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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Greetings RiverPark West!

We hope you and your families are all happy and healthy, enjoying the great weather days and getting out for some fresh air now that we're experiencing a little less wind chill.

During the March board meeting the decision was made to expedite the removal of stored items noted during Community Inspections. Items such as chairs, BBQ grills, rugs, tables, playhouses, tires, building materials, etc. should not be stored in view of the public at any time. The initial notice will be a 10 day "self help" notice that will allow the homeowner to remove the item(s) prior to a vendor removing the item(s) and the cost being billed to the homeowners account.

Trash cans should be stored out of public view on non-trash days. They may be brought to the street after 5 p.m. the day before pickup and must be stored prior to 8 a.m. the day following pickup. Fines for this type of violation will not be waived per the Board. If you have not already, please take the time to review the Community Covenants and Restrictions which can be found both on www.riverparkwestonline.org and www.crest-management.com. RiverPark West is a deed restricted community which means all property owners are required to comply with the Community Covenants and Restrictions.

The board is currently reviewing scheduling options for the 2023 pool season as costs for lifeguard service have increased industry wide. Once a schedule has been established, it will be posted for the community. We will discuss the renovation project status and delays at the board meeting held on the third Monday of this month.

April is full of religious holidays celebrated by the culturally diverse community of RiverPark West. Ramadan began March 22nd and will conclude on April 20th, Passover is observed from April 5-13th, Easter Sunday is April 9th and Eid al-Fitr is expected from April 21-22nd.

What is Cultural Diversity?

If you need a quick answer, cultural diversity means that there are many different types of cultures in the world, and they all have their own special customs, traditions, and ways of life. For example, some cultures might have special foods that they eat during holidays, while others might have unique dances or music that they enjoy. Some cultures might speak different languages, wear different types of clothing, or have different beliefs and values.

What is Cultural Diversity, and Why is it Important?

Having cultural diversity is important because it helps us learn about and appreciate different ways of life. By learning about other cultures, we can gain new perspectives and ideas that we might not have thought of before. It can also help us be more respectful and understanding towards others, even if they are different from us. Differences are not what divides us, but rather it should be celebrated as something that unites us as humans.

The world is a colorful canvas of people from all walks of life and backgrounds. In every corner of the globe, there exist people from different religions, racial identifications, ethnic identities who speak different languages, and celebrate different holidays. Culture shapes us. It shapes our identity, it influences how we behave, and it makes us who we are.

Culture brings people together equally in celebration and in grief. Without culture and cultural diversity, the world would be a sad and dull place. In recent years, racial and cultural issues have been the highlight of many news channels and online discussion platforms. Even though many believe the media may be blowing things out of proportion for rating, these discriminations are still a harsh reality for many people.

Cultural Diversity a system that recognizes and respects the existence and presence of diverse groups of people within a society. The system values their socio-cultural differences and encourages each individual to celebrate it.

Why is Cultural Diversity important?

It's not uncommon for people to fear what they don't understand. Through a rich diversity of cultures, discrimination and barriers can be stamped out because it teaches the society that different doesn't mean bad. Culture is the lens in which we evaluate our environment, so it can be tough to see a culture that's either different or contradictory to ours. Due to this, we may develop preconceived notions about certain cultures that may cause us to discriminate.

Understanding is a crucial step before accepting and appreciating, it is the same for understanding different cultures around the world. Even if when we're unable to understand why certain cultures do the things they do, we're able to acknowledge it as their custom and not discriminate.

However, total acceptance needs tact and awareness. Some cultures and cultural practices may violate human rights in the general society's view. We must work towards educating the public without discriminating or insulting the community that culture or cultural practices belong to.

Examples of Cultural Diversity

Culture is a set of patterns of human activity within a society or community. It's symbolic and significant to the members of the community that identifies with that culture. There are many cultural elements within one culture.

Cultural inclusion exists in every aspect of human practice. The are many aspects of cultural groups where they have various characteristics ranging from religion, language, race, and ethnicities, gender, and geographical locations to name a few.

Various cultural elements exist within these aspects. These elements can be similar to each other because some of them may share cultural roots.

What Is Cultural Competence?

Before knowing what cultural competence is all about, it is best if you fully know and grasp the concept of culture. To briefly describe the word culture, it is the distinct set of values, principles, norms, beliefs, and traditions that influence how individuals from a specific region or place think, perceive, behave, interpret, and decide on their judgments regarding their world.

