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Gathering. Growing. Living.



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HARVEST Jam Session

Who doesn't love jam...especially when it comes from the Harvest orchard?! Homeowners Jean and Sarah Blanchard make amazing jam and spent a Saturday morning teaching homeowners their jamming secrets. We love our homeowners!



Gardening with ROCKY



Can you believe Fall is almost here?

It's time to start transitioning your garden from summer to fall, are you ready? Rocky will be working with Harvest homeowners over the next few weeks to help prepare garden plots for the fall. If you need fertilizer we still have some on sale at the Farmhouse for \$36 (checks only payable to Harvest HOA).

Here are few ways that you can start preparing:

- Take a look at your garden and see what's working and what's not. Go ahead and pull out the plants that are no longer producing and remove any lingering weeds or debris.

- Since your summer plants have used most of the nutrients from the soil, incorporate organic compost and smooth it out. Adding compost will rejuvenate the soil when planting something new.
- Adding mulch will retain the seed moisture, and helps to prevent the soil from baking at the end of the summer. Straw, grass clippings or hay works well as an insulator.

In our last issue, Rocky recommended the following crops to plant in the fall: cabbage, broccoli, eggplant, swiss chard, kale, mustards, okra, spinach, winter squash, tomatoes, melons, beets, turnips, carrots, pumpkins, Brussel sprouts, and onion for sets.

Harvest Kickball

Harvest Kickball has become a fun, family event each week. We gather on the soccer fields every Thursday at 4pm. Kids and adults of all ages show up to play! It's a great way to move and get your steps in...and not to mention sweat!! Grab your water bottle and join us for a game.



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NTFB North Texas Food Bank



The Harvest volunteer team has come up with several ideas to continue our efforts to support the North Texas Food Bank. We now have two garden plots in the Harvest Gardens designated for the North Texas Food Bank. Big thanks to homeowners **Kasie Holle and Renee Simmons** for serving as Garden Captains! All produce from those gardens will go directly to the NTFB. If you ever have an abundance of produce from your garden, consider donating it to the NTFB as they are in desperate need of fresh produce.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved in giving back:

Harvest Back-to-School Event, Friday, August 21, 2015

The Harvest volunteer team will be selling tickets for the dunking booth...you will definitely want an opportunity to dunk Tim and Page! For every \$100, Tim or Page will get a pie in the face. All proceeds will go to the NTFB to purchase fresh produce.

1st Annual Harvest Scary Fun Run, October 2015

Registration for the 5k/1mile run/walk will be fresh produce or cash for the NTFB. We will have the NTFB's refrigerated truck onsite. Get your costumes ready and come run with us! There will be a Halloween Party in the Hall immediately following. We will have a costume contest, scary dessert contest, bobbing for apples, DJ and more! Details to follow.

"Lettuce" Be Thankful, November 2015

We will have a lettuce (or any fresh produce) and turkey-drive for the NTFB. Additionally, we will have a family turkey bowl event on the lawn. Stay tuned for more details!

If you want to join other homeowners and serve on the Harvest volunteer team for the NTFB, please email page.austin@fsresidential.com.

TGIF

A Harvest Favorite. TGIF is every Friday at 4pm at Harvest Hall. This is an opportunity for kids of all ages and parents to gather for fun games, special guests, or performances. TGIF has something for everyone but more importantly it allows Harvest kids to meet others and start building those long lasting friendships. We hope to see you at TGIF!

Harvest Kids

"My Time Moving" by Wes Tucker

Hi! I'm Wes Tucker and I am 11 years old. I just moved into Harvest. Let me tell you about my move.

It all started out in November when my father got a new job that moved us from St. Louis, Missouri to this wonderful place that is TEXAS. I was excited when I found out because my sister and I were born in Grapevine.

It was a lot of work, cleaning every day and my dad was gone about four days every week on business trips. My parents hired a contractor to help us remodel a bathroom, the kitchen, put in a new deck and new carpet in most of the house.

My mom's parents came and helped us with so much of the house. My grandpa did a lot of painting and fix up work. My grandpa did a lot of cooking and cleaning. They came out twice to Missouri from Indiana to help us get ready. By the time this got done it was about half way through March, and our realtor put our house up for sale. We knew this would be the hardest party yet because we had showings almost every day but we had God on our side and our house sold in ten days. We were so happy when we found out!

