

# RIVER PARK WEST

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Hello  
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Greetings RiverPark West!

The 2023 school year is almost finished and summer is upon us! We are finalizing the details for the lifeguards for the 2023 pool season and may have a new vendor. Information will be posted to the community including the schedule, contact information for the pool company for private bookings outside pool hours and opportunities to apply for guard positions, if available.

We hope that you'll be able to make it out to the Town Hall Meeting at the RPW Clubhouse immediately following the MUD board meeting, Thursday May 11th at 6 p.m. Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy will discuss community needs & county resources, the upcoming county budgetary process, and November 2023 bond propositions.

If you are available to volunteer for community events during the weekends between June and August, please reach out to [rpwcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:rpwcoordinator@gmail.com) with your dates/hours of availability. Also, if you have a favorite food truck or food vendor you'd like to recommend, please feel free to forward those by email as well.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up/serve at the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, July 17th at Hutchison Elementary School.

### Mother's Day- Sunday, May 14th

We want to wish all the mothers within the community a very happy Mother's Day, and hope that you have a wonderful day surrounded by the people and things that you love. To those who are remembering and missing their mothers during this holiday, and every day, our hearts go out to you.

### Memorial Day- Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Each Memorial Day, a moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

Thank you to all the wonderful neighbors who make RiverPark West the best place to call home.



# RESIDENT CORNER

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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## ONSITE & EVENTS COORDINATOR

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## COMMUNITY WEBSITES

www.facebook.com/RiverParkWest  
www.riverparkwestonline.org  
www.fbcmud121.org

**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/road-and-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.





## Celebrate Texas State Parks' 100th Birthday with Statewide S'mores Party May 13

AUSTIN — Get out the graham crackers, chocolate bars and marshmallows May 13, and head to one of 80 Texas State Parks hosting our official 100th birthday party.

Toast “100 s’more years” of outdoor fun with everyone’s favorite campfire treat. Participating parks offer events to introduce people of all ages and skill levels to the outdoors with s’mores-themed fun, from making solar-baked s’mores to a s’mores-themed star party.

“I cannot think of a more fun and appropriate way to celebrate 100 years of state parks than enjoying a tasty traditional camping snack like s’mores,” said Texas State Parks Director Rodney Franklin. “If you are new to parks, this ‘birthday party’ is a great way to get to know your local Texas State Park and experience what it has to offer. With events taking place at all hours of the day, you can snack your way across Texas.

### A day at a state park. A night at the ball park. That’s a Texas day/night doubleheader.

Texas state parks and Texas’ minor league baseball teams both bring a summer full of bats, slides, swings and spectacular outfielders. State parks and baseball both make for a great summer day, and when you put them together? That’s a home run every time.

As we celebrate 100 years of Texas state parks and the return of America’s favorite pastime, five Texas minor league baseball teams are offering parks-in-the-ballpark experiences for fans — including gameday perks and a chance to talk with Park Rangers about nearby state parks and great outdoor experiences available in Texas.

Here’s where and when you can find Texas State Parks at the ballpark:

#### **Sugar Land Space Cowboys**

- Saturday, May 13 at 6:05 pm
- Thursday, June 29 at 7:05 pm
- Thursday, July 20 at 7:05 pm
- Thursday, August 3 at 7:05 pm
- Friday, August 18 at 7:05 pm
- Friday, September 22 at 7:05 pm

**All season long, Space Cowboys fans can enjoy free gameday parking at Constellation Field with a same-day state park admission receipt.**



### **Come join us in celebrating 100 s’more years and bring a friend!”**

A full list of s’mores events can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) calendar page.

Since some parks could reach their capacity limit, TPWD encourages anyone planning a trip to a Texas state park to reserve a day pass in advance. Reserve day passes online or call (512) 389-8900.

If you can’t make it to a state park birthday event on May 13, join in the fun at home. Share your s’mores-themed creations and fun on social media using #100SmoresYears and #texasparks100.