In a nutshell, cultural competence is one's ability to fully understand, converse with, and efficiently interact with different people with all sorts of cultural backgrounds. Cultural competence is more than just being respectful of other cultures, nor does it mean that a person is just aware of the customs and traditions of specific cultures.

Cultural competence has four aspects that correlate with each other, namely: awareness of one's own view of the cultural world, attitude on differences between cultures, cultural knowledge acquired on various cultural beliefs, views, and practices, and lastly, the skills between different cultures and their interrelationships.

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Richmond Post Office - Have mail concerns or need to obtain a mailbox key? Visit the Post Office in person at 5560 FM 1640 RD 77469, Richmond Texas with a copy of proof of ownership documents or lease agreement Mon-Fri 9 AM-5 PM, Sat 9 AM-12 PM, Sun Closed

Informed Delivery - This feature sends a daily picture of all the mail for the owner's address to a registered email address before the carrier touches it. Click Track and Manage, Informed Delivery, Check for Eligibility. Visit USPS.com.

BOARD INFORMATION

Armando DeHoyos - President Larry Wilson - Vice President Jorge Diaz - Secretary/Treasurer

Board Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month being open to the public for all homeowners at 7:00 PM.

Confirmed meeting dates are notified 72 hours in advance on the official community website and sent via email to registered emails.

Please be sure to register your email to stay informed.

Trash Collection & Heavy Pick-Up days are Mondays & Thursdays (Recycling & heavy trash on Monday) - Residents can contact WCA directly for payment and trash container request by phone 281-368-8397 or by email riverparkwest@wcamerica.com.

Street parking complaints can be reported directly to Fort-bend County Sheriff Dept. 281-341-4665 press #4 for Dispatch or from the web site. Click on 'Report a Traffic Complaint' and fill in the blanks then submit at www.fortbendcountytx.gov.

CenterPoint Energy maintains street lights throughout the community. Please use the form online to report a street light outage. If you need to report a power outage please call 713-207-2222.

To report street repairs in the community, please submit a maintenance request form online or contact the Fort Bend County Road & Bridge division at 281-342-4513.

www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments-o-z/roadand-bridge/maintenance-request

To report street & drainage concerns, questions about your water bill & usage, contact City of Richmond 281-342-5456.

For water billing questions, to report a water problem, pay tax bill, report street light outages, contact Fort Bend County MUD 121, www.fbcmud121.org.



Being culturally competent requires not only becoming culturally aware and knowledgeable. It also requires the ability to identify, challenge specifically, and accept a person's cultural beliefs, assumptions, and principles, as well as to commit in communicating at the expense of their cultural interface.

Cultural Destructiveness

This phase defined by the policies, attitudes, practices, and structures that are parts of a system, an organization, or an indigenous group of people, otherwise known as tribe or community, that are particularly destructive and harmful to a certain cultural group. This is actually the most negative portion of the cultural competence

For example, forced assimilation is a type of involuntary procedure of cultural assimilation of ethnic or religious minority groups. During this process, the people are forced to learn, understand, and adopt specific languages, norms, beliefs, values, traditions, identity, customs, perceptions, and most of the time, religion and ideology of an already existing community.

Forced assimilation takes place whenever a state places extreme measures for the emphasis of a homogenous identity as a whole nation. This will result in the harsh measures of exterminating an already existing minority group with their own set of values, norms, practices. Basically, they have a different culture from the whole

But because of the strict implementation of the government, they are forced to abandon their beliefs, customs, values, principles, practices, way of thinking, and norms. The worst ending for these minority groups is physical elimination – they are expelled, and sometimes genocide takes place to get rid of the whole minority.

This phase is where the system or the people in a regional culture are very biased. They do not have the capacity to effectively respond to the needs, preferences, interests, and traditions of a large group with different cultural beliefs.

In this category, there is a stereotype - they believe in the superiority of a culture with a larger scope, which leads to the disempowerment of other smaller ethnic groups with their very own set of cultural attributes.

For example, racism is still rampant in the 21st Century. It is a particular belief or ideology that instils the thought of a specific racial group being superior to another

race. Racism is when a specific group of people with similar race are marginalized and oppressed based on their racial culture.

In the 21st century, this is exemplified by stereotyping a specific race, an unfair process of hiring based on a person's ethical race, and other discriminatory acts that stop a person from having equal opportunities as a person who belongs to a dominant race.

