.S.
- ▶ Father's Day was started in Spokane, Washington in 1910. President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Father's Day to an official national holiday.
- ▶ President Richard Nixon signed into law a permanent U.S. Father's Day to be observed on the third Sunday of June.



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Harvest Sprouts & Gardeners Program

Last month we concluded our Harvest Sprouts and Junior Gardeners program led by our farmer, Rocky Tassione. This program set out to help kids develop a love of gardening, respect for the environment, and a passion to give back. The class was held on Saturday mornings in April.

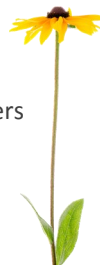


We had 27 children ages 4-12 participate in the inaugural program. The children learned so much from Rocky! It was fun to see the children walking around the garden with their good/bad bug handout identifying all the bugs! Another highlight was when the children planted okra in the North Texas Food Bank plots. After a few weeks the okra started growing and the children's eyes were filled with excitement as they saw their seeds growing!



During the program, we had Aaron Chambers from the North Texas Food Bank talk to the children in the gardens. He told them about kids in North Texas that don't have enough food to eat and how Harvest is helping to end hunger. One of the Harvest Junior Gardeners said "I wish those kids could learn how to garden so they can grow their own fruits and vegetables and not be hungry." This program not only met the goals it set out to achieve but it exceeded those goals. At Harvest, we are truly raising the next generation of philanthropists!

"My favorite thing in Harvest is gardening and it is FUN!"
– Annabelle Smith, age 7



Harvest Cancer Support Group

By Kristi Sanders, Harvest Homeowner

The Harvest Cancer Support Group is growing and already making a difference in the our neighbors' lives. It is so wonderful to be able to come alongside and support those in this amazing community. We started with four members in March, and we now have fifteen members. We have been providing emotional support and prayers for one of our members currently fighting cancer. Another member recently had surgery and received the all clear...yay! It's so important to celebrate the victories... big and small.

Last month, we assembled and delivered a care package to a Harvest neighbor who recently had surgery for cancer and will soon start chemotherapy. We continue to hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting in June will include a guest speaker, Terry Purdom, a 10+ years multiple myeloma survivor who has a blog, "Hope Elevated." He spreads the word of hope and he's an inspiration to many. Please feel free to attend any of our monthly meetings, or even just come hear Terry speak. Check the monthly Harvest calendar for meeting date, time, and location.

Please note that this group—members and situation—is confidential. We will not release information regarding your situation. So have confidence that this group is here for you and your family with the sole purpose of providing support and care.

Additionally, we have a closed group page on Facebook for our members to communicate and post updates. If you prefer to meet with me one-on-one for more information or for confidentiality, feel free to contact me directly at Kristi.L.Sanders@gmail.com. We welcome all who want to join and help where possible.

Together, we can FIGHT cancer! **#HarvestBetterTogether**

Gardening *by* the Moon

My Favorite Summer Blooming Perennial – Autumn Sage!
By Dr. Robert E. Moon



If you are looking for an outstanding perennial that will provide color in your landscape for this summer and many summers to come, plant *Salvia greggii*. Purchase 4 or 6 inch plants and in bed areas, plant 3 feet apart. They grow very quickly, so you do not need to purchase larger plants. You can also plant this salvia in raised bed areas or containers. Fertilize after planting for best results.



Salvia greggii is also known as Autumn Sage and it is a native Texas plant. It comes in many colors – red, pink, purple, white. It is one of the showiest flowering plants that will perform from late spring well into late fall. It grows in an attractive clump that is a maximum of 3 feet in height and 3 feet wide. These plants prefer the sun but will also grow in part shade. They can tolerate dry to medium soil moisture conditions.



These plants require little care since there are no major insect or disease problems. In fact, the plants I have growing in my yard have never been treated for insects or disease. Fertilize these plants 3 times a year and let them show you their flowering beauty!