A couple days later we started packing. It was hard but also fun because we were looking through all the stuff we wanted to pack and donate. It was like on gigantic walk through memory lane. After that, Goodwill was stocked. My dad's mom helped us with some of the packing. She also made her special pudding and cake dessert for us. YUM!

Then one day it hit me, I'm about to move ten hours away from everything I've ever known. I was going to miss my friends but I also knew living in TEXAS would be fun because you get to say fun words like ya'll and "biggun." My mom told me that I would those words.

And finally it was moving day, our movers packed everything into the truck in just one day. My whole family piled into the car, said our goodbyes and drove down here. Now that I am here in TEXAS, I got into our new house and unpacked the stuff we had in the car. The next few days were a little boring but my older brother and I went to basketball camp at AHS the first week were here. One day at camp, the coach asked all the new guys to raise their hands. About four other guys raised their hands so I knew I was not alone. Our moving truck came four days after we moved in and we started unpacking. Before the truck arrived, my whole family slept in sleeping bags, that was fun.



My family loves Harvest! The pool is awesome and Miss Page organizes lots of fun stuff for the kids. I've made about two friends so far and I'm sure I'll make more.

Well, that's my story. Thank you for reading this and have a great day!



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A Word from Your General Manager



Sounds Like a Good Idea

Noise is a concern for every resident and because you live in a community, it's important to understand that some degree of noise is to be expected. At the same time, residents need to consider the consequences of their noisy behavior.

To keep everyone happy and maintain civility among neighbors, the association asks that you take a few steps to reduce or eliminate annoying noise.

Be kind and respectful. A little common courtesy makes a big difference.

Visit your neighbor. If your neighbor is the source of the noise, try a friendly chat. Sometimes people just don't realize how noise is

affecting others. People are usually considerate once they realize they're disturbing others. And, if your neighbor knocks on your door, listen politely and be willing to make changes to reduce your own noise.

Contact the manager. If a polite request doesn't change your neighbor's noisiness, it may be time to ask the manager for help. Let your manager know your attempts to solve the problem yourself.

Reducing noise sounds like a good idea. A quiet, peaceful community, relatively speaking, is a happy community.



Fun Family Activity

Looking for a fun activity to do as a family? Create crop markers together!

Here's how you do it:



Step one: Collect, wash, and store lids from containers of juice concentrate.



Step two: Drill or punch a small hole in the top of each lid, just below the rim.



Step three: Cut images from seed catalogs to match the varieties of your seedlings. Cut them to fit within each juice lid, rim-side up. You could also have your kids draw/color pictures instead.



Step four: Using a foam brush, glue each image to the juice lid (you can use mod podge). Spread a layer of mod podge over the picture as well to give it a glossy sheen and protect it from the weather when it's moved outdoors.



Step five: Check to make sure you have a marker for each item you're growing in your garden.



Step six: Buy as many wood garden spikes as you have markers.



Step seven: Using tiny nails or push pins (e.g. lady bug push pins) attach each juice lid to the top of each post. Rubber mallets work best for push pins, but if you are using nails a hammer is better.

Step eight: Pound each stake into the end of a row or in the appropriate area of your garden to mark your different plants.



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Design by Edwin

Edwin Alexandro Rodriguez is an interior designer and owner of Alexandro Design Group. He hosted a design seminar for Harvest homeowners to help them understand the elements and principles of design as well as space planning. Here are a few tips Edwin shared to help you create your perfect space:



Art Work: It's all about proportion/scale, location, and height placement. Art that is too large will overwhelm and art that is too small will be lost and look out of proportion. Remember, the bolder the art the more room it needs to breathe.



Accessorizing: Remember repetition, rhythm, pattern, balance, and groupings. What is the color scheme of the room? Choose one or two colors for your accessories that will add interest and coordinate with your furniture and wall color. Contrasting colors add vibrancy to a room. If your home has an informal design, go asymmetrical with your accessory placement. Always try to group multiple objects together, vary their size and height. Mixing size and height adds visual interest to your design.