Cultural blindness is the phase where the system, the organization, or the government treats all cultures as if they are one. They start treating and viewing people equally, when, in fact, these people have different sets of beliefs and traditions that might contradict each other.

Usually, the dominant culture has an advantage because their culture is considered as the basis for how all cultures will be treated. The "lesser" ethnical groups are forced to follow the culture of the dominant group.

Cultural blindness is a system that is often classified by the ignorance as well as the unrealistic fear and worry of people who do not belong to the dominant group. This is because the only needs that are met by the system are the needs of the dominant culture.

For example, when it comes to religion, if you serve different people from different religions with pork, a lot would not be able to eat it. But because Christianity is used as the basis by the system, the needs of people from other religions such as Islam and Judaism are not met.

Cultural Pre-Competence

This phase is where the system, the organization, or the government starts to realize what their strengths are. This phase also allows them to see the areas where they need to improve on so that they can effectively respond and accommodate the needs of a diverse group of people coming from different cultural backgrounds. During this, the government becomes more committed to providing the needs and support that all minority groups ought to seek. However, there is still a lack of information about maximizing the capacities that the government has to provide the best experience for all cultures within the nation.

The downside of this stage is that it has the capacity to lead to tokenism. Tokenism is when a group only makes a symbolic or perfunctory effort to say that they have already done their part. For example, tokenism is when a company only hires some people of color to look as if they are diverse in their hiring process.

Cultural Competence

During this phase is where the whole system accepts and respects the different cultures within their group. With this, they continue to assess themselves and further improve their services for all the people within their sector who are from various cultural ethnicities.

They start to provide a more satisfactory programs and events that can cater to different cultures, and this is because they finally understand these groups on a deeper and more effective level.

Cultural Proficiency

Finally, cultural proficiency has been reached. During this phase, the different cultures within a group or a nation are held with high esteem, and they are effectively taken good care of by the system, the organization, or the government.

Difference Between Cultural Competence and Cultural Humility

Basically, cultural humility is a person's capability of having a civil and interpersonal stance with the culture of other people. On the other hand, cultural competence aids in the effective interaction of a person with people who have different cultures.

Cultural Humility vs Cultural Comptency

Cultural Humility is the lifelong process of reflection within the self as well as self-critiquing. During these, the individual starts to learn about the cultural heritage and traditions of other groups as well as starting an examination about his or her personal set of beliefs and identities as a culture.

Cultural Competency can be referred to as a tool that can level the extremely imbalanced dynamic between a patient and a healthcare provider. It encompasses all the things that are needed to effectively communicate and provide the needs of the patient without compromising their cultural beliefs and traditions.

It's almost impossible now to live in a place where it's strictly monoculture. Travels and urbanization have widened our horizons in better understanding the world around us. It may be difficult for some of us to challenge our preconceived notions or our upbringing, but embracing cultural diversity can help us to become better

Change starts with us, so we need to foster cultural diversity at every chance we have. Giving others a chance to be understood will allow others to understand us as well. At the same time, we must educate ourselves about the pros and cons of cultural diversity so that the change we want to make won't be one-sided or in violation of anyone's rights.

Are you interested in sharing information about your culture, traditions, holidays or recipes? Please reach out to rpwcoordinator@gmail.com









SHRIMP FEST IS BACK!

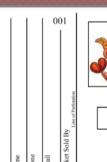
Those who've lived in the area for a while have fond memories of The Sugar Land Rotary Shrimp Fest. It was the family event of the year for many years; a night where moms and dads and kids of all ages came together for fun and games...and of course, delicious food.

Sugar Land Rotary President Marvin Marcell says, "Shrimp Fest dates back to 1989. In recent years, the club tried something else-something a little more sophisticated-but we lost the magic of Shrimp Fest, This year, by popular demand, we're bringing it back. Shrimp Fest is a proven formula, a fabulous spirit that's 34 years old!

Shrimp Fest is Sugar Land Rotary's largest fundraiser. The workforce is all volunteer, and no funds are kept. 100% of funds raised go back into our community. Further, Rotary supports various nonprofits throughout the area. We are unique in that we never give only dollars - we also provide volunteer hours to every organization we are involved with financially.

Organizations supported by Sugar Land Rotary include Santa's Exchange and the upcoming Sugar Land Arts Fest. You too can support these fabulous organizations and many more by coming out to Shrimp Fest and enjoying yourself. We can't wait to see you all!