They will lose most of their leaves in December. In February, cut them back to 12 to 18 inches in height and watch them surge back into action in the spring providing you years of flowering pleasure.

I forgot to mention an added benefit. They attract butterflies and hummingbirds adding even more interest to your landscape.

Harvest Neighbor Spotlight:

Zoe Jackson, age 9



Zoe is on the Hilltop Archery team. Not only is she the youngest archer on her team, she is also one of the top 12 archers! Zoe is also a proud member of the “50’s club” shooting a perfect 50 out of 50 points...5 billeted!

Last month, her team competed at Nationals and performed so well they are now going to Worlds! This is the first time in Hilltop history that their archery team has ever qualified for Worlds.

Congratulations Zoe and good luck at Worlds!!



Harvest Community Service Opportunities

Recently, a few Harvest Teens earned community service hours by volunteering to pick up trash around the lake, data entry, and at homeowner events. It’s always fun to see teens serving and contributing to their neighborhood. We have some of the brightest students in Harvest...no we really do!

If your teen needs community service hours, send them Page’s way!

What did you like most about doing community service at Harvest?

“seeing the look on the junior gardener’s faces as they ate the vegetables they grew themselves was really inspiring. It gave me hope that kids are starting to see the importance of the world around them again.” – Aletha Bailey, Sophomore, Argyle (volunteered at the Harvest Sprouts and Junior Gardener graduation and Harvest Moves Camp Gladiator event)

“I love that I get to help out people in my community while being able to enjoy my work. It’s fun to learn something new every time I volunteer.” – Allison Long, seventh grade, Argyle (volunteered at the Harvest Sprouts and Junior Gardener graduation and Harvest Moves Camp Gladiator event)

“Being able to shadow Page so I could get the full experience of being a lifestyle manager. She let me help with a variety of events and interact with Harvest homeowners.” – Hannah Wood, eighth grade, Argyle

Did you learn something new?

“Yes! As I always do when talking to Rocky, I gained some very useful ‘crop knowledge.’ Aside from plants themselves, I also got a chance to get accustomed to working as background staff.” – Aletha Bailey

“One of the most important things I’ve learned is working with other people. It takes lots of teamwork. I also learned about responsibility by having certain jobs to do.” – Allison Long

“It’s a lot of work to be a lifestyle manager! But it’s also very fun! I think Page’s job would be really cool to have when I am older.” – Hannah Wood





Garden Spotlight: Rose Patrick

Harvest Homeowner Rose Patrick has never grown anything before moving to Harvest. She was a little nervous about gardening as she didn't think she had a "green thumb." Now that she has had her garden plot for a few months, we sat down with Rose to see how things are going...or should I say GROWING!

Page: What things are you growing in your garden?

Rose: I planted onions, dill, cilantro, parsley tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, and strawberries. Rocky was super helpful in this process because he told me what would be the best things to plant. He even let homeowners plant the seeds in cups that we placed in his greenhouse until the weather warmed up.

Page: Tell me about that, when did you transport them to your garden plot and were you surprised by anything?

Rose: In April, we met Rocky at the greenhouse. I was really surprised to see how fast everything grew! I have never planted a seed and seen it grow. That was really fun.

Page: Your garden looks great, by the way.

Rose: Thank you! Rocky has been so helpful. There is so much information about gardening—what fertilizer to use, what to plant—but Rocky tells you how to do everything. He makes it so easy!

Page: What has been the best part so far?

Rose: It's really fun to come out each morning to water and see it grow. I know I am going to freak out when I see the vegetables!

Page: What would you tell a new homeowner who has never grown anything and doesn't think they could ever develop a green thumb?

Rose: Yes you can! I am living proof. We have a great resource in Rocky who will walk you step by step. We also have some amazing homeowners who are garden savvy that can help! Just give it a try.

Do you have a garden story? We would love to hear it! Send Page Austin an email at page.austin@fsresidential.com.