In the wetlands of Brazos Bend State Park in East Texas, park staff are looking forward to toasting to 100 s’more years of reptiles. Visitors will be able to learn about the parks’ famous residents, the American Alligator, while enjoying campfires and s’mores from 1- 2 p.m. at the Elm Lake Pavilion.





# Motherhood and Mother's Day Trivia



1. How many countries celebrate Mother's Day?

- fifteen
- twenty-three
- forty-six
- one hundred and twelve

2. For what was Anna Jarvis, founder of the day to honor mothers, arrested?

- protesting Mother's Day commercialization
- protesting U.S. war involvement
- protesting Fathers' Day
- picketing Hallmark

3. Which U.S. president made the day a national holiday?

- Woodrow Wilson
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Abraham Lincoln
- William Howard Taft

4. What did Mr. Rogers' mother do for his television program?

- She attended every shooting.
- She knitted his sweaters.
- She wrote his songs.
- She invented the phrase, "I like you just the way you are."

5. What is unusual about the twins Tarrance and Tariq Griffin of Rochester, Michigan?

- They are twins born on different days
- They are twins born in different years
- They are twins born in different months
- all of the above - born on New Year's Eve

6. For what is Mrs. Feodor Vassilyev of Shuya, Russia, the world record holder?

- the most surviving children(23)
- the most surviving children(41)
- the most surviving children(58)
- the most surviving children(67)

7. What did Satyabhama Mahapatra of India do to become a famous mother in 2003?

- gave birth to her first child at age 65
- gave birth to her third set of triplets
- gave birth to her first child at age 12
- gave birth to her fourth set of twins

8. What is the most popular way to honor mothers around the world?

- giving flowers
- doing the housework
- breakfast in bed
- going out to dinner

9. What mothering record is held by Elizabeth Ann Buttler of the U.S.?

- most children at 69
- oldest mother, aged 65
- longest span between children, 41 years
- youngest mother, aged 5

10. What are a mother's odds of producing twins?

- one in a thousand
- one in a hundred
- one in thirteen
- one in five hundred

11. How were Mexican mothers honored in 1942?

- breakfast in bed
- visits from children.
- reclaiming pawned sewing machines
- a day off from work

12. When is Mothering Sunday celebrated in the U.K. and Ireland?

- the second Sunday in May
- the fourth Sunday of Lent
- the Vernal Equinox
- the first Sunday in May

13. How much is spent on flowers in the U.S. on Mother's Day?

- four million dollars
- two and a half billion dollars
- a billion dollars
- fifty million dollars

14. What animal's babies have the most perilous births?

- humans, because of disease
- sea turtles, because of predation
- giraffes, because of the fall
- oysters, because of low production

15. During which month are most babies born?

- September
- December
- August
- March





# MEMORIAL DAY

## REMEMBER AND HONOR

### Memorial Day History

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

#### The Birthplace of Memorial Day and Early Observances

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865.

Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

### Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

### Memorial Day Traditions and Rituals

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

# Beef Bourguignon

## Ingredients:

- 8 ounces bacon, coarsely chopped
- 3 pounds well-trimmed boneless beef chuck, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes (from 7-bone chuck roast)
- 1/3 cup all purpose flour
- 1 1/4 pounds boiling onions, peeled
- 3/4 pound large carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 12 large garlic cloves, peeled (left whole)
- 3 cups canned beef broth
- 1/2 cup Cognac or brandy
- 2 750-ml bottles red Burgundy wine
- 1 1/4 pounds mushrooms
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh thyme or 2 tablespoons dried
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste



## Step 1

Preheat oven to 325°F. Sauté bacon in heavy large Dutch oven over high heat until brown and crisp, about 8 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towels. Season beef generously with salt and pepper; coat with 1/3 cup flour, using all of flour. Working in 3 batches, brown beef in same pot over high heat, about 5 minutes per batch. Transfer meat to large bowl. Add onions and carrots to same pot and sauté until light brown, about 6 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Transfer vegetables to bowl with beef.