Shrimp Fest will be held on April 15th from 5-8 p.m. at 1 Fluor building in the cafeteria. Meal Tickets and Raffle Tickets can be purchased in advance at Sugar Land Rotary Shrimp Fest (slshrimpfest.com) and at the door. Bring the entire family for a night of fun and games, peel-and-eat shrimp and fried catfish. Hot dogs will be available for the littles under 12 for free. Meal tickets are \$25 per plate.





2023 Sugar Land Rotary Club Raffle

Price: \$100 per ticket Payable to: Sugar Land Rotary Foundation

GRAND PRIZE: A WHOLE HOUSE GENERATOR

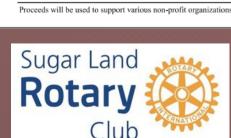
A \$12,000 Maximum Value for Generator Purchase and Installation The Winner Is Responsible For All Federal Raffle Prize Taxes A maximum of 600 raffle tickets will be sold

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SUGAR LAND ROTARY FOUNDATION

Drawing on April 15, 2023, at Sugar Land Rotary Shrimp Fest At Fluor Daniel Cafeteria, One Fluor Daniel Drive. Need Not Be Present To Win.

Proceeds will be used to support various non-profit organizations in Ft. Bend County.





Sugar Land Rotary Club

Shrimp Fest and Auction

ONE MEAL TICKET \$25.00

Ages 12 +

Children 11 and under free hot dogs Price does not include drinks

Saturday, April 15, 2023

At Fluor Daniel Cafeteria One Fluor Daniel Drive

Serving: 5 - 8 p.m.

The Proceeds will be used to support Sugar Land Rotary nonprofit organizations.

Live, silent raffle and bid board auctions include vacations, golf outings and special dinner packages.

Raffle grand prize is a whole house generator! And we will sell only 600 raffle tickets for \$100 each!

For meal tickets, raffle tickets, sponsorships, donate auction items and general information contact Dean Clark at dean7351@gmail.com or 832-595-4590.

What to do Read the Ouran

We have to read the Quran, even if it's not Ramadan. But during Ramadan, we are encouraged to read more and try to understand the meaning of the Quran. Try to read instead of sleeping or chit-chatting during the day.

Keep and build relationships

Ramadan is a time to build new relationships and to cherish those we have around us. Spread the love by spending time visiting relatives, the elderly and the sick. Reach out to someone every day!

Reflect on and improve yourself

This is the time to reflect on yourself as a person, and to identify areas in need of change. Strive to make at least one change during this month. Don't overwhelm yourself with trying to change everything at once, as it will be much harder to maintain. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) advised us that small improvements, done consistently, are better than several unsuccessful attempts.



Terawih prayer

Only during Ramadan, special evening prayers are conducted after Isyak (the final obligatory prayer for the evening). The special prayers are known as terawih. The word terawih comes from an Arabic word which means to rest and relax. It is recommended that Muslims perform the terawih prayers at the mosque to pray in congregation. This is true for both men and women. However, one may also perform the prayers individually at home. These prayers are voluntary, but are

strongly recommended because it comes only during Ramadan. Terawih prayers during Ramadan are a blessing, and the benefits are aplenty to those who seek it

Lailatul Qadar

During the last 10 days of Ramadan, Muslims seek and observe the Night of Power (Lailatul Qadar). It is said to happen on one of the odd nights of the last 10 days of Ramadan. Muslims believe that on this night, the blessings and mercy of Allah are abundant, sins are forgiven and supplications are accepted.

Give in charity

It doesn't have to necessarily be money. Perhaps you can go through your closet and donate quality used clothing. Or

spend some hours helping a local community organisation. Providing food to others for the breaking of fast is one good way to do charity.

Fasting

during Ramadan is the 3rd pillar of

Islam and observing it is a must for all Muslims.

Avoid wasting time on frivolities

There are many distractions around us - from "Ramadan soap operas" to shopping sales, we could spend hours doing nothing but spending - our time and money – on things that have no benefit to us, Try to restrict your schedule to allow more time for worship, reading the Quran and other good things. Ramadan only comes once a year, and we never know when our last one will be.

Sahur

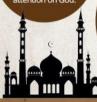
Sahur is an Islamic term referring to the meal consumed early in the morning by Muslims before dawn.