Focal Points: When creating a focal point, think about emphasis, contrast, color, texture, scale, and proportion. A focal point in a room is an essential part of great style. You can easily create a focal point by using art or accessories because these items are already meant to draw attention. But that doesn't mean a unique chair or rug cannot also be used as the focal point. You can even use a single wall as a focal point in a room, if desired, though it is best to stick to a small wall rather than a large one to avoid overwhelming the space.

For The Love of Country



Did you know the President's private bathroom is called "room 500?" When President George H.W. Bush (aka Bush 41) was president he would often tell his personal aide that he had a meeting in "room 500." It dawned on the personal aide

that "room 500" was actually the President's personal bathroom! When the administration was coming to a close, Bush 41's personal aide presented him with a gift....he put a door plate on the president's bathroom that said "room 500." When President George W. Bush (aka Bush 43) took office, Bush 41 came to the oval office for a visit. He said "I wonder if room 500 is still here." Sure enough he found that the president's bathroom was still labeled as "room 500." I am sure President Clinton had to wonder why the bathroom had a room number on the door!



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Developer's CORNER

There are few new things coming to Harvest hopefully in time for Labor Day weekend!

- Harvest Meadows pocket park (south side of Homestead way, west of Cleveland Gibbs)
- Park between 4th and 5th streets
- Trail and landscaping on the East side of the lake
- Basketball court and sand volleyball courts



Please be sure to stay away from these areas while under construction, although portions may look complete, it is still considered a construction zone and present safety concerns.

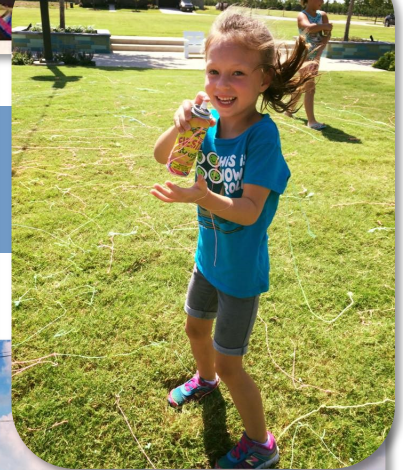
We have to do a final safety review and walk-through before opening to the residents. You will be notified exactly when these improvements are available for use as time gets closer!

Keep telling your friends about Harvest!



Fun

TGIF Snapshots



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Harvest Irrigation Fact Sheet

by Dr. Robert E. Moon:

Fact 1 – Water Efficient Landscaping: The landscaping at Harvest is a major part of the overall plan of the community. Plants on the approved plant list are water efficient, well adapted, native Texas plants that perform well in north Texas climatic conditions. Planting techniques such as soil preparation, drip and spray irrigation and mulching are designed to provide optimum plant growth with reduced irrigation. Reducing water use in the landscape is a vital part of the overall planning, design and strategy for Harvest residents.

Fact 2 – Water and Oxygen: All plants need water and oxygen in the root zone to survive. It is important to balance the use of adequate water for plant growth but also allow time for soil to breathe between watering so soil does not become water-logged. In Texas, more plants are killed from overwatering rather than not enough water and that's especially true at Harvest as we get used to our drought tolerant plants.

Fact 3 – Watering Needs: Plant water needs vary depending on direct sun exposure, amount of shade, temperature, humidity, wind, soil and rain. The best way to determine water needs is to watch for plant stress – wilting of leaves and/or yellowing of leaves. You can also determine water needs by probing the soil to a depth of 2 to 4 inches with your fingers to check for soil moisture.

Fact 4 – Optimum Water Use: It is best to water in the early morning hours to avoid plant disease and when water loss through evaporation is minimal. Do not water between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. When watering, apply water with multiple run times to avoid runoff into streets. Water as infrequently as possible, but water thoroughly at each application. Soak the soil to encourage deep root system growth to help plants better tolerate drought conditions and stress due to hot temperatures. Well rooted plants will use water efficiently stored in the soil.

Fact 5 – Watering of New Landscape: How new plants are watered will affect how plants survive. Water guidelines for new plantings should be as follows:

- Thoroughly water plants after planting.
- Make sure all plantings are mulched to reduce evaporation of water from around root balls.
- Water all newly planted landscaping every other day for the first four weeks. Run times will vary in each yard due to location and amount of sun or shade. Soils should be kept moist to a depth of 6 to 12 inches or throughout the root zone for plant establishment.
- Transition watering from every other day to two times per week after 4 weeks. Transition to watering for established landscape as soon as possible.