## Step 2

Add 1 cup broth and Cognac to pot; boil until reduced to glaze, scraping up browned bits, about 8 minutes. Return meat and vegetables and their juices to pot. Add wine, mushrooms, thyme, sugar, tomato paste and 2 cups broth. Bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Cover pot and place in oven. Cook until beef is tender, about 1 hour 20 minutes.

## Step 3

Ladle liquid from stew into large saucepan. Spoon off fat. Boil liquid until reduced to 2 3/4 cups, about 40 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Pour liquid back over beef and vegetables. (Can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and chill.) Rewarm over low heat before serving.

# Events Around TOWN May



## The Mother of All Divas Concert – Mariah Carey Tribute

2711 Plaza Drive  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Dates:** May 12, 2023

**Location:** [Sugar Land Town Square](#)

Phone: (281) 276-6000

**Time:** 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

**Price:** Free

## SMART FINANCIAL EVENTS

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

Jun 2- Jay Wheeler  
Jun 16- Jill Scott  
Jun 18- Dream Theater with Devin Townsend and Animals as Leaders  
Jun 24- My Playlist 000's Tour  
Jun 25- George Lopez  
Jun 28- Bryan Adams

## Farmers Market at Imperial 234 Matlage Way Sugar Land, TX 77478

Recurrence: **Recurring weekly on Saturday**

**Location:** Farmers Market at Imperial

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Price:** Free



## Mother's Day Vibe Market

2711 Plaza Drive  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Dates:** May 13, 2023

**Location:** [Sugar Land Town Square](#)

Phone: (281) 276-6000

**Time:** 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Price:** Free



## Memorial Day Ceremony

15300 University Blvd  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Dates:** May 29, 2023

**Location:** [Sugar Land Memorial Park](#)

Phone: (281) 275-2825

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Price:** Free



## NEED TO RESERVE THE CLUBHOUSE?

To make a reservation for the clubhouse, please visit [www.riverparkwestonline.org](http://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](mailto: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.

To reserve a time slot please submit your name, property address, date/time of rental (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.

Your HOA account must be paid current for your reservation to be approved.

RiverPark West Community events that require the usage of the clubhouse will take 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.

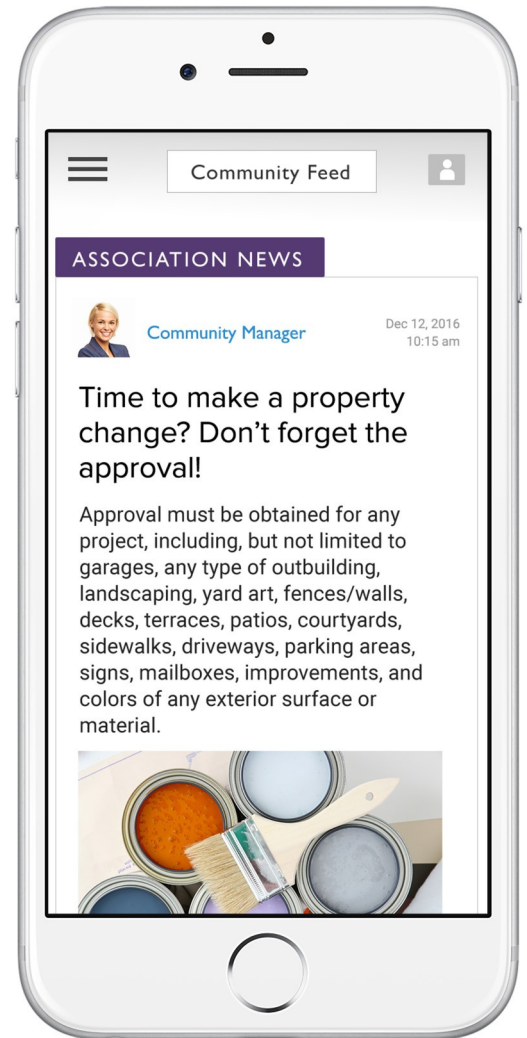
### Get important HOA information and connect with your association:

- 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](http://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](mailto:support@nabrnetwork.net)).



## GET THE APP! TEXT "nabr" to 59248

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