Iftar (breaking fast)

Iftar is the evening meal when Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. The fast can be broken at the time of the call to prayer.

Ramadan is much more than just not eating and drinking; it is a time to purify the soul and also refocus our attention on God



Hari Raya Aidilfitri

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Ramadan is the ninth month of the

Islamic lunar calendar. During this

month, Muslims abstain from all food, drink, and rein in their desires

from dawn to dusk.

Marking the end of Ramadan is the festival of Eid, known as Hari Raya Aidilfitri or Hari Raya Puasa. The first day of Hari Raya also marks the new day of the new month in the Islamic calendar, Syawal, Muslims are prohibited from fasting on that day

* info from www.zakatselangor.com.my

Zakat Fitrah

Zakat by definition means to cleanse. And at a spiritual level, it means to clean oneself from miserly traits. Every Muslim is required to pay Zakat Fitrah at the conclusion of the month of Ramadan as a token of thankfulness to Allah and to help the poor and needy. The amount of Zakat Fitrah in Malaysia is equivalent to the value of 2.7kg of rice (as staple food), which is RM7 (varies from state to state).



During Ramadan, every part of our body must be restrained



The tongue must be restrained backbiting and gossip.



The eyes must restrain themselves from looking at unlawful things



The hand must give in charity, and not touch anything that belong to it.



The ears must refrain from listening to idle talk or obscene



refrain from going to sinful places. In such a way, every part of the body observes the fast.

The benefit

Through fasting, a Muslim experiences hunger and thirst, and sympathises with those who have little to eat every day.

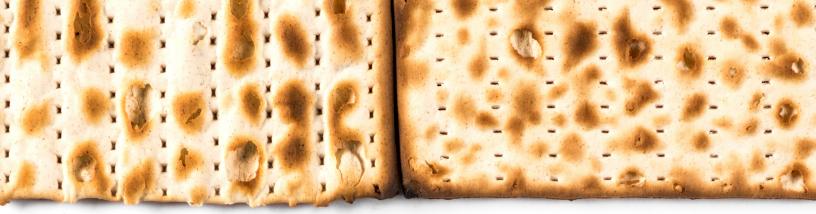
Through increased devotion, Muslims feel closer to their Creator, and recognise that everything we have in

this life is a blessing from

Through increased charity, Muslims develop feelings of generosity and good will toward others.

Through self-control, a Muslim practises good manners, good speech, and good habits. Through changing routines, Muslims have a chance to establish more healthy lifestyle habits.

Through family and community gatherings, Muslims strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood, in their own communities and throughout the world.



What Is Passover?

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan, April 5 - 13, 2023. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus. In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means "to pass over"), because God passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first

Passover eve. Passover History in a Nutshell

At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nissan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), God visited the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their firstborn. While doing so, God spared the children of Israel, "passing over" their homes—hence the name of the holiday. Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, in fact, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many more women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth

as God's chosen people.

The first two days and last two days (the latter commemorating the splitting of the Red Sea) are full-fledged holidays. Holiday candles are lit at night, and kiddush and sumptuous holiday meals are enjoyed on both nights and days. We don't go to work, drive, write, or switch on or off electric devices. We are permitted to cook and to carry outdoors.

The middle four days are called Chol Hamoed, semi-festive "intermediate days," when most forms of work are permitted.

To commemorate the unleavened bread that the Israelites ate when they left Egypt, we don't eat—or even retain in our possession—any chametz from midday of the day before Passover until the conclusion of the holiday. Chametz means leavened grain—any food or drink that contains even a trace of wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt or their derivatives, and which wasn't guarded from leavening or fermentation. This includes bread, cake, cookies, cereal, pasta, and most alcoholic beverages. Moreover, almost any processed food or drink can be assumed to be chametz unless certified otherwise.

The highlight of Passover is the Seder, observed on each of the first two nights of the holiday. The Seder is a fifteen-step family-oriented tradition and ritual-packed feast.