Fact 6 – Watering of Established Landscape

Water guidelines for established plantings should be as follows:

- Landscape water use depends upon the climatic conditions and soil moisture.
- Replenish mulch yearly to reduce evaporation and water use around root systems and planting beds.
- Water so soil is moist to a depth of 6 to 12 inches so plants are more resilient to drought conditions and stress due to hot temperatures.
- Check irrigation settings and soil moisture throughout the year and make adjustments as needed depending on plant's water needs.
- Refer to following chart for monthly Controller Settings and Run Times.

Dr. Moon has provided suggested settings and run times. These are general guidelines and may need to be adjusted for individual landscape conditions and climatic conditions. Run times can be broken into multiple run times to prevent runoff.

August: Spray Heads – 12 -20 minutes, Rotor Heads – 30-45 minutes, Bubbler Heads – 5-10 minutes, Drip – 30-45 minutes Set to run 1 or 2 times per week

In Other HOA News

It is exciting to see the growth of the community and all the new neighbors. There are a few things I have noticed as I drive through that I wanted to mention now so it does not become a problem later. –Tim Mills, General Manager

Basketball Goals – Basketball goals are permitted on your driveway or lot as long as they are in good repair. They are not permitted to be on the apron of the drive or the sidewalk. Please refer to Section 1.6 (p) of the Rules and Regulations for further information.

Parking – Please remember that with all the growth comes increased traffic. Make sure you are parked in your drive and not extending over the sidewalk area, allowing the bike riders and pedestrians a clear path so they don't have to go into the street. This is actually a state law, Section 545.302.

Garden Plot Rental – Your gardens are looking amazing!!

As I review the list of our current gardens, I noticed that several plots in the original garden are up for renewal. Please stop by the farmhouse with your \$60 rental check so we can update your account.

Pets – Many Harvest owners are also pet owners. Permitted household pets are limited to domesticated dogs, cats, caged bird and aquarium fish. Animals must be kept on a leash or carried when outside an owner's lot. Please pick up poop!

Prohibited Motorized Vehicles – Section 1.11 of the Rules and Regulations prohibits many types of non-standard motorized vehicles on any common area, sidewalk or street. Please read and be sure you are compliant with the HOA documents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call Tim Mills at 940-648-3322 ext 1.



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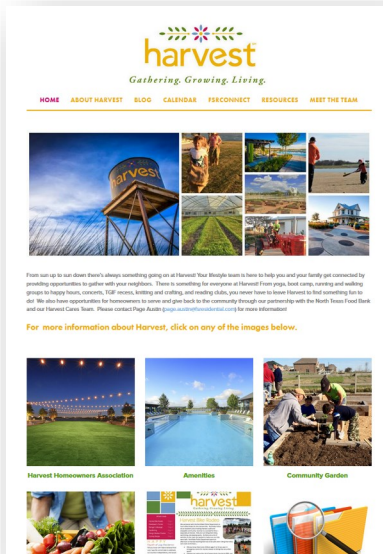
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Did you know
that Harvest
HOA now has
a website?

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

Tomato Tart

SERVES 8

Sweet and juicy tomatoes are the star in this Cooking Light recipe. Serves 8 (serving size: 1 tart slice and 2 tablespoons cherry tomato mixture)

Ingredients

- 1/2 (14.1-ounce) package refrigerated pie dough
- Cooking spray
- 2.5 ounces fontina cheese, shredded (about 2/3 cup)
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/3 cup sliced shallots
- 3 heirloom tomatoes, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/4 cups 2% reduced-fat milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil leaves
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered



Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Roll dough to a 12-inch circle; press into a 9-inch deep-dish tart or springform pan coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with fontina, olives, and shallots. Arrange half of tomato slices over shallots.
3. Combine flour, cornmeal, and thyme; sprinkle over tomatoes. Top with remaining tomato slices; sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon salt and pepper.
4. Combine milk, Parmigiano-Reggiano, and eggs; pour into pan. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until set; let stand 10 minutes. Top with basil.
5. Combine 1/4 teaspoon salt and cherry tomatoes. Slice tart; serve with cherry tomatoes.