General Manager's Corner

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Your assessment statements are being processed and mailed in the next week. Please pay special attention as we have changed banks and therefore, the mailing address to send in your assessments. Please make note if you use auto payment from your bank. If you don't make that change, the checks will go to the old bank and be significantly delayed in getting processed.

The **NEW** address is a lockbox in Los Angeles, CA.

Harvest HOA
PO Box 60200
Los Angeles, CA 90600-0200

Please send your payments to this address. Thanks!

Developer's Corner

Our community continues to grow! We love seeing new faces around Harvest. We are now starting construction on Harvest Phase 3 with almost 400 new lots to serve David Weekley Homes, Highland, and Plantation. The new lots should be ready by late Spring 2017. Harvest Meadows Phase 2, located along FM 407 west of Cleveland Gibbs Road, are getting approximately 200 lots for D.R. Horton and Horizon scheduled to be completed by August 2016.

We are excited about Central Park and the new Barn area. That is almost complete and should have new furniture installed by mid-July.

The Prairie Mound Cemetery, which originated in 1882 and is operated and maintained by a Board of Directors, is a private cemetery serving many pioneer settlers of the Northlake/Argyle/Justin area. It is located along Harvest Way and is currently getting an upgrade. New landscaping and fencing around this cemetery should be installed this month.

Please pardon the construction of the new amenity area west of the event lawn. Rain has caused some delays, but we anticipate completion in December.

2016 Developer *of the Year*

by Dallas Builders
Association



HillwoodCommunities.com

Harvest wins best logo and best computer generated tool at the 2016 McSAM Awards!

From computer to radio, from billboard to TV, Hillwood Communities was recently recognized for the team's remarkable and unique sales and marketing efforts.

Hillwood Communities won six awards, including the coveted Developer of the Year at the 2016 McSAM Awards, presented by the Dallas Builders Association. This is just the latest testament to the hard work and creativity of the team that continuously brings the newest technology and innovation to the residential market in Dallas/Fort Worth.

The six awards included best logo (Harvest), best computer generated tool (Harvest), best signage (Union Park), best radio campaign (Union Park), best overall ad campaign (Union Park) and the Developer of the Year.

"This year has already been tremendously successful for us, with Union Park and Harvest's record sales pace and our growth in both Houston and Austin," said Fred Balda, President of Hillwood Communities. "I would like to commend my team for their "can do" attitude and their ability to remain focused to get the job done."

The Sales and Marketing Council of the Dallas Builders Association created the McSAM Awards in 1979 in recognition of sales and marketing excellence. The prestigious McSAM Awards are given to Builders, Developers and Associates for making a significant and creative contribution in residential marketing through specific achievements.

Congratulations, Hillwood Communities





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following
@HarvestTexas
on Instagram?

We're posting fun stuff to Instagram these days. Be sure to follow us and join in on the conversation!

Be sure to use our hashtag
#HarvestBetterTogether.

Grandma's Gelatin Fruit Salad

Recipe by Evelyn Faught

Ingredients

2 cups boiling water, divided
1 package (3 oz.) lemon gelatin
2 cups ice cubes, divided
1 package (3 oz.) orange gelatin
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, liquid drained and reserved
2 cups miniature marshmallows
3 large bananas, sliced
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
Cooked Salad Dressing
1 cup reserved pineapple juice
½ cup sugar
1 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 egg, beaten
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup whipped topping

Directions

In a mixing bowl, combine 1 cup of water and lemon gelatin.

Add 1 cup ice cubes, stirring until melted. Add pineapple. Pour into a 9 x 13-inch baking dish; refrigerate until set. Repeat with orange gelatin, remaining water and ice.

Stir in marshmallows. Pour over lemon layer; refrigerate until set. For dressing, combine pineapple juice, sugar, egg, cornstarch, and butter in a saucepan.

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The next day, arrange bananas over gelatin. Combine dressing with whipped topping; spread over bananas. Sprinkle with cheese.

Yields 12-15 servings.