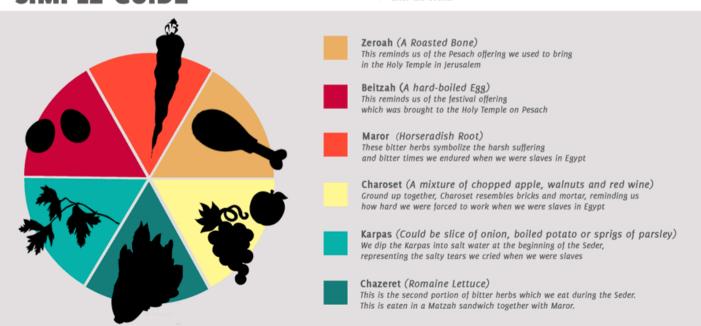
The focal points of the Seder are:

- Eating matzah.
- <u>Eating bitter herbs</u>—to commemorate the bitter slavery endured by the Israelites.
- <u>Drinking four cups</u> of wine or grape juice—a royal drink to celebrate our newfound freedom.

The recitation of the Haggadah, a liturgy that describes in detail the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The Haggadah is the fulfillment of the biblical obligation to recount to our children the story of the Exodus on the night of Passover. It begins with a child asking the traditional "Four Questions."

PASSOVER SEDER PLATE SIMPLE GUIDE

PASSOVER (PESACH) is known as the "holiday of freedom," commemorating the Jewish Exodus from Egypt following 210 years of slavery. Passover is regarded as the "birth" of the Jewish nation, and its lessons of struggle and identity continue to form the basis of Jewish consciousness 3,300 years after the event.



The name of Passover derives from the fact that during the final plague <the slaying of the first born> God "passed over" the Jewish homes.

Matza is an unleavened bread, eaten by Jews during Passover. The most common reason for eating matzah is that on the morning of the Exodus, the Jews were so rushed in getting out of Egypt that the bread didn't have time to rise.

Seder means "order" because there are so many details to remember.



EASTER



Easter is the greatest day in the Christian calendar.



On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead



For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent.

EASTER EGGS

Fun Facts



It's pretty clear that Easter is a Christian celebration of Christ's rising, but this holiday also has pagan origins. What?



Where did the coloured eggs, cute little bunnies and baby chicks come from?



They are all symbols of rebirth and the lamb was a traditional religious sacrifice.



Easter falls in the spring, the yearly time of renewal, when the earth renews itself after a long, cold winter.



The word Easter comes to us from the pagan goddess Eostre, all of which involve the season of the growing sun and new birth.



The Easter Bunny arose originally as a symbol of fertility, due to the rapid reproduction habits of the hare and rabbit.











A North African tribe that had become Christian much earlier in time had a custom of colouring eggs at Easter.

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Facts about Eid-ul-Fitr



Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated when Ramadan ends



Eid-ul Fitr is translated to "Festival of breaking fast"



Muslims are required to give a certain donation to the poor before Eid prayer



Friends and families come together to celebrate by exchanging gifts, sweets and food



Eid moves 10-12 days forward every year due to the lunar calendar



Eid-ul-Fitr is known as the lesser Eid. Eid-ul-Adha is the greater Eid



To express wellwishes, you can say "Eid Mubarak" (Happy Eid)



Muslims are strongly encouraged to wear their best garments on this day







Sugar Cookie Cake Recipe



For the Cookie Cake:

- ³/₄ cup (170g) unsalted Challenge butter, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (150g) granulated sugar
- 1 large egg 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 cups (248g) all purpose flour 1 cup (220g) M&Ms Use spring
- colored M&Ms
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (78g) Easter sprinkles

For the frosting:

- 3 tablespoons (42g) unsalted butter softened
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups (170g) powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons (15ml) heavy whipping cream or milk

Notes

- Store loosely covered for up to 2 days.
- Cake can be frozen for up to 3 months.
- Works with any color M&Ms and any color sprinkles!
- Add 1/2 teaspoon almond extract for more flavor.

These can also be baked in a 9x13-inch pan for sugar cookie bars.

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9" round cake pan with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- Make the cookie cake: Beat butter and sugar with a hand or a stand mixer until creamy. Beat in egg and vanilla, then mix in baking soda, salt, and cream of tartar. Slowly mix in flour. Stir in M&Ms and sprinkles.
- Press batter into prepared pan, pressing more M&Ms onto the top as desired. Bake for 19-22 minutes or until the edges are just turning a light golden brown. It's better to under bake this dough than over bake it. The cake will continue cooking a bit as it cools so err on the side of underdone for the best tasting cookie. Let it cool completely before frosting.
- Make the frosting: beat butter until smooth, then slowly beat in powdered sugar until crumbly. Add salt and vanilla, then add I teaspoon of heavy whipping cream. Beat until smooth, adding another teaspoon of heavy whipping cream to get a spreadable texture.
- To frost: use a 1M tip and a ziplock or piping bag to decorate the cookie cake. Top with more sprinkles and M&Ms.

Events Around TOWN **April**



Come out for some great camaraderie, eye-catching cars and an unforgettable experience hosted by the Corvette Owners Club of Houston! This event serves as a bridge between the veteran and civilian community through our mutual love of fast cars. For veterans this is an opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience while meeting some amazing individuals that greatly support the veteran community.

The drivers and the veterans are paired one- on-one to drive from Sugar Land Town Square to the Motors Sport Ranch Houston. Along the way stories will be shared and lives can be changed.

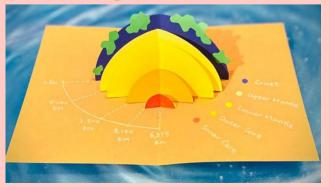
Classic Chevrolet Sugar Land will furnish transportation for Care Givers and family to travel to Motor Sports Ranch and return with the Veterans.



Celebrate Earth in April at HMNS: The Layers Of Our Planet

13016 University Blvd Sugar Land, TX 77479 Dates: April 15, 2023

Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.



SMART FINANCIAL EVENTS

Apr 5- The O'Jays

Apr 14- Ana Gabriel

Apr 15- Grupo Arriesgado

Apr 19- Dino Ranch LIVE

Apr 20- Ha*Ash

Apr 22- KSBJ Presents Zach Williams

Apr 29- Hip Hop Classics Apr 30- Ricardo Montaner

May 2- Bethel Music

May 3- Tedeschi Trucks Band

May 5- Tom Jones

May 6- Anueal AA

May 13- Feid

May 14- Charlie Wilson

May 18- Rodrigo y Gabriela

May 19- Ricardo Arjona

May 20- Rain- A Tribute To The Beatles

May 21- The Impractical Jokers

May 27- Sugarland R&B Music Experience

The Icons

Tribute Concert Series

Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

2711 Plaza Drive Sugar Land, TX 77479 Dates: April 15, 2023

Location: Sugar Land Town Square

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15 7:30 PM



NEED TO RESERVE THE CLUBHOUSE?

To make a reservation for the clubhouse, please visit www.riverparkwestonline.org and click on Reservations. For questions, contact your Community Coordinator, Dee Norman at 346-380-9743 or via email - rpwcoordinator@gmail.com

You are required to read the Clubhouse Rules & Rental Contract. Dates are first come/first served. The rental rules and contract must be completed and submitted to the clubhouse office to receive approval along with payment of \$50 for the rental fee and the \$275 security deposit which is refundable. (Please submit two separate checks) Make sure you have your pool access card as the card will be your key for the clubhouse.

(please include set up time and clean up time), last 5 digits of your access card and event type. Maximum reserve time is 10 hours.

precedence over any individual reservations. These events are on the Reservation Calendar and the Community Events Calendar.



Residents of Riverpark West POA

Your community has launched a Nabr Network mobile app and website for your community! Please check your email for a welcome email with login credentials.

Get important HOA information and connect with your association:

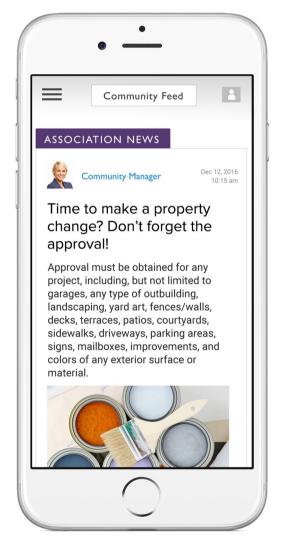
- Receive notifications, messages and reminders from your HOA and HOA management company
- Find HOA documents, forms and events information
- Find contact information for the HOA management company

There are multiple ways to access the website and app:

- Follow the link in the welcome email or go to riverparkwest.nabrnetwork.com
- Text "nabr" to 59248 and receive a text back with an app
- download link
 Search for the mobile app "Nabr Network" in Apple or Google Play store

If you do not receive a welcome email, use the "Not Registered" link and follow the instructions. If you are a new resident to the community, it may take a few days for the management company to confirm your residency. An email notification with login credentials will be sent to you once you are authorized. If you have any issues or need login support, please contact Nabr

Network support (support@nabrnetwork.net).